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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nominations for Table Officer position. Nomination forms are available at the Local office.

Please phone Kathy:
(780-451-1196)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings everyone,

I hope that the tremendous amount of work at this busy time of year finds you all well, despite the long days and nights of registrations, Open Houses, and report cards.

On a political note, I encourage anyone who sent messages to their MLA regarding Motion 503 to send a follow up note of thanks for the acceptance of the motion. This is a huge step towards a more formative type of assessment for our grade three children and we hope for changes in the near future. Thank you to everyone who took the time to phone, fax, post or email in support of this important issue.

There is no intercom next week so: On behalf of your executive and staff (Amy, Wayne, Azza, Shannon, Patti, Robert, Jeff, Pina, Markiana, Amber, Dolores, Kathy, Jan) and your District Representatives, Mary, Sherry and Harold, I wish you a restful and fulfilling Spring Break.

Return safe and refreshed!

Take care of each other,
Sandy

THANK YOU, ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL!

Many thanks to Dan Donnelly and Rene Mercier, who invited Sandy Gillis and me to be part of their staff meeting on March 12. We really enjoyed our afternoon with this group of dedicated and caring professionals. If you would like us to come out and visit your school -- even for a casual drop-in visit-- please call the Local office. ~Kathy

2009 LOCAL TABLE OFFICER BY-ELECTION

At the March 17 Council Meeting of School Representatives, it was announced that Shannon McElroy is resigning her position as Past President of the Local. In accordance with our Constitution a by-election has been called. Nominations for this Table Officer position are open to any active teacher with Edmonton Catholic Schools. Nomination forms are available from the Local office by calling Kathy Maclsaac (780-451-1196). Completed forms must be returned to the Local office by 4pm on Wednesday, April 8. Candidate speeches will be delivered at the Council of School Representative meeting on Tuesday, April 21.

PLEASE NOTE: Even though the position is named "Past President", you are not required to have served as a Local President in order to run. If you have any questions, please phone Kathy.

VIDEO VIEWED AT MARCH 17 COUNCIL

As part of Tuesday's Council meeting the video: TEACHER'S CHALLENGE: SEVEN DAYS IN A STRUGGLING SCHOOL was viewed and discussed. If your school would like to borrow the Local's copy to view, please phone our office. The ATA library also has a copy to lend or you can access the video online at www.cbclearning.ca

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

Strength is the ability to break a chocolate bar into four pieces
with your bare hands--
and then eat just one of those pieces. ~ Judith Viorst

Have a wonderful and relaxing Spring Break!

Included in this mailing: Local Table Officer **Election Schedule** (lemon) one per teacher...**Poster** for the etcetera; **ARTA** magazine, **ARTA letter** re: retirement benefits for support staff ..(pink) please share
Printed on reverse side: Letter from **ARTA** re: retirement benefits for teachers

Meetings and Events

Wed., March 18, 2009

Nominations open for position of Local Past President. Call Kathy Maclsaac for Nomination Form.

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Executive Mtg. #8, 4:30pm, Room 406, Barnett House

**March 30 - April 3, 2009
SPRING BREAK!**

Wed., April 8, 2009

Nominations close for position of Local Past President.

April 10, 2009

GOOD FRIDAY
No school.

April 13, 2009

EASTER MONDAY
No school.

April 14, 2009

PD Book Share-St. James School, 4:30pm

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Council Dates:

Tuesday, April 21/09

Tuesday, June 2/09

President's Reception:

Thursday, June 11/09