

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 teachers who are new to the profession and experienced teachers who are new to the province of Alberta. Invitations to this special evening were sent out at the beginning of October. Included in the September 25 mailing was an information sheet to be filled out indicating interested teachers at your school site who wish to be invited to participate in this ceremony. Principals, mentor teachers, and guests of the new teachers, are most welcome to attend. Please note: a social will follow the welcoming ceremony.

NOTE TO NEW TEACHERS - Please RSVP

Please inform the Local office whether or not you are able to attend the New Teacher Welcoming Ceremony on Thursday, October 30. You may do this by phone: 780-451-1196, or by email: jbossmin@telusplanet.net. To have your certificate and gift ready to present to you, we need to know the correct spelling of your name, as well as how many guests you are bringing.

SUPPORT THE BREAKFAST PROGRAM AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL- November 8, 2008

On Saturday, November 8, S.I.R.E.N.S. the charity proudly presents "A Night of Rock & Blues" featuring Jack Semple & his band with special guests: The Cameron Bros. Band, at the Bonnie Doon Community Hall (9240 - 93 Street). Doors open at 7pm. Proceeds to support the breakfast program at St. Francis of Assisi School. Tickets are \$30 and are available at TicketMaster, Southside Sound and Myhre's Music. Food will be available. Cash bar. For more information visit: www.sirensthecharity.com

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE IS MEETING AT THE END OF OCTOBER

The Local's scholarship committee will be meeting at the end of October to award the 6 Local scholarships. Due to FOIP regulations, applicant information will be held at the Local office until the committee convenes. Applicants will be notified of their status by the committee and the successful students will be invited to receive their awards at the December 2 Council Meeting of School Representatives.

CARING FOR OUR MEMBERS

If a colleague has given birth, is hospitalized or has suffered the loss of a close family member, please call the Local office. On behalf of all of you, the Local will have a Mass offered, a donation made or flowers sent.

ATA PRE-RETIREMENT WORKSHOP

We are receiving a significant amount of interest in the ATA offered Pre-Retirement Workshop. Please continue advising us if you wish to attend by emailing jbossmin@telusplanet.net and we will schedule a session shortly following the Christmas Break. Please note: the Association also offers members individual retirement consultation through the ATA Pension Consultants: 780-475-3565.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"The biggest mistake one can often make in life, is to be constantly fearing they will make one." ~ E.S.F.

Meetings and Events

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008

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

Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008

New Teacher Welcoming
Ceremony, 7pm, Auditorium,
Barnett House. Social to
follow.

Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008

Catholic Education Sunday

Monday, Nov. 3, 2008

ARA Meeting, 4:30pm, Room
TBA, Barnett House

Wed., Nov. 5, 2008

Teacher Info Session, 7pm,
Room TBA, Barnett House

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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