

THE INTERCOM

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AND THE WINNER IS.....

Laura Herasymiuk (St. Dominic) was the winner of the Local News trivia contest. She knew that 9 of the 20 trustee candidates were once teachers. Enjoy your dinner out, Laura!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Greetings everyone!

The election is now history and the city, school boards and surrounding municipalities begin the day with the promise of new leadership whether it is by incumbents or new faces. Our District will have three new trustees around the table and, on behalf of all of us, I extend congratulations to the successful candidates and a warm welcome to our new trustees Acheson, Kowalczyk and Thibert. As well, we thank trustees Arcilla and Pelech for their years of service and wish them every blessing and success in their future endeavors. We also recognize and are grateful for all those who entered the race during this election proving that at least one level of our democracy is alive and well. Now if only there was some way to get every citizen who is eligible to cast a vote at the polling station! The next few years will present ongoing challenges for our Board and who knows what surprises await us all around the next corner? We are always living in interesting times and it is through the cooperation and goodwill of all stakeholders that the goals of our city and schools can be achieved.

This is once again an incredibly busy school year and as we get ready for our first reporting period and IPP meetings, we are keenly aware of the endless tasks that teachers take on in the run of a day! A visitor to the school last week commented on the World Teacher Day theme "Teachers---Doing It Right!" "No, no," he said, "It should have said "Teachers---Doing Everything!" No higher praise to all of you. Keep up the fantastic work and please take care of each other ☺ ~Sandy

FREE P.D. FOR ALL 87 SCHOOLS!

This year, the Local's Professional Development fund will pay for each of our schools to access an ATA workshop for their teachers. Choose from over 50 different topics, including: Green Street-Environment and Global Education; Dealing with Bullying and Cyberbullying; Teachers and Parents-Same Goals, Different Roles; Differentiated Instruction; Learning Disabilities in the Inclusive Classroom; Developing Leadership Capacity and many more! Email or call Kathy (780 451-1196) to get more information.

RETIREMENT RECEPTION COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

The 2011 Teachers' Retirement Committee, chaired by Denis Gauthier, Assistant Principal, Holy Trinity High School, is looking for members to organize the 2011 Teachers' Retirement Mass and Reception. Please contact denis.gauthier@ecsd.net for more information. The first meeting of this committee will be held in January. Watch the Intercom for dates and times.

OPPORTUNITY FOR NEWLY APPOINTED ADMIN!

Included in the ATA school mailing was a poster advertising the Association's 2010 *Leadership Essentials for Administrators' Conference*, Nov. 15-16, in Edmonton. This conference is organized in conjunction with the Council on School Administration and will offer workshops as well as an opportunity to network with your colleagues. **The Local will offer \$250 each to four new administrators who would like to participate in this conference.** If you are interested in sponsorship, please email kathy.macisaac@ecteachers.ca For more information please visit: www.teachers.ab.ca>Resources for School-Based Administrators.

ETCATA Presents: "Tech or Treat"

On Saturday, Oct 30th, the Educational Technology Council of the ATA will be hosting a professional learning day for teachers, administrators, and technology coordinators! This event will feature opening keynote speaker Dr. Phil McRae's riveting presentation, "Recognizing the Signal(s) in All the Noise: Forecasting the Future Over 3 Horizons of Change" as well as two concurrent breakout sessions featuring 9 excellent topics ranging from interactive whiteboards, geocaching, Google Docs, and iPhones to digital citizenship and a 2Learn.ca World Cafe Discussion on cyber bullying. Exciting door prize draws include the new iPod Touch 4.0! For more information and to register, please visit <http://bit.ly/techortreat>.

Meetings & Events

Monday, October 25

New Teacher Mentorship Steering Committee Mtg., 4:15pm-Annunciation School

Tuesday, October 26

Meeting of Local Committee Chairs, 4pm, Room 120, Barnett House

Friday-Sat., Oct. 29/30

Substitute Conference- Barnett House, Edmonton

Monday, Nov. 1

ARA Meeting #1, 4:30pm, Room 140, Barnett House

Tuesday, Nov. 2

Executive Mtg. #3, 5pm, Boardroom

Monday, Nov. 8

ARA Meeting #2, 4:30pm, Room 140, Barnett House

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LIFE'S HANDBOOK OF WISDOM:

Teaching is the greatest act of optimism.

~Colleen Wilcox

Included in this mailing:

Nothing

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Teacher salary grid for 2010-2011