

NEW TEACHER WELCOMING CEREMONY—Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008

The New Teacher Welcoming Ceremony has been scheduled for Thursday, October 30, 2008. This evening will provide an official welcome to graduates who are new to the profession and experienced teachers who are new to the province of Alberta. Invitations to this special evening will be sent out at the beginning of October. Included in this week's mailing is an information sheet to be filled out by beginning teachers at your school site who wish to be invited to this special event.

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.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOB SEARCH

Gerry McHugh will be retiring as of December 31, 2008 and, as a result, the advertisement announcing the job search for a replacement was included in last week's mailing. More information, including the ideal candidate's profile, is available on the Local's website: www.local54.teachers.ab.ca ~Gerry McHugh

SPECIALIST COUNCIL MEMBERSHIPS

Just a reminder, that all active members are eligible for one free Specialist Council membership. These free memberships expire August 31 of each year and must be renewed by logging on to the ATA website: www.teachers.ab.ca **The memberships do not automatically renew.**

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

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

"The difference between fiction and reality? Fiction has to make sense." ~ TOM CLANCY

Included in this mailing:

1. New Teacher Welcoming info sheet..(white).. a few per site.. please share
2. CSR information sheet to be completed and returned to Local (ultra lemon) .. For those schools not in attendance at the Sept. Council meeting

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Meetings and Events

Sept. 25 (eve)-27, 2008
Beginning Teachers' Conf.
Fantasyland Hotel. Visit
www.teachers.ab.ca for info.

Sunday, October 5, 2008
World Teacher Day

Monday, October 6, 2008
PD Book Share, 4:30pm,
Room TBA, Barnett House

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008
Executive Mtg. #2, 4:30pm,
Room 406, Barnett House

Monday, Oct. 13, 2008
Thanksgiving Holiday

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008
Council Mtg. #02, 6pm,
Auditorium, Barnett House.
Sandwiches available at
5:15pm.

Website:

www.local54.teachers.ab.ca

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Council Dates:

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