

HELP OUT YOUR SUBSTITUTE

Did you know that your information on AESOP does not automatically update itself and that you have to do your part to keep it current? Changes to your school location have already been made, however, subjects taught and grade level taught may be corrected by emailing Lisa Benedetto at benedettol@ecsd.net. Finally, when recording an absence on AESOP please enter in the "notes" your teaching assignment for the day (not lesson plans) and your parking stall number. Thanks for your help. ~Gerry McHugh

THANK YOU TO THE COUNCIL REPS!

Thank you to the members representing 82 schools who got our first Council of School Representatives' meeting of the new year off to such a great start! Valuable and timely information was provided by ATA President Frank Bruseker on bargaining issues and the progress made in negotiations related to the UFL. Superintendent Joan Carr, this year's Chair of the Sign of Hope Campaign, read a heartfelt letter of thanks from Marc Barylo of Catholic Social Services, to the ATA Local, teachers and school staff who contributed so generously at the school opening celebration. We hope that the \$6,500 dollars collected will be a positive kick off to this year's campaign and we wish Joan every success in her work. More information will follow on ways we can continue to contribute to this very worthwhile charity. As well, information was provided to the Council representatives on where to find Professional Growth Plan templates and how to apply for **free** specialist Council Memberships on the ATA website. Again, thank you to these teachers for their commitment to their colleagues by serving in this capacity.

Shannon McElroy

JUST THE FAX, FOLKS!

Please re-send through IMC, Grant-in-Aid applications and requests for substitutes to attend Specialist Council Conferences. The Local office has had difficulty with its FAX machine and we do not want to miss anyone who may have faxed a request. The deadline has been extended to October 1st.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

At the September 18th Council Meeting of School Representative, DELORES GILLETT, was elected to the Executive Committee as a Member at Large, representing substitute teachers.

CARING FOR OUR MEMBERS

Please advise the Local office (451-1196) of instances of bereavement, illness or births, so that the Local can recognize them accordingly.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"Hold your head too high
and you will stumble over unseen obstacles." ~ J.D. BOATWOOD

Included in this mailing:

1. **Applications for ATA Educational Trust Grants** ..(white) .. a few per school... please share
2. **Know Your Rights** ATA information card ... one per teacher
3. **Local PD Book Share Poster** (lemon)... please post and share

Meetings and Events

Monday, Sept. 24, 2007

PD Book Share, 4:45pm, Room 406, Barnett House

Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007

Trustee Election Forum
7:30pm
JJ Bowlen Jr HS
6110 - 144 Avenue

Sept. 27 (eve)-29, 2007

Beginning Teachers' Conf.
Fantasyland Hotel. Visit
www.teachers.ab.ca for info.

Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2007

Executive Mtg. #02, 4:30pm,
Room 406, Barnett House

Friday, Oct. 5, 2007

WORLD TEACHER DAY

Monday, Oct. 8, 2007

THANKSGIVING - HOLIDAY

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Council Dates:

Tuesday, Oct. 23/07
Tuesday, Dec. 11/07
Tuesday, January 22/08
Tuesday, Feb. 26/08
Tuesday, March 18/08
Tuesday, April 22/08
Tuesday, June 3/08