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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Teachers Convention:
"Leaping Forward for Learning"
February 28 & 29

2008 LOCAL TABLE OFFICER ELECTIONS

Nominations for the positions of President and Vice-Presidents of the Local will open on Wednesday February 13, 2008. Nomination forms will be available from the Local office on that date. Completed forms must be returned to the Local Office by 4PM on Monday, February 25. Candidate speeches will be delivered at the Council of School Representative meeting on Tuesday, February 26. Please note that due to our term limits there will be vacancies in the office of President and at least one Vice-President position. Call Gerry McHugh for more information: 451-1196.

TEACHERS TAKING ON CUSTODIAL DUTIES

AUPE has been in contact with the Local regarding teachers taking on custodial duties when a replacement for an absent custodian is not assigned. Teachers are reminded that they should not be performing AUPE member (custodial) functions. This is an infringement on their union contract which stipulates that "substitute coverage will be provided" when they are absent. Please respect their Union. ~Gerry McHugh, Executive Director

MATERNITY LEAVE INFORMATION NIGHT—Wed., Feb. 20/08

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, Feb. 20, 2008, in Room 502, at Barnett House, beginning at 7:00pm. You and your spouse are most welcome to attend. Please register by calling the Local: 451-1196.

DELEGATES SPONSORED FOR SPICE AND BLUEPRINTS CONFERENCES

Once again the Local office will sponsor two delegates to attend SPICE (April 24-27) and one delegate to attend BLUEPRINTS (April 29-May 2) at The Delta Lodge, Kananaskis. This sponsorship will be for complete registration which includes accommodation (double occupancy), conference registration, materials and meals. Coverage for the cost of your substitute will be your responsibility. If you are interested in conference sponsorship from the Local, we ask that you print your name, the conference you wish to attend and your email address on your school's letterhead and fax it in to the Local office (454-1250) by Wed., March 5. The draw will be made at 9am on Thursday, March 6, 2008. Winners will be notified following the draw and registration forms will be faxed to the schools. Based on the number of applicants, preference will be given to those who have not received Local sponsorship for this conference in the past.

SUBSTITUTE MEETING-Registration for this mtg. is mandatory!

The Local's Substitute Committee, chaired by Dolores Gillett, has planned an informational meeting on Thursday, February 21 beginning at 7pm in Room 410 at Barnett House. Charolette Player, Manager of Staffing and Staffing Coordinator, Marc Motut, will be the guest speakers for this evening. Please phone the Local office to register: 451-1196.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia." ~ CHARLES MONROE SCHULZ

Included in this mailing: Poster for GETCA Parent's Evening (under separate cover addressed to school principal) to be

Printed on reverse side: shared with School Council Chair Form for half day Intervisitation Grants

Meetings and Events

Monday, Feb. 4, 2008
Political Engagement
Committee Mtg., 4:30pm,
Room 410, Barnett House

Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008
Shrove Tuesday &
FAITH DEVELOPMENT DAY

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008 ASH WEDNESDAY

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008 Executive Mtg. #06, 4:30pm, Room 406, Barnett House

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008 Nominations for President and Vice Presidents of the Local open today.

Wednesday, Feb. 13/08
Teachers' Retirement
Reception Committee Mtg.,
4:15pm, Room 402,
Barnett House

Monday, Feb. 18, 2008 FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY

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Council Dates:

Tuesday, Feb. 26/08

Tuesday, March 18/08

Tuesday, April 22/08

Tuesday, June 3/08

Thursday, June 12/08-

President's Reception