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AN INVITATION TO ALL TEACHERS!

Are you on Facebook?
Do you tweet?

You are invited to attend a session on technology use and employment given by Marv Hackman, Executive Assistant in Member Services of the ATA. Marv's presentation will discuss how to use technology and social networking sites without jeopardizing your career. Join us on Tuesday, January 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Barnett House (11010-142 Street)

ATTENTION ALL TEACHERS!

We need 10 minutes of your time!!
The ATA, in collaboration with a research team from the U of A, is conducting a study on how teachers use digital technology to personalize learning. Please add your important voice to this study by going to www.flexteaching.ca
The survey will close on February 18th. For more information, email philip.mcrae@ata.ab.ca



Local President Sandy Gillis presents a cheque to Bernie McCracken of the St. Vincent De Paul Society

EDMONTON CATHOLIC TEACHERS' GENEROSITY GOES A LONG WAY...

Our December meeting of School Reps may have taken place on a snowy and blustery evening, but the spirit in the auditorium was one of warmth and generosity. More than 125 teachers and special guests, including scholarship winners and their families, as well as ATA President Carol Henderson and Vice President Sharon Armstrong, braved the cold for an evening of Christmas cheer. Recent high school graduates were honored, as were Educational Trust Award winning-teachers Sonia Mangieri (Learning Services Innovation) and Akua Kankam (Father Michael Troy). On behalf of Edmonton Catholic Teachers, President Sandy Gillis made two significant presentations, the first in the amount of \$7777.95 ---collected at the School Opening Mass---and donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society. Bernie McCracken, President of the Society, gratefully accepted the cheque, noting that the money would make a big difference in helping the homeless and less fortunate in our midst.

A donation of \$1043.88 was also presented to Father Bob Colburn of the Spiritan Fathers, in honor of Father Michael Troy's marvelous work with both students and teachers of Edmonton Catholic.

For the second year, your Local also supported CBC Radio's Christmas Turkey Drive and some of you might have heard Sandy's words of wisdom on Ron Wilson's morning show, when he made a donation of \$1000 to support the Edmonton Food Bank.

Our sincere thanks to all of you---not only for your generosity, but for the way you spread the love of Christ each and every day in your classrooms.

Personal e-mail address winners!

So far, more than 1000 teachers have submitted their personal e-mail addresses to the Local. Thank you! Having these addresses will allow us to communicate directly with you when contract negotiations begin in 2012 (or sooner!) All addresses received by December 1st were entered into the draw. Our two grand prize winners were: Kathy Bell (Good Shepherd) who won a 42" plasma TV donated by Randy Pearson of Morgex Insurance and Sara Kolody (St. Vincent), winner of the \$300 West Jet travel certificate. Additional prizes were awarded to Monica Roppo (Archbishop O'Leary), Andrea Gabourey (Grandin), Sue Leveille (Louis St Laurent), Maureen Kennedy (H.E. Beriault), and Trevor Kellock (St. Nicholas). Congratulations to all!
The Local is continuing to accept personal email addresses, which can be forwarded to kathy.macisaac@ecteachers.ca

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THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA CONTEST

Did you know that Edmonton Catholic Teachers is the oldest Local in the province? This year, 2011, marks the celebration of how many years of our existence?

This month's winner will receive a \$25.00 gift card from a local business. Be the first to email Kathy with the correct response: kathy.macisaac@ecteachers.ca



Message from the President

Greetings and a very happy 2011!

The New Year greets us with the hopefulness that we worked and prayed for throughout the Advent season. Christmas has come and gone and the lights that graced our homes and city have been put away for another year. Our Catholic schools go beyond the emotional highs of the season and we embrace this new year with strength and vigor. As teachers, we seem to be always looking to the future even if only to tomorrow for the next lesson, the next field trip, the next test, the next break and eventually the next year. When we get caught up in the hectic life we all lead, we invariably let the present day slip away without acknowledging or being aware of events swirling around us and those we care for. The coming year holds many surprises for us all and not all the events that come our way will be pleasurable! Thank heaven most will be --- but as staffs who work and play together, we need to focus intentionally on how we will be with each other in community. We have the wonderful opportunity to provide ongoing friendship and support to each other as we deal with things both professional and personal. New Year's resolutions aside, I simply ask that we be resolute in our determination to care deeply for each other and be the listening ear and helping hand to all we work with.


Take care,

Sandy



Father Bob Colburn accepts a donation to the Spiritan Fathers in memory of Father Michael Troy.

PD opportunity for all teachers!



Integrating Citizenship Education into Alberta Classrooms

The Alberta Teachers' Association | John Hemptre Centre

Join us and get inspired to teach citizenship education! This event will feature valuable resources, workshops and networking opportunities for Alberta elementary and secondary teachers and education students.

January 28, 2011
Burnett House
11010 142 Street NW, Edmonton
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
\$75 Registration (\$60 for Students)
(includes lunch & teaching resources)
Registration Deadline: January 16
LIMITED SPACE
To register, please go to
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/pd_day_jan28
Visit www.teachers.ab.ca or www.jhcentre.org for more information.