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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Support "Healthy Minds. Bright Futures" Campaign.
Wear a green t-shirt to school on Thursday, May 7!

HEALTHY MINDS. BRIGHT FUTURES: \$2611.00 Grant received!

Markiana Cyncar-Hryschuk, (St. James School) Local Communications Officer, applied for and received an Association grant in the amount of \$2611! We are proud to advertise that 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 the April 21 Council Meeting.

ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT! \$2611.00 Association Grant received!

The ECT Local received a second grant in the amount of \$2611 thanks to the efforts of Chris Ferguson (St. Francis Xavier HS), Local Communications Committee member. We plan to use this money for community relations by participating in the annual Edmonton Dragon Boat Festival--in association with the Canadian Mental Health Association. The boat races are scheduled for August 21-23, 2009. The normal entry fee will be covered by the grant. A team of 8 males and 8 females is required. For further information, or to become part of our Edmonton Catholic Teachers' team, contact Chris Ferguson at fergusonc@ecsd.net

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT MASS AND DINNER

On Friday, May 29, 2009 this year's teachers' retirement Mass will be celebrated at St. Agnes Church at 6:30pm and will be followed by dinner and presentations at St. Basil Cultural Centre. To date, the Local has received 51 names of retirees to be honoured. Tickets will go on sale to the public at a cost of \$25 each beginning May 1, 2009. The final list of retirees will be published in next week's Intercom.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RHONDA NIXON!

The Alberta Teachers' Association has announced that Rhonda Nixon, Assistant Principal, (St. Teresa) has been awarded a \$15,000 ATA Doctoral Fellowship in Education for 2009. A copy of Ms Nixon's dissertation will be filed with the Association so that her work may be shared with other members of the profession. Congratulations, Rhonda! We wish you every success in your studies. The ATA offers many excellent opportunities for teachers. Check out their website: www.teachers.ab.ca

CHECK YOUR TQS DATA BEFORE SUBMISSION

The Local has received calls about the length of time it is taking Teacher Qualifications Services to process applications. However, it was noted in the District Representatives April Report to Council that 67% of new applications lack complete documentation and must be returned. Please check all your data before submitting.

SUBSTITUTE MEETING BEING HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 12

The Local's Substitute Committee, chaired by Dolores Gillett, is holding a meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 7pm, in Room 140 at Barnett House. Sandra Marcellus, Executive Assistant, Teacher Welfare, will be presenting the process for applying for EI benefits. Please phone the Local office to register: 780-451-1196.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS FOR THE CITY'S REUSE CENTRE AVAILABLE

If you would like to use a membership card to visit the City of Edmonton's Reuse Centre to obtain recycled materials for your craft projects, used books and other treasures, please email Jan at jan.bossmmin@ecteachers.ca and the card will be sent to you via IMC for a two-week period. The Local has purchased a membership so that this wonderful opportunity is available to all teachers.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION - *Martina Navratilova*

"Labels are for filing. Labels are for clothing. Labels are not for people."

Meetings and Events

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.

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Substitute Mtg., 7pm, Room 140, Barnett House
Topic: Applying for EI

Wed., May 13, 2009

School Opening Celebration Committee Mtg., 4:30pm, Room 402, Barnett House

Friday, May 15, 2009

Draw for Local sponsorship to the Educational Leadership Academy, July 12-16, Banff Centre

May 16 - 18, 2009

Annual Representatives' Assembly, Westin Hotel, Edmonton, Alberta

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Council Dates:

Tuesday, June 2/09

President's Reception:

Thursday, June 11/09