

NEW TEACHERS WELCOMING CEREMONY—7pm, Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007

The New Teachers Welcoming Ceremony has been scheduled for Thursday, November 1, 2007, beginning at 7pm. 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 all teachers hired to the District since January 8, 2007 have been distributed. **We ask that you phone in your attendance or regrets by Friday, October 26 so that all materials can be properly prepared.** Co-Chairs for this special event are Lauren Podlubny (Blessed Kateri) and Melanie Mercier (Annunciation).

OPPORTUNITY FOR NEWLY APPOINTED ADMIN!

Included with this mailing is a poster advertising the ATA's 2007 *Leadership Essentials for Administrators Conference*, Nov. 22-23, in Calgary. This conference is organized in conjunction with the Council on School Administration and will offer workshops as well as an opportunity to network with your colleagues. The Local will offer a grant-in-aid of \$250 each to two new administrators who would like to participate in this conference. If you are interested, please fax your name on your school's letterhead to the Local (454-1250) BEFORE Friday, Oct. 19. The recipients will be notified by email. For more information, please visit: www.teachers.ab.ca>Resources for School-Based Administrators.

OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL REPS!

If you are a first or second year representative at Council, you are invited to attend an informational dinner meeting being held on Tuesday, Oct. 23 (immediately before Council meeting #02) from 4:30-5:30pm, Room 502, at Barnett House. Presenters Amy Cooper and Lauren Podlubny, ATA key contacts for Local 54, will explain your duties and responsibilities in this role while adhering to the Code of Professional Conduct. You will have a chance to meet other new reps in an informal setting and have your questions answered. Please register by phoning the Local: 454-1196.

MATERNITY LEAVE INFORMATION NIGHT—Wed., October 17, 2007

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 17, 2007, 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.

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

"If shared problems lessens the burden,
how come we get so upset in a traffic jam?" ~ P.K. SHAW

Included in this mailing: Poster: *Leadership Essentials for Administrators...* (pink)... one per admin
Letters to recipients of 2007-2008 **Grants-In-Aid** and **Substitutes** to attend
Specialist Council Conferences
Printed on reverse side: Invitation for new council reps to attend informational dinner meeting

Meetings and Events

Monday, Oct. 15, 2007
ELECTION DAY-
Please Vote!

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2007
ARA Committee Mtg. #01,
4:30pm, Room 410, Barnett
House

Wed., Oct. 17, 2007
Maternity Leave Info Night,
7pm, Room 502, Barnett
House

Monday, Oct. 22, 2007
PD Book Share, 5pm, Room
TBA, Barnett House

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2007
Meeting for new School
Council Reps, 4:30pm,
Room 502, Barnett House

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2007
Council Mtg. #02, 6pm,
Auditorium, Barnett House.
Sandwiches available at
5:15pm

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Council Dates:

Tuesday, Oct. 23/07
Tuesday, Dec. 11/07
Tuesday, January 22/08
Tuesday, Feb. 26/08
Tuesday, March 18/08
Tuesday, April 22/08
Tuesday, June 3/08