

Edmonton Catholic Teachers  
Local 54 of The Alberta Teachers' Association

THE INTERCOM - Happy Halloween

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**Draws for fabulous prizes!!!!**

To be eligible, the Local must have your personal email on file. Contact your Council Rep for more info.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Happy winter everyone!

It looks like we are able to give out popsicles on Halloween this year!

Where does the time go? Here we are in the midst of Halloween and Remembrance Day preparations with our first reporting period on the go and we are left wondering how our teachers get it all done and done so well. All of us who get to see teachers working daily in classrooms are in awe of their ability and devotion to the students. I do not need to list the numerous activities, duties and volunteer jobs teachers take on. One thing is certain and that is the absolute need for every one of us to make sure that we do not lose sight of community and the positive or negative effects that our actions and words have on the making or breaking of such. In the midst of all the noise we as staffs should find ways to care for each other. The new four letter word "busy" will get in the way of many opportunities to do this. We are going at breakneck speed in both our professional and personal lives and I really believe that we teachers are in key positions to offer an antidote to the frantic goings on! May I suggest drawing a staff member's name as a prayer buddy for a month and then switching in order to keep the activity alive? I urge us all to take some time at a staff meeting and have "caring for each other" as the only topic.

You are all good stuff! Take care, *Sandy*

### LOST AND FOUND

At the New Teacher Induction Ceremony held at the Highlands Golf Club on October 12<sup>th</sup>, one hoop earring was found at the end of the evening. Please phone the Local to have the earring returned to you.

### TO HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD! . . .

Included in this week's mailing is the Economic Policy Committee Survey for all teachers to complete and return to the Local office. The data obtained will be used for the next round of contract bargaining. Please give your completed survey to your school rep for return to the Local office by Friday, November, 12<sup>th</sup>.

### INTERESTED IN THE WORK OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE?

The 2010-2011 Scholarship and Bursary Committee, chaired by Angie Bober, teacher at Fresh Start Downtown, is looking for members to review and award this year's Local's scholarships and organize new funding for educational bursaries. Please contact [angie.bober@ecsd.net](mailto:angie.bober@ecsd.net) for more information. The first meeting of this committee will be held in mid November. Watch the Intercom for dates and times.

### 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.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE ADMINISTRATORS:

Congratulations to Dwayne Tymchyshyn (Katherine Therrien) and Suzanne LeGars (St. Boniface) who won \$250 sponsorship from the Local to attend the Association's 2010 Leadership Essentials for Administrators' Conference, Nov. 15-16, in Edmonton.

### Meetings & Events

#### 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

#### Thursday, Nov. 11

Remembrance Day  
Holiday

#### Friday, Nov. 12

EPC Survey deadline

#### Wednesday, Nov. 17

Diversity, Equity and Human  
Rights Committee Mtg.,  
4:30pm, Room 279,  
St. Joseph HS

#### Thursday, Nov. 18

Substitute Mtg. #2, 7pm,  
St. James School-  
7814-83 St

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### LIFE'S HANDBOOK OF WISDOM:

Always borrow money  
from a pessimist. He  
won't expect it back.

#### Included in this mailing:

EPC Survey to be returned  
by Nov. 12

Printed on reverse: DEHR  
questionnaire