

## **MATERNITY LEAVE INFORMATION NIGHT—Wed., October 15, 2008**

If you are expecting a baby, or planning to start a family soon, we invite you to register for our Local's Maternity Leave Information Night being held Wednesday, October 15, 2008, in Room 502, at Barnett House beginning at 7:00pm. Topics covered during the evening will include: the Collective Agreement, Employment Insurance, ASEBP, and recent developments regarding Maternity Leaves. You and a guest are most welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. Please register with the Local office by calling 780-451-1196.

## **100 SUBSTITUTE DAYS - Local draw at 12:00 noon, Sept. 26/08**

The draw for the 100 sub days granted through the Collective Agreement 6.2(b) to attend **ATA Specialist Council Conferences** will take place on Friday, September 26 at noon. All recipients will be notified at the beginning of October. If you would like to enter the draw for one of these substitute days, please fax the following information-on your school's letter-head-to the Local office (780-454-1250): your name, your email address, the name of the specialist conference you will be attending and the date you will require your substitute. For detailed information about each conference, please visit the ATA's website: [www.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.teachers.ab.ca)

## **LOCAL PD GRANT APPLICATIONS-Draw: 12:00 noon, Sept. 25/08**

PD Grant Applications (white-I per teacher) were sent out in last week's mailing. The Local allots \$20,000.00 for PD Grants per year. A draw for the Grants-In-Aid will take place on Thursday, September 25, 2008 at noon. All applicants will be notified of their status by the beginning of October. Please note: you are only eligible for the Local Grant-In-Aid once every two years.

## **ATA EDUCATIONAL TRUST APPLICATION-Deadline: 5pm, Sept. 30/08**

Included in last week's mailing were applications for ATA Educational Trust \$300 Grants being offered to encourage attendance at the ATA Specialist Council Conferences. Note: this grant is separate from the Local's Grant In Aid. Deadline is Sept. 30, 2008. Additional application forms can be downloaded from the ATA website (under Specialist Councils/Grants, award and scholarships/ATA Educational Trust).

## **ATA'S 1st ANNUAL MENS'/LADIES/MIXED CURLING BONSPIEL**

Included in this week's mailing is a poster advertising the 1st Annual Curling Bonspiel sponsored by the ATA. This team event will be held in Calgary from January 23-25, 2009. For further information and to register, please contact Fred Jack: [fjack@adlc.ca](mailto:fjack@adlc.ca)

## **MEMBER DIARIES:**

The Local has a limited number of ATA Member's Diaries available. If a staff member wishes a Member's Diary, please inform your Local Council Representative. Orders will be placed at the Sept. 23 Council Meeting. Diaries are being offered in both English and French.

## **WORDS OF INSPIRATION**

"If you think nobody cares,  
try missing a couple of payments."  
~Anonymous

## **Included in this mailing:**

Poster advertising the ATA's 1st Annual Men's/Ladies/Mixed Curling Bonspiel in Calgary

**Printed on reverse side:** List of priests/religious who joined us for the School Opening Celebration and Message from the Local President, Sandy Gillis

## **Meetings and Events**

### **Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008**

Substitutes' Meeting #1, 7pm,  
Room 410, Barnett House.

### **Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008**

Council Mtg. #01, 6pm,  
Auditorium, Barnett House.  
Sandwiches available at  
5:15pm

### **Sept. 25 (eve)-27, 2008**

Beginning Teachers' Conf.  
Fantasyland Hotel. Visit  
[www.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.teachers.ab.ca) for info.

### **Sunday, October 5, 2008**

World Teacher Day

### **Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008**

Executive Mtg. #2, 4:30pm,  
Room 406, Barnett House

## **Website:**

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

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## **Council Dates:**

Tuesday, Sept. 23/08  
Tuesday, Oct. 28/08  
Tuesday, Dec. 2/08  
Tuesday, January 20/09  
Tuesday, Feb. 24/09  
Tuesday, March 17/09  
Tuesday, April 21/09  
Tuesday, June 2/09

***On behalf of the 2008 School Opening Celebration Committee, we would like to thank the following priests and religious who participated in the Opening Mass on August 27, 2008:***

Donations collected at the Mass, in the amount of \$7,150.00, will be forwarded to Catholic Social Services "Sign of Hope" Campaign.

**Most Reverend Richard Smith, Archbishop of Edmonton**

**Most Reverend David Motiuk, Bishop of the Ukrainian Eparchy of Edmonton**

Father Victor Botari (St. Joseph's Basilica)  
Sister Annata Brockman (St. Andrew's Centre)  
Reverent Peter Brezden (Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God)  
Father Martin Carroll (St. Matthew Church)  
Reverend Gregory Faryna (Exaltation of the Holy Cross)  
Reverend James Holland (Sacred Heart, Church of the First Peoples)  
Father Paul Kavanagh (St. Mary's Church, Red Deer)  
Reverend Michael Kowalchuk (St. Vladimir Parish)  
Father Adam Lech (St. Joseph's Basilica)  
Father Gary Lee (St. Mary's Church, Red Deer)  
Father Paul Moret (St. Angela/St. Pius X Parishes)  
Father George Neumann (Good Shepherd Church)  
Father Mihajlo Planchak (St. Josaphat's Cathedral)  
Reverend Irenaeus Prystajewsky (St. Basil's Church)  
Father Frank Stempfle (St. Patrick)  
Sister Marlene Tracy (St. Angela/St. Pius X)  
Father Romano Venturelli (St. John Bosco)  
Father Jozef Wroblewski (St. John the Evangelist)

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***MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - Sandy Gillis***

On behalf of your executive, I welcome you to this new and exciting school year. We are involved in the most wonderful profession; one that allows us to have a profound effect on the young people we teach and care for. The work we do is hard, demanding and time consuming. There is a danger in getting so caught up in the tasks at hand that we become islands unto ourselves. One antidote against this is to create communities of integrity at our respective sites. We do this by staying connected and supportive of each other in every way possible. Our veterans are urged to care for those just committing themselves to teaching. You are the joyful examples that they need to see so that the delight and hope of the work is not lost in its challenges.

Our Local has been very successful, under Shannon's guidance, in achieving near perfect attendance at our council meetings over the past four years. We want to do all we can to keep the momentum going this year; to assist that goal, involve yourself in some way in local and provincial ATA matters. Remember to sign up on TNET for your specialist council membership and support the great work in professional development.

Every success and blessing for the year ahead!

Sandy, Amy, Wayne, Shannon, Gerry, Amber, Azza, Dolores, Harold, Jeff, Markiana, Mary, Patti, Pina, Rob and Sherry