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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Teachers' Retirement Mass and Reception

Friday, May 30, 2008

6:30pm-Mass at St. Agnes Church

Banquet to follow at St. Basil

Cultural Centre

HERE'S A TAX TIP FOR YOU

If you have had occasion to take a personal leave which required you to pay the cost of a substitute, whether one was needed or not, you can deduct this as an employment expense on your income tax forms. All you have to do is request Tax form T2200 from Theresa Reich, Controller with Edmonton Catholic. You then fill it in, return it to her for verification, and enter the expense on your Tax return at "Line 229 - Other employment expenses". The amount is actually on your December Pay stub under "Deductions year to date". Your income is reduced by that amount. (Form T2200 is also available on the web – Google [T2200 Canada](#))

~Gerry McHugh, Executive Director

USE YOUR HEALTH SPENDING ACCOUNT

Did you know that approximately 20% of the Health Care Spending Account that is credited to our members each year goes unused and is returned to the District? If you consider that the District employs about 1800 FTE teachers and the amount credited is \$500 per year, then this means that about \$180,000 per year is not utilized. The Local and District jointly developed this plan to compensate teachers for health services not fully covered in other plans.

So please use your HCSA! Get your receipts in for massages, acupuncture, orthotics, etc., as soon as you receive them. If you want information on how many credits that you currently have go to: www.hrs.ecsd.net/ess.html and click on Human Resource Self Service.

YOU ARE BRAVE EDMONTONIANS

Thank you to our Council of School Representatives who took a chance on the weather and came out to Tuesday's Council meeting. We were pleasantly surprised, but not shocked, at the great turnout. Apparently, neither blizzards nor rain, nor sleet, have deterred your commitment this year and, as a reward, you get to take the month of May off and come back in June when we are "sure" that the weather will be better! Thank you also to Paul Gagne, Manager of Employee Relations, who reviewed the changes to the Health Care Spending Account and responded to your questions. And finally, thank you to Alexandra Jurisic, ATA Vice President, who provided us with a very informative update on the Provincial scene. It was a great meeting.

~Shannon McElroy, President

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"It is never too late to give up your prejudices." ~ HENRY DAVID THOREAU (1817 - 1862)

Included in this mailing: Nothing
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Meetings and Events

April 27 - May 3, 2008
EDUCATION WEEK

Monday, May 5, 2008

PD Book Share, 4:30pm,
Room TBA, Barnett House

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Substitute Mtg., 7pm, Room
502, Barnett House-Guest
speaker: Mike Kischuk, ATA
Teacher Welfare; Topic:
Employment Insurance

Monday, May 26, 2008

School Opening Celebration,
4:15pm, Room 402,
Barnett House

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Teachers' Retirement
Reception Committee,
4:15pm, 402, Barnett House

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Council Dates:

Tuesday, June 3/08

Thursday, June 12/08:

President's Reception

