

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome back everyone and Happy Easter as we continue to celebrate the blessed event. One of my kids at school informed me that we have only ten Fridays left until summer vacation! The next few weeks will fly by and so we need to take extra care of each other as we go through the stresses of budget, staffing, exams and planning for September. I hope that everyone got the desired amount of rest and recharging over the break and Easter weekend in preparation for the final stretch.

Since our last Intercom we are pleased to announce that Patti Clancy-Novosel was acclaimed as Past President. Shannon McElroy has given thirteen dedicated years of service to the Local and has decided to vacate the position on June 30th. Thank you once again, Shannon, for the leadership you have provided to us all.

Take care everyone!

Sandy

THANK YOU, ANNUNCIATION SCHOOL!

Sandy and I enjoyed yet another warm welcome from teaching and support staff~ this time at Annunciation School. Sincere thanks to all of you for your friendliness and for sharing ice cream cake with us, as you celebrated Leslie Zydek's birthday. (Leslie is a member of the Local's Economic Policy Committee and a grade 5 teacher at Annunciation.) ~Kathy

ALL INTERVISITATION GRANTS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED

Please watch for this PD opportunity again next year.

RECIPIENTS OF LOCAL SPONSORSHIP: SPICE & BLUEPRINTS

Congratulations to CAROLE BEAUNOYER-REID (St. Stanislaus School) and KATHLEEN SALT (St. Kevin Junior High School) whose names were drawn for Local sponsorship to attend this year's SPICE Conference (April 23-26) and to SUSANNA MAKALE (St. Clare: Ben Calf Robe School) whose name was drawn for sponsorship to BLUEPRINTS (April 28-May 1). Thanks to all who entered the Local's draw.

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT AND BANQUET

This year's teachers' retirement Mass and dinner will take place on Friday, May 29, 2009. The theme for this year's event is: *Shepherds of God's Flock*. To date, the Local has received 44 names of retirees to be honoured. Updated information concerning this year's banquet will be posted each week in the Intercom. Once the retirees' requests for tickets have been accommodated, the Local will sell remaining tickets at a cost of \$25 each beginning May 1, 2009.

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY OPPORTUNITY

The Educational Leadership Academy, directed toward principals, assistant principals, and aspiring leaders will be held at the Banff Centre from Sunday July 12 to Thursday, July 16, 2009. This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Todd Whitaker who will present "Dealing with Difficult People." The Local will cover the \$900 cost of this conference for one administrator or a teacher aspiring to leadership. If you are interested in this opportunity (graduate course credits are available for the program), please email Jan at jan.bossmmin@ecteachers.ca. A draw will be held at the Local office on May 15. If you need further information, please phone Kathy: 780-451-1196.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"If you want children to keep their feet on the ground,
put some responsibility on their shoulders." ~Abigail Van Buren

Included in this mailing: Nothing

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Meetings and Events

Monday, April 20, 2009

Executive hosts annual
Trustee Dinner.

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Council Mtg. #07, 6pm,
Auditorium, Barnett House.
Sandwiches available at
5:15pm.

SPICE Conference

April 23-26, 2009
Kananaskis

April 26 - May 2, 2009

Education Week

BLUEPRINTS

Conference

April 28 - May 1
Kananaskis

Wed., April 29, 2009

Teachers' Retirement
Reception Committee Mtg.,
4:30pm, Room 402, Barnett
House

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Council Dates:

Tuesday, April 21/09

Tuesday, June 2/09

President's Reception:

Thursday, June 11/09