

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Greetings everyone!

This week we have all had the special opportunity to show our gratitude to our support staff who seem to have the knack of being in several places at once and giving their undivided attention to everyone at the same time! Thanks for the wonderful support you give to our teachers each and every day!

As the year draws to a close I ask all administrators and fellow teachers to be diligent about the demands we make of our replacement teaching staff. This group of dedicated professionals really appreciates knowing their assignment before entering the school. Any irregularities in the schedule of the teacher they replace should be noted in the note section in AESOP. If, for example, there is a field trip requiring special clothing that should be made clear as well as making sure they have access to the prep time of the person they are replacing. In ways like this we can have Substitute Appreciation Week last all year long.

Education Week is upon us and I encourage all to take any opportunity to get the good news and work of teachers into the public and profile the achievements of our students.

Happy Earth Day! Be gentle with her and each other.
Take care, *Sandy*

HEALTHY MINDS. BRIGHT FUTURES.

The ATA and the Canadian Mental Health Association have partnered to launch the “Healthy Minds Bright Futures” campaign to raise awareness for children and youth affected by mental illness. During Canadian Mental Health Week (May 4-10) we ask that you promote our campaign by encouraging the students and staff in your school to wear green on May 7th. Our aim is to have everyone in the Edmonton Catholic School District wearing green that day. For information to share with your school, please refer to www.cmha.ca or see the handout distributed to school reps at Tuesday’s Council Meeting.

ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT! (poster enclosed)

The Local’s Communications Committee invites you to take part in an exciting activity this August--the annual Edmonton Dragon Boat Festival--in association with the Canadian Mental Health Association. For further information, or to become part of our Edmonton Catholic Teachers’ team, contact Chris Ferguson at fergusonc@ecsd.net

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.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

“I think high heels are ridiculous.
It’s like putting a building on the head of a pin.” ~Cathy Ladman

Included in this mailing: **High School Scholarship Applications** (under separate cover -addressed to counsellors) and **Poster** advertising the August 21-23 **Dragon Boat Festival**...one per school rep... please post and share

Printed on reverse side: List of 2008-2009 retirees as of April 22, 2009

Meetings and Events

SPICE Conference

April 23-26, 2009

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

May 4 - May 10, 2009

Canadian Mental Health
Week

Monday, May 4, 2009

Executive Mtg. #09, 4:30pm,
Room 406, Barnett House

Thursday, May 7, 2009

Support “Healthy Minds
Bright Futures” campaign-
Please wear a green t-shirt to
school today.

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www.local54.teachers.ab.ca

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Council Dates:

Tuesday, June 2/09

President’s Reception:

Thursday, June 11/09

Congratulations to the following teachers who have indicated they are retiring and have given permission to have their names published in the Intercom. Many of these teachers will be honoured at the May 29, 2009 Liturgy at St. Agnes Church and Dinner at St. Basil Cultural Centre. Tickets will go on sale to the public on Friday, May 1 at a cost of \$25 each.

Marcia Albrecht (Austin O'Brien HS)
Renee Anderson (St. Pius X)
Antonina (Toni) Budd (Archbishop MacDonald HS)
Gladys Buzzeo (St. Augustine)
Lauraine Charest (Grandin)
Frances Chiswell (Frère Antoine)
John Chu (Holy Family)
Don Delaney (Learning Support Services)
Ken Donnelly (St. Kevin)
Gilbert Joseph Leon Dumont (J.J. Bowlen Jr HS)
Paul Gagne (Catholic Education Services)
Anthony Green (Austin O'Brien HS)
Judith Horban (J.J. Bowlen Jr HS)
Theresa (Terri) Horsfall (St. Brendan)
Carol Ann Jaap Klass (St. Joseph HS)
Carolyn Jordan (Blessed Kateri)
Danny Kinal (Mary Hanley)
Susan Ludwig (Learning Support Services)
Jaye MacFadyen (Bishop Savaryn)
Allan Maisonneuve (Louis St. Laurent HS)
Helen Matsuba (School Operation Services)
Bette Anne Maydonik (St. Paul)
Ralphina McLeod (Learning Support Services)
Claudette Nadon (Blessed Kateri)
Harold Neth (Louis St. Laurent HS)
Jacqueline Pelkie (St. Lucy)
Joanne Ritcey-Devaney Catholic Education Services)
Flora Rizzuto (St. Boniface)
Linda Roffey (St. Bernadette)
Laura Rousell (Austin O'Brien HS)
Vincenzo Russo (Holy Trinity HS)
Elizabeth A (Betty) Stewart (Our Lady of Victories)
Charles Stuart (St. Teresa)
Barbara Wiszt (Blessed Kateri)
Kevin (Ken) Whelan (H.E. Beriault Jr HS)
William Yukes (St. Edmund)