

## ATA MEMBERSHIP CARDS FOR SUBSTITUTES

The distribution of permanent ATA Membership cards has begun in our Local. ATA Membership cards for classroom teachers will be distributed at their school sites; cards for substitutes will be mailed to their homes. If you do not receive your card by September 1, please email the ATA at: [SRmembership@teachers.ab.ca](mailto:SRmembership@teachers.ab.ca). This is not a Local project.

Gerry McHugh, Executive Director

## SCHOOL OPENING CELEBRATION - Aug. 27, 2008-USHERS NEEDED!

Included in this week's mailing is a poster advertising the School Opening Celebration scheduled for Wednesday, August 27 at the Winspear Centre. This year's theme is "Reaching Out to the World - The Hands of Social Justice." We ask that staff gather for the welcoming at 8:30am so that the Mass can begin promptly at 9:00am. If you would like to volunteer to be an **usher**, please email Jan at the Local: [jbossmin@telusplanet.net](mailto:jbossmin@telusplanet.net) or phone (780-451-1196). Anyone interested in joining the **choir** may contact Ray McLellan: [mclellanr@ecsd.net](mailto:mclellanr@ecsd.net). All rehearsals will take place on Tuesday, August 26, at the Winspear: ushers at 5pm; choir at 6pm.

## APPLYING FOR EI BENEFITS - Info sheet

In this week's mailing you will find information sheets on how to apply for EI Benefits over the summer. This information is primarily for substitutes and temporary contract teachers. Due to a miscommunication with the EI Commission an incorrect information bulletin was distributed at the June 3 CSR. Included in this week's mailing is the correct version for teachers (ultra orange) "Important Notice for Teachers - 2008 Applying for EI Benefits". For additional information, please visit the Association website: [www.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.teachers.ab.ca)

## MEDICAL EXPENSES

Just a reminder that you should submit medical expense claims to ASEBP as they are incurred. This will assist you in obtaining documentation for claiming any amounts over and above your ASEBP benefit maximums from your Health Care Spending Account. A reminder that June 30, 2008 is the last day of the current plan year. You will then have 60 days in which to submit eligible claims to the Health Care Spending Account. Expenses incurred after July 1 will be for the new plan year.

## SPEAKER PROPOSALS FOR 2009 TEACHERS' CONVENTION

Speaker proposal forms for the 2009 Teachers' Convention are available online at getca's website: [www.getca.com](http://www.getca.com)

## BEGINNING TEACHERS' CONFERENCE 2008

On September 25 (eve)-27, 2008 the Association is sponsoring the Beginning Teachers' Conference at the Fantasyland Hotel in West Edmonton Mall. Principals are encouraged to inform their Beginning Teachers of this professional development opportunity. Further information may be found on the ATA's website: [www.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.teachers.ab.ca)

## WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"To ease another's heartache is to forget one's own." ~ ABRAHAM LINCOLN

## Meetings and Events

### Friday, June 27, 2008

Local office closes for the summer. We will reopen at 8:30am on Monday, August 25 to start a new year!

### Tuesday, August 26, 2008

Rehearsal for the School Opening Celebration-Ushers 5pm; choir 6pm at the Winspear Centre

### Wed., August 27, 2008

School Opening Celebration: Winspear Centre, 8:30 doors open - 9am Mass begins

### Friday, August 29, 2008

No school

### Monday, Sept. 1, 2008

Labour Day Holiday

If members require assistance over the summer while the Local office is closed, the following websites and numbers are available:

Alberta Teachers' Assn:  
(780-447-9400)  
[www.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.teachers.ab.ca)

Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund (780-451-4166)  
[www.atrf.com](http://www.atrf.com)

ASEBP  
(780-431-4786)  
[www.asebp.ab.ca](http://www.asebp.ab.ca)

**Website:**  
[www.local54.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.local54.teachers.ab.ca)

### Local Email:

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<b>Included in this mailing:</b>	Poster advertising the School Opening Celebration EI Information sheet (ultra orange) Three per school....please post and share
<b>Printed on reverse side:</b>	Local 54 Calendar of Events for 2008-2009