

A NOTE FROM RMEC

Just a small reminder from the Religious and Moral Education Specialist Council that your ATA fee covers the cost of a specialist council membership of your choice (no extra charge). Further, the members of RMEC are praying that you will choose their Council. To learn more about RMEC you can email:

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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 were sent out at the beginning of October. Included in the September 25 mailing was an information sheet to be filled out indicating interested teachers at your school site who wish to be invited to participate in this ceremony. Principals, mentor teachers, and guests of the new teachers, are most welcome to attend. Please note: a social will follow the welcoming ceremony.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE IS MEETING AT THE END OF OCTOBER

The scholarship committee will be meeting at the end of October to award the 6 Local scholarships. Due to FOIP regulations, applicant information will be held at the Local office until the committee convenes. Applicants will be notified of their status by the committee and the successful students will be invited to receive their awards at the December 2 Council Meeting of School Representatives.

MEMBERS' DIARIES

The Local office has distributed all of the of Members' Diaries which were ordered. Thank you to all who placed their orders for their members.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

The DEHR Committee will have its first meeting of the year on Wed., October 15 at 4:15pm in Room 277 of St. Joseph High School. On the agenda is identifying issues for discussion and research and organization. For more information, please contact Lynn Smarsh at smarshd@ecsd.net

ATA PRE-RETIREMENT WORKSHOP

We are receiving a significant amount of interest in the ATA offered Pre-Retirement Workshop. Please continue advising us if you wish to attend by emailing jbossmin@telusplanet.net and we will schedule a session shortly following the Christmas Break. Please note: the Association also offers members individual retirement consultation through the ATA Pension Consultants: 780-475-3565.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"You may have to fight a battle more than once to win it."
~ MARGARET THATCHER

Included in this mailing: Nothing
Printed on reverse side: Nothing

Meetings and Events

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.

Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008

New Teacher Welcoming
Ceremony, 7pm, Auditorium,
Barnett House. Social to
follow.

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2008

Remembrance Day Holiday

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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