

# Sept. 18, 2008 Issue No. 3

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

First **Council Meeting** for the 2008-2009 school year!
6pm in the auditorium of Barnett House, 11010-142 St
Sandwiches available at 5:15pm.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOB SEARCH**

As you are aware Gerry McHugh will be retiring as of December 31, 2008 and, as a result, enclosed in this mailing is the advertisement announcing the job search for a replacement. More information is available on the web at <a href="https://www.local54.teachers.ab.ca">www.local54.teachers.ab.ca</a> Gerry McHugh

### SPECIALIST COUNCIL MEMBERSHIPS

Just a reminder, that all active members are eligible for one <u>free</u> Specialist Council membership. These free memberships expire August 31 of each year and must be renewed by logging on to the ATA website: <u>www.teachers.ab.ca</u> <u>The memberships</u> do not automatically renew.

#### FIRST COUNCIL MEETING OF THE YEAR

The first Council Meeting of School Representatives is being held on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 beginning at 6pm. Sandwiches will be available at 5:15 in the auditorium of Barnett House. Reps will be asked to update the number of teaching staff at their sites and place orders for Members' Diaries. For a complete list of the Council dates, please visit: <a href="https://www.local54.teachers.ab.ca">www.local54.teachers.ab.ca</a>

## 100 SUBSTITUTE DAYS - Local draw at 12:00 noon, Sept. 26/08

The draw for the 100 sub days granted through the Collective Agreement 6.2(b) to attend **ATA Specialist Council Conferences** will take place on Friday, September 26 at noon. All recipients will be notified at the beginning of October. If you would like to enter the draw for one of these substitute days, please fax the following information-on your school's letterhead-to the Local office (780-454-1250): your name, your email address, the name of the specialist conference you will be attending and the date you will require your substitute. For detailed information about each conference, please visit the ATA's website: <a href="https://www.teachers.ab.ca">www.teachers.ab.ca</a>

### LOCAL PD GRANT APPLICATIONS-Draw: 12:00 noon, Sept. 25/08

PD Grant Applications (white-I per teacher) were sent out in a previous mailing. The Local allots \$20,000.00 for PD Grants per year. A draw for the Grants-In-Aid will take place on Thursday, September 25, 2008 at noon. All applicants will be notified of their status by the beginning of October. Please note: you are only eligible for the Local Grant-In-Aid once every two years.

#### ECSSA REP AS GIFT BEARER FOR SCHOOL OPENING CELEBRATION

A note of thanks to Lise Viel, ECSSA Representative, who volunteered to be one of the gift bearers at the Opening Mass on August 27, 2008. Her name was omitted from the list printed in Intercom #1, September 4, 2008.

#### **WORDS OF INSPIRATION**

"Be kinder than necessary because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle." ~Anonymous

## Included in this mailing:

Advertisement for position of Executive Director... one per teacher...(pumpkin) **Printed on reverse side:** 

Draft Agenda for September 23 Council meeting

### **Meetings and Events**

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008 Council Mtg. #01, 6pm, Auditorium, Barnett House. Sandwiches available at 5:15pm.

Sept. 25 (eve)-27, 2008
Beginning Teachers' Conf.
Fantasyland Hotel. Visit
www.teachers.ab.ca for info.

Sunday, October 5, 2008 World Teacher Day

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008 Executive Mtg. #2, 4:30pm, Room 406, Barnett House

Monday, Oct. 13, 2008 Thanksgiving Holiday

### Website:

www.local54.teachers.ab.ca

#### Local Email:

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Sandy Gillis, Local 54

J. Bossmin, Office Manager jbossmin@telusplanet.net

### **Council Dates:**

Tuesday, Sept. 23/08

Tuesday, Oct. 28/08

Tuesday, Dec. 2/08

Tuesday, January 20/09

Tuesday, Feb. 24/09

Tuesday, March 17/09

Tuesday, April 21/09

Tuesday, June 2/09