

Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association

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... from the President's desk



'Tis the season. The season for new beginnings. Report cards are done, interviews have wrapped up and we are on to new topics and routines.

'Tis the season. The season for shopping, gift giving, decorating; the Christmas tree, the fireplace mantel, the lights on the roof and in the yard.

Christmas 'tis the season for many things. We all have our family traditions that we follow throughout Christmas. Christmas is about giving and receiving. Usually there is more emphasis on the giving rather than the receiving (although both are nice!). We need to stop and realize that as educators of children, our season of giving is throughout the whole school year. We give in many different ways to our students. Sometimes the least little thing that we do without even thinking about it is to some students the greatest gift of all. Just remember that we are important, influential people in our student's lives. Not just Christmas is for giving. Monday is. Tuesday is. Wednesday is. Thursday is. Friday is. Don't ever underestimate what affect you might be having on all your students; yes, even those you think you have not gotten through to. They may not realize it now, but later in their lives they will come to appreciate everything their teachers did for them when they were in school.

I hope that all of you have a wonderful Christmas season. Those of you who are in charge of your school's Christmas program, my thoughts and best wishes go with you. (Believe me I know!) Everything will be fine. The Christmas show will be wonderful. If you're wondering if your students will even appreciate the little extras that come with the season, be reassured that they will appreciate it and remember it in years to come. Merry Christmas and best wishes for the Holiday Season.

- Debbie McPherson

Reminder to School Reps

Our January rep meeting will be held Wednesday, January 6th (first day back). The rep meeting will begin immediately following the General Membership Meeting. Please mark it on your calendar. We will be having Christmas dinner. Please advise if not attending.



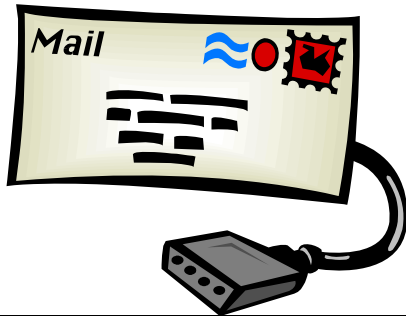
White Ribbon Campaign

Please remember to wear your white ribbons for Dec. 6th.
(What the heck, wear them all weekend.)



STF T-MAIL

All bargaining updates will be sent through our STF Tmail accounts. Please make sure you go on the site and get your account straightened out so that you can access this information.



Honorary Member Nominations

Nominations are still being accepted for PAATA Honorary Members. Please submit names to the PAATA office.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 6th
John Diefenbaker School
4:45 p.m.

Topic: Constitution
Resolutions

Attention All Teachers

SUMMIT FITNESS is offering to all teachers, the Parkland Health Region rate for a yearly membership. Just identify yourself as a teacher when you go to sign up.



CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

If you have a resolution you would like considered for STF Spring Council please submit them to the PAATA office by January 5th. Any topics will be accepted. If you are not sure how to word your resolution, we can help.

