

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings teachers:

Here's hoping that everyone had a most restful and thankful weekend with family and friends. We have an exciting month ahead as we look forward to a by-election for a new Vice President. The position was created as Wayne Prokopiw became Chair of our Economic Policy Committee (EPC). Please make sure to look at the posters distributed to all sites about our two candidates and cast a vote during voting week.

Your school representative will be bringing back details of the speeches which will be held on the evening of October 20th.

In November, the District will be submitting a brief to government regarding cutbacks and claw backs. The parents' group met with board representatives at St Joseph's on October 1st and, in November, we will be asking as many of our school representatives and other teachers to join us at Barnett House for an hour or so of table talk in order to get our teachers' views presented as well. There will be more to follow so please stay in touch with your school rep for date and time.

Our October Council meeting will be one of celebration. All committee reports will be written and we will be honored by a visit from our new ATA president, Carol Henderson, who will address Council for the first time.

All principals and our Kathy are away this week for the annual Leadership Academy in Jasper. We wish them safe travel and lots of good learning.

Blessings to all, Sandy

PD FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

On Wednesday, October 28th, the Local's Substitute Committee, chaired by Dolores Gillett, will be offering a Beginning Level Smart Board Workshop. The session will be presented by Marcel Evaristo, teacher at St. James School, 7814-83 St, at 7pm. The topic for this session will be: *Intro to Notebook 10*. Please register by email: jan.bossm@ecteachers.ca

CARING FOR OUR MEMBERS

Please advise the Local office (451-1196) of instances of bereavement, illness or births, so that the Local can recognize them accordingly.

SPECIALIST COUNCIL MEMBERSHIPS

Just a reminder, that all active members are eligible for a Specialist Council membership. All memberships expire on August 31 of each year and must be renewed by visiting: www.teachers.ab.ca The cost for these memberships is included in your ATA annual fees so please renew today.

TEACHERS' PLANS FOR SUBSTITUTES

Just a reminder about substitute teaches in your school. When leaving plans for your absence, please ensure that you understand section 2.6a of the Collective Agreement:

"A substitute teacher shall normally follow the schedule of the teacher who is absent from duties. Any alteration to the regular schedule will be explained to the substitute by school administration upon request and must comply to adjustments which might normally occur if the absent teacher was in attendance."

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them." ~ MICHAEL JORDAN

Included in this mailing: Poster for PD Book Club...(ultra pink-one per rep)...please post and share

Meetings and Events

Monday, Oct. 19, 2009

Maternity Leave Information
Night, 7pm, Room 502,
Barnett House

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009

Council Mtg. #2, 6pm,
Auditorium, Barnett House
(ballots for by-election will be
distributed)-sandwiches at 5:15pm

October 21-26, 2009

Voting will take place at school
sites for Local Vice President.
Substitutes are asked to vote at
the Local office-information will
be posted on AESOP.

Wed., Oct. 21, 2009

Social Justice Committee Mtg., 4-
5pm, Room 402, Barnett House

Monday, Oct. 26, 2009

Scholarship Committee Mtg., 8:30
-4:30pm, Room 406, Barnett
House

Monday, Oct. 26, 2009

PD Committee Mtg., 4:30; Book
Share 5-6:30pm, Room 140, BH

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009

Ballots returned to Local office by
4pm, Room 402, Barnett House

Website:

www.local54.teachers.ab.ca

Council Dates:

- Tuesday, Oct. 20/09
- Tuesday, Dec. 15/09
- Tuesday, January 19/10
- Tuesday, Feb. 16/10
- Tuesday, March 16/10
- Tuesday, April 20/10
- Tuesday, May 18/10