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SPECIAL NOTICE

Your convention website is up and running!
Visit www.getca.com for session information and registration.
ID lanyards will be distributed by your school rep in late February.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings everyone

Welcome to a few days of plus zero and, given road conditions, a shortage of windshield wash!

This past week has been very interesting for us as a Local as most of our conversation has, in one way or another, turned to speculation about our Government's "proposal" to school boards and teachers. The conversations have been very intense at times and common themes emerge stemming from our inability to trust our leaders, who attempted to deny teachers the AAWE increase this past year. There is a collective sigh when a "deal" is brokered or talked about and many of our members say that there is little evidence of integrity which gets in the way of open dialogue. As teachers we need to have an assurance that our concerns are noted and our wishes listened to and taken into account. None of us has a definitive answer to the questions coming out of these tripartite discussions so once again I say that a good defense is good information. Right now I suggest we look to the provincial ATA website www.teachers.ab.ca each day where any news will be posted for us. Additionally, I recommend two articles from our ATA News dated August 24 and September 7. The first is called "Q and A- Extended labour peace- the year ahead" and the second is "Partners to discuss the future of education." Both of these will be in your staffrooms in print or you can find them on-line.

Please keep the discussions going and take every opportunity to stay informed and be gentle with each other when the conversations heat up!!

Take care, Sandy

YOUR LOCAL SUPPORTS TEACHER FAITH FORMATION AND GRADUATE COURSES!

Teachers! Are you taking courses in Catholic faith formation? Graduate studies or other post-secondary courses? The Local is pleased to announce that you may be eligible for a bursary in an amount up to \$1000 towards the cost of the course, conference, or seminar you are registered in. Please submit the application form on the back of today's Intercom to the Local office by March 18th when a draw will be made for 12 bursaries. For more information, contact Kathy MacIsaac (780-451-1196).

MATERNITY LEAVE INFORMATION NIGHT—Wednesday, February 16, 2011

If you are expecting a baby, or planning to start a family soon, we invite you and a guest to register for our Local's Maternity Leave Information Night being held Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at Barnett House beginning at 7:00pm. Topics covered during the evening will include: the Collective Agreement, Employment Insurance, and ASEBP. Refreshments will be served. Please register by emailing: jan.bossmmin@ecteachers.ca

SEARCH THE NET BETTER, FASTER: GOOGLE AND BEYOND! Limited to 25!

The Local's PD Committee, chaired by Marcel Evaristo (St. Alphonsus) has organized a two part tech session for you! Do you feel overwhelmed when you do a Google search? Do you have trouble finding what you're looking for? Help has arrived! During this session you will learn about the exciting and surprising resources available through the ATA library website! The ATA librarian, Sandra Anderson will show you tips and tricks for getting exactly what you want out of Google. You'll see other search engines and learn why you may want to use them instead of Google. Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 9th and 16th at St. James School at 4:30pm. Please register by email: jan.bossmmin@ecteachers.ca Refreshments will be served.

MY ALBERTA SCHOOL CONTEST WINNERS

To view the My Alberta School Contest winners' submissions please visit www.teachers.ab.ca
First place (\$5000) to Athabasca Delta Community School; runner-up (\$1500) Bert Church High School; third place (\$1000) Namao School. The Local congratulates all winners and participants.

FURNITURE AVAILABLE

If you or your school needs 6 upholstered gray stackable chairs and/or a gently used desk with two drawers, please contact Kathy @ kathy.macisaac@ecteachers.ca Dimensions of desk: 66" L x 29" W.

Meetings & Events

Monday, January 31, 2011

PD Mentorship Steering Committee Mtg., 4:30pm, Annunciation School

Monday, January 31, 2011

Part 2 of the Local's Pre-Retirement Workshop, 5:15 (dinner)-5:30 start time, Auditorium, Barnett House

Tuesday, February 1, 2011

District Faith Development Day-Shaw Conference Centre

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Executive Mtg. #6, 5-7pm, Boardroom, Barnett House

Wed., Feb. 9 & 16, 2011

Local Continuing Teacher PD 2-part tech workshop "Google and Beyond!"- St. James School, 4:30pm Limited to 25.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"Not all who wander are lost."

~Jake and Rocket
"Life is Good"

Included in this mailing:

Poster: U of A Edmonton Lifelong Learners Assn.

Magazine: ARTA News & Views

Printed on reverse:

Application form for Local Bursaries for teachers



EDMONTON CATHOLIC TEACHERS' LOCAL
\$1000 BURSARY APPLICATION
 FOR FAITH FORMATION/GRADUATE COURSES/CONFERENCES
 Submission deadline: Friday, March 18, 2011

The Local encourages its members to improve their professional skills and knowledge and strengthen their Catholic faith by enrolling in courses or attending conferences that take place between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011 (the Local's fiscal year). To apply, complete this form, sign it and mail it (or send through IMC) to: Kathy MacIsaac, ECT Local, Suite 402, Barnett House. All entries must be received before Friday, March 18, 2011. **Faxes and emails will not be accepted.**

Six bursaries at a maximum of \$1000 each will be awarded to teacher members of Local 54 who are pursuing post-secondary studies. Six bursaries at a maximum of \$1000 each will be awarded to teachers members who are enrolled in faith formation courses. (Teachers currently enrolled in a District-funded religious education program are not eligible.)

CONDITIONS:

- Teachers will be eligible for this bursary once every 2 years
- This bursary will be awarded for courses/conferences completed or to members intending to use the monies this financial year.
- The names of the 12 bursary recipients will be drawn from the list of qualified applicants. All applicants will be informed of the results of the draw.
- The names of the bursary recipients will be posted on the Local's website.
- Each bursary will be awarded up to and not exceeding \$1000 upon proof of completion and based on receipts submitted.
- Each bursary will be paid after the Local Executive Director receives (a) proof of payment, (b) proof that the course or conference took place between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011 and (c) proof of successful completion.

Name: _____ School: _____

Home address: _____ City/Town: _____

Postal code: _____ Contact phone: _____

Email address: _____

Indicate area of study, course name, institution, conference, date and location:

DATE _____ **SIGNATURE** _____

Entry by application in the above draw is voluntary. The collection, use and disclosure of the personal information requested above is the purposes of (1) determining applicants' eligibility to enter the draw, (2) advising all applicants of draw results, and (3) publishing the winners' names.