

Week of Nov. 5, 2012 Issue No. 2

Local Ph: 780-451-1196 Local Fax: 780-454-1250 SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:
Fireside chat with the Prez!
Note date change:

Wednesday, Nov. 14 7-10pm Jeffrey's Café , 9640-142 Street

NOTE: DATE CHANGE!! MEET THE LOCAL PRESIDENT- Fireside Chat with Greg Carabine

This year the Local President, Greg Carabine, will be available to members during monthly fireside chats at various locations around the city. The first of these evenings is taking place on Wednesday, November 14, at 7pm, at Jeffrey's Café, 9640-142 Street. Stop by for an informal conversation with Greg. Stay as long as you like. CASUAL!!

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: BYOD (Bring your own device)

On Thursday, Nov. 29, the Edmonton Catholic Teachers Substitute Committee, chaired by Mary Giampa, is pleased to host a meeting for substitute teachers followed by a PD session "Teaching with iPads."

Shauna MacDonald, an Instructor with the Department of English and Communications and Coordinator of the iPad Faculty Community at NAIT, will provide an interactive session introducing activities, apps, and connectivity methods that will help you to engage students, amplify curriculum, and conduct both formative and summative assessment. No prior experience is necessary, as content will be tailored to interests and abilities of participants.

BYOD: Bring your own device (one activity will require the use of an Internet-enabled device including any smartphones, tablets, and laptops.) Meeting will start at 4:15pm and IPad PD will start at 5:15pm. Please register by email to: marygiampa@me.com

CARING FOR OUR MEMBERS - November update!

Thank you for contacting the Local with caring news. During October the Local has sent out 4 get well fruit baskets and flowers, nineteen baby gifts and will have 7 Masses offered for relatives of teachers who have passed away. We appreciate being able to offer support.

Please advise the Local office of instances of bereavement, illness or births, so that the Local can have a Mass offered, flowers or a gift sent on behalf of all teachers. Contact: jan.bossmin@ecteachers.ca The Mass request form is on the Local website.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS FOR THE CITY'S REUSE CENTRE –there is a waiting list!

The response for using the Local's membership cards for our city's Recycle Centre has been phenomenal! All 6 cards are out to teachers at schools all across the city and we have started a waiting list. There are treasures to be found at the Reuse, Recycle Centre.

If you would like to use a membership card to visit the City of Edmonton's Reuse Centre to obtain recycled materials for your craft projects, used books and other treasures, please email jan.bossmin@ecteachers.ca and your name will be put on a waiting list. The Local has purchased 2 cards with a total of 50 visits so that this "creative" opportunity is available to more teachers.

MATERNITY LEAVE INFORMATION NIGHT – session update

Forty people attended the fall Maternity Leave Information Night held Oct. 29. Everyone finished the session well informed and several lucky attendees left with beautiful door prizes. The Local would like to thank Sean McGuinness and Orlene Algeo from the District's Human Resource Services, who participated in the Q & A. The next information night will be offered in February.

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