

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone,

I hope that the hectic pace of this month is not playing havoc on our patience as the demands of the job and the expectations of our parent communities come to bear. Stop for just a moment and think of the number of events and activities planned for students at this time of the year that add to the enjoyment of the school day. The list is staggering and is it not amazing how it all gets done with style and grace atop the test preparation, report writing and preparation for September?! The teachers of this Local are simply "the best". Those parents who are attuned to the school day and the work of teachers hold us in the highest regard and I believe that this is one of the little things to keep in mind as we barrel toward June 30th. Continue to support each other and take care of those who support us in our service to the students placed in our care. Stay strong in spirit. ~Sandy

DRAGON BOAT NEWS

The Edmonton Catholic Teachers' Local has a team, composed of teachers from 10 different schools!! We have been granted a vendor booth for the event and are looking for people who would like to volunteer to work the booth and promote the Edmonton Catholic Teachers' Local and the Canadian Mental Health Association. Even if you can't volunteer, please come cheer on our team and check out the booth-Louise McKinney Riverfront Park-August 27-29.

WITH THE CLICK OF A BUTTON...

Your Specialist Council membership expires in August, but you can renew it in June by simply hitting the **renew button** and be ahead of the crowd.

A REMINDER ABOUT YOUR HEALTH SPENDING ACCOUNT

Please be advised that the deadline for the Health Care Spending Account (HCSA) is August 28, 2009 at 4:00pm. The last date for getting services provided for the 2008/2009 plan year is June 30, 2009, so please ensure that you forward your expenses to ASEBP immediately to ensure you receive your Explanation of Benefits in time to submit to your HCSA. Any submissions that have not gone through the regular benefit provider first will be returned to the employee.

ATTENTION ART TEACHERS

On the back of this week's Intercom you will find a poster advertising an art competition to design a new logo for GETCA. The theme for next year's Teachers' Convention complements the Winter Olympics: *Igniting the Flame for Real Learning*. The competition is open to students from Edmonton Public, Edmonton Catholic, and Fort McMurray.

VACATIONING? HOTEL RATES FOR ATA MEMBERS 2009

Information on reduced hotel rates for ATA members is available free of charge to members who have signed on to TNET by following the ATA Home Page under "Quick Links" heading> Publications> Other Publications >ATA Membership and Services.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"Breathe. Let go.

And remind yourself that this very moment is the only one
you know you have for sure." ~Oprah Winfrey

Meetings and Events

Thursday, June 11, 2009

President's Reception
Barbecue, 4-6:30pm, Courtyard, Barnett House. Drop in for a quick visit or stay a while.

Tuesday, June 30, 2009

Local office closes for summer holiday! We will reopen at 8:30 am on Monday, August 31, 2009 to start a new year!

Monday, August 31, 2009

Rehearsal for School Opening Mass: Ushers at 5pm; Choir at 6pm at the Winspear Centre.

Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009

School Opening Mass: Winspear Centre, 8:30 doors open - 9am Mass begins.

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Council Dates:

President's Reception:

Thursday, June 11/09

Printed on the back: Poster advertising an art competition for GETCA logo
Included in this mailing: 2 copies of Alberta Retired Teachers' Association (ARTA) News & Views Volume 17, No. 4 ...please share