

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT-WORLD TEACHERS' DAY (Oct. 5)

The theme of this year's World Teachers' Day is *Teachers Change Your Life*. I invite you all to take some time during this week to share the story of a significant teacher in your life; the one who inspired you to pursue this wonderful career, the one who recognized you at a time when you needed the listening ear or encouraging hug. The list could be long but I am willing to believe the stories will be heart-warming and bring back a flood of memories. At the same time please be assured that on a daily basis you have the opportunity to be that "change" in a life that is sitting before you. Your professionalism and caring ways will continue to inspire students who now more than ever crave the attentive listening of an adult with no agenda other than caring deeply for their well being.

Inspirational stories of teachers are numerous and in a quiet time while surfing you might consider the following as just one site that documents such stories. Read between the lines: you are all in there: <http://www.lessonplanspage.com/inspiration.htm>  
Take pride in, and thanks for all that you do. ~Sandy Gillis, President

### LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE NEEDS MEMBERS

Markiana Cyncar-Hryschuk, Local Communications' Officer, is inviting those interested in becoming part of the Local's Communications' Committee to email Jan at the Local office: [jbossmin@telusplanet.net](mailto:jbossmin@telusplanet.net). One of the special projects this year will be to resurrect **the etcetera** publication. For further information regarding **the etcetera**, please see the Communications' Officer's Report from the September 23 Council Meeting of School Representatives. Teachers have been asked to send submissions for this project to [gmchugh@telusplanet.net](mailto:gmchugh@telusplanet.net)

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AN ATA PRE-RETIREMENT WORKSHOP?

The ATA, Teacher Welfare Area, is offering Pre-Retirement Workshops for teachers. If enough interest is shown, the Local will organize a presentation. Please email Jan at the Local office, if you would be interested in attending: [jbossmin@telusplanet.net](mailto:jbossmin@telusplanet.net). Dates will be determined based on registration. The Association also offers members individual retirement consultation through the ATA Pension Consultants: 780-475-3565.

### NEW TEACHER WELCOMING CEREMONY—Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008

The New Teacher Welcoming Ceremony has been scheduled for Thursday, October 30, 2008. This evening will provide an official welcome to teachers who are new to the profession and experienced teachers who are new to the province of Alberta. Invitations to this special evening will be sent out at the beginning of October. Included in last week's mailing was an information sheet to be filled out indicating interested teachers at your school site who wish to be invited to this special event. Principals, mentor teachers, and guests of the new teachers, are most welcome to attend.

### WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"Only the mediocre are at their best." ~ JEAN GIRAUDOUX

#### Included in this mailing:

1. Letters to recipients of the 100 Subs to attend Specialist Council Conferences
2. Letters to recipients of the Local PD Grants In Aid
3. Member diaries as per requests (under separate cover)

**Printed on reverse side:** Nothing

### Meetings and Events

**Sunday, October 5, 2008**  
World Teachers' Day

**Monday, October 6, 2008**  
PD Book Share, 4:30pm,  
Room 140, Barnett House

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

**Monday, Oct. 13, 2008**  
Thanksgiving Holiday

**Wed., Oct. 15, 2008**  
Maternity Leave Information  
Night, 7pm, Room 502, Barnett House

**Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008**  
Council Mtg. #02, 6pm,  
Auditorium, Barnett House.  
Sandwiches available at  
5:15pm.

#### Website:

[www.local54.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.local54.teachers.ab.ca)

#### Local Email:

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#### Council Dates:

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