

2008 ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR LOCAL TABLE OFFICERS

Voting will take place at your school site from March 17-20 with ballots returned to the Local office by 4:00pm on Tuesday, March 25. The ballot count will occur on Wednesday, March 26. **LATE BALLOTS WILL NOT BE COUNTED.**

IPP FOCUS GROUP MEETING

Thank you to the many teachers who contacted me to volunteer to take part in the ATA's IPP's and teacher workload focus group. We now have a full contingent of teachers and a complete representation from all levels. Information will be emailed to the participants with the details of the March 26 meeting. ~Shannon McElroy

RECIPIENTS OF LOCAL SPONSORSHIP TO ATTEND SPICE CONFERENCE (Sharing Purpose in Catholic Education) AND BLUEPRINTS

Congratulations to **JANET DAVIES-DAVIS (Austin O'Brien HS)** and **MARY BIELECKI (St. Basil School)** whose names were drawn for Local sponsorship to attend this year's SPICE Conference (April 24-27) and to **COLLEEN HOOK (St. Charles School)** whose name was drawn for sponsorship to BLUEPRINTS (April 29-May 2). These annual conferences will be led by Fr. Tony Ricard and Fr. Ron Rolheiser respectively. Thanks to all who entered the Local's draw.

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT AND BANQUET

This year's teachers' retirement Mass and banquet will take place on Friday, May 30, 2008. The theme for this year's event is, *God's Blessing Be Upon You*. To date, the Local has received 35 names of retirees to be honoured. Keep watching the Intercom for more information. Tickets will go on sale to the public after the retirees requests have been accommodated.

SCHOOL OPENING CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

You are welcome to join the School Opening Celebration Committee. The first meeting will take place at Barnett House on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 4:30pm. This committee is once again being chaired by Floriana Bruni-Bossio (Grandin School). If interested in participating, please email Floriana: brunibossiof@ecsd.net

LOCAL REQUIRES 4 MORE REPS FOR GETCA

Our Local is required to provide 8 representatives to assist in organizing the 2009 teachers' convention. To date, the Local has 4 representatives who have agreed to sit on this committee. Dinner is provided for all meetings. Please call the Local office to volunteer for these positions and be part of the planning committee for next year's convention.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"Sports do not build character. They reveal it." ~ HEYWOOD BROWN

Included in this mailing: (Under separate cover) **Ballots** for Local election. Instructions for voting procedures are included inside envelope. Deadline to return ballots to Local office is 4pm, Tuesday, March 25, 2008. **LATE BALLOTS WILL NOT BE COUNTED.**

Printed on reverse side: **Draft Agenda for Council Mtg. #06**

Meetings and Events

Thursday, March 13, 2008

Local election ballots out to the schools! Voting to take place the week of March 17-20.

Monday, March 17, 2008

St. Patrick's Day!

Tuesday, March 18, 2008

Council Meeting #06, 6pm, Auditorium, Barnett House. Sandwiches available at 5:15pm. Guest speaker: Marv Hackman Part II-Topic: Student & Parent Use of Technology

March 21, 2008

Good Friday-Schools closed

March 24, 2008

Easter Monday - Holiday

Tuesday, March 25, 2008

Deadline for returning election ballots to the Local office is 4pm, Room 402, Barnett House. **Late ballots will not be counted.**

Tuesday, March 25, 2008

Teachers' Retirement Reception Committee Mtg., 4:15pm, Room 402, Barnett House.

Website:

www.local54.teachers.ab.ca

Council Dates:

Tuesday, March 18/08

Tuesday, April 22/08

Tuesday, June 3/08

Thursday, June 12/08:

President's Reception