

Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association

NEWSLETTER

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December 2002

... from the President's desk

I hope December finds you all fully recuperated from report cards and parent-teacher interviews and ready to tackle Christmas Concerts and Celebrations as well as shopping, decorating, baking, and entertaining for the Christmas Season. I need to continually remind myself that nurturing relationships is more important than all the other 'stuff' we put ourselves through in preparation for Christmas. Be sure to be good to yourself over this Christmas Holiday.

The executive welcomed our newest Councillor, Linda Bates, at our last executive meeting. Linda teaches in Christopher Lake and has been involved in local and provincial association business before. She has served on TWAC (Teacher Welfare Advisory Committee) and has been involved in LINC negotiations with the former Rural Teachers' Association. I am sure she will be a strong member on the P.A.A.T.A. executive.

If an education leave is in your future you should be getting your information together over the Christmas holiday. Please be aware of the following important dates:

P.A. Catholic - January 30 -- Professional Advancement Leave Deadline

Sask. Rivers - December 15 - January 15 -- Education Leave Applications Dates

On behalf of the executive, I extend sincere wishes for a wonderful Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

- Andrea Gareau

PAATA Convention 2003 -- "An Unbeatable Team"

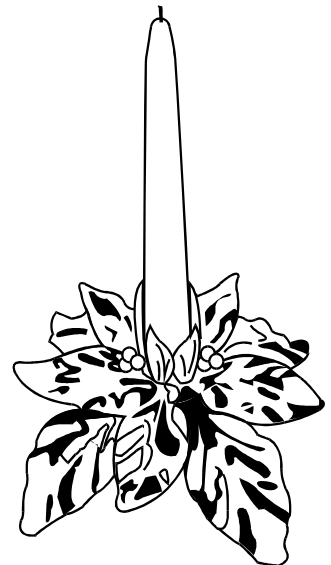
Convention is coming up quickly and plans are taking shape. This year we are pleased to bring to you Mr. Hugh Culver. Mr. Culver has an expedition team that hosts trips to the South Pole. His topic will be "Teambuilding". We expect him to bring us some great ideas about how to build cohesion on our staffs, in our classrooms and on the courts.

We are also partnering with the Prince Albert Community Against Violence to bring in Dr. Peter Jaffe from the London Ontario Justice System. Dr. Jaffe has developed a School Based Anti-Violence Program and will be speaking on "Children Subjected to Violence".

Presenters for the small sessions are also being recruited. We are looking for ideas. If you have attended any conferences and were impressed by a presenter, please pass along names and contact information to: Janet Partaik or Marilyn Young at Carlton 922-3115 Janet (ext 256) Marilyn (ext. 373) fax 763-1770 or email to jpartaik@carlton.paschools.pa.sk.ca or myoung@carlton.paschools.pa.sk.ca.

Thank you for your support and ideas.

Janet and Marilyn
Convention 2003, Co-chairs





A message from your Professional Development Committee

The PAATA Professional Development Committee is looking for Professional Development suggestions, Ideas, Presenters, etc. from the PAATA membership.

Watch for a survey in the newsletter early 2003.

Contact **Shannon Fiddler at Red Wing** or **Sandra Putland at Berezowski**.

Convention 2003

Theme: "An Unbeatable Team"

Have you attended an excellent workshop or conference speaker lately? if you have suggestions for topics and/or speakers for small group sessions at our February convention please contact:

Janet Partiak or Marilyn Young
(Convention Co-Chairs)

Fax: 764-1770 - Carlton



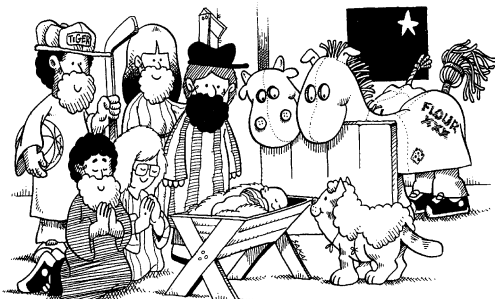
PAATA wishes to put together a collection of educational websites that our members have found to be helpful. A variety of grade levels would be very useful. Please complete the information below and fax to the PAATA office at 764-1430. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Site Address: _____
Appropriate Grade Level(s): _____
Subject Areas(s): (Math/Science.L.A.) _____
General Comments: _____

Call For Resolutions

Please submit resolutions to **Dan McAvoy** at **St. Anne School (fax: 922-7549)**. The deadline is **January 15th, 2003**.

Resolutions General Meeting - January 22, 2003



"Zachary, try to remember. Whose baby did you borrow?"

Rather than trying to be perfectly fair and perfectly in command of what we teach -- as good examiners ought to be -- we should reveal our own position, particularly our doubts, ambivalences, and biases. We should show we are still learning, still willing to look at things in new ways, still sometimes uncertain or even stuck, still willing to ask naive questions, still engaged in the interminable process of working out the relationship between what we teach and the rest of our lives. Even though we are not wholly peer with our students, we can still be peer in this crucial sense of also being engaged in learning, seeking, and being incomplete. Significant learning requires change, inner readjustments, willingness to let go. We can increase the chances of our students being willing to undergo the necessary anxiety involved in change if they see we are also willing to undergo it.

Elbow, P. (1983). Embracing contraries in the teaching process. College English 45 (4) pp. 327-339.



Learning From Practice Conference

November 15-16, 2002

Friday evening was a time for connecting. Participants were able to re-connect with old friends, connect with new friends and remember our former friend Dr. Stirling McDowell who passed away this year.

This year's recipient of the Dr. Stirling McDowell Research Award was Dr. Angela Ward, Professor at the University of Saskatchewan. Angela was a worthy winner, as she has assisted with many teachers who have done research for their Foundation grants and thesis work. Besides helping teachers, she has embarked on several research projects herself, that have taken her around the world. Angela is well respected by her peers and we congratulate her on this award.

Dr. Lynda Wason-Ellam was the keynote speaker for Friday night. Lynda is a Professor of Curriculum Studies for the College of education at the University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Wason-Ellam provided food for thought, when "viewing" many of the western advertisements, for so called educational games and computer programmes.

Saturday was packed with structured presentations, research strategies, and round table discussions. The Prince Albert projects included "The Adaptive Dimension: The Road Not Taken" and "It's O.K. To Have This Book in Your Public School Library". Other session titles included: "Using 'Teacher Skill' in Your Research Project," Respecting and Responding to the Voices of Aboriginal Students, "Developing Secondary Students' Mathematical Understanding Through Student Interaction," Metamorphosis Through A Child's Garden," Beyond the Mouse and Modem," Teachers, Boys and Schools: An Action Research Project, "Different Minds Learn Differently," Community Schools Transitions Support Project" and "Learning from Stories of Aboriginal Children and Families" were only a few of the choices that were available to the participants. This conference is an annual event in November, so you should consider it for one of your professional development activities.

- Kim Tadei, Vice-President

We are looking for Summer Short Course Ideas!

Planning for the 2003 summer program is now under way and we are seeking your assistance. We would like to hear from you about your professional development needs. Your suggestions for summer short course ideas can be submitted to the Federation on the attached form and returned by **December 20, 2002**.

The courses are 1 to 5 day non-credit workshops offered by teachers for teachers. The program includes courses based on a broad range of topics including P.A.A., Classroom Management, Equity in Education, Special Needs, Instructional Strategies, Computer Skills and General Curriculum.

SUGGESTIONS FOR 2003 SHORT COURSE OFFERINGS

Course Idea (add additional page if necessary)

Grades: All Grades

Suggested Saskatchewan Facilitator:

How to contact them: School Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Submitted by: _____ Your Phone Number: _____

PLEASE RETURN TO: Lynn Brown, Professional Development Department
Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation
2317 Arlington Avenue, Saskatoon SK S7J 2H8
FAX: 306-374-1122 E-mail: prodev@stf.sk.ca



Teachers Planning to Retire Pre-retirement Seminars

Attendance is intended for teachers planning to retire in the near future and their spouses. Plan now to attend an STF Pre-retirement Seminar.

Pre-registration is required by January 31, 2003 so that records and estimates can be prepared for distribution at the meetings: For applications received after January 31, applicants are welcome to attend the session; however, personal packages may not be available. The meetings are held in the evening from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Please indicate the session you would like to attend. Applicants will be advised of the specific locations with acknowledgement of registration.

Location	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Medicine Hat	February 21
<input type="checkbox"/> Lloydminster	February 24
<input type="checkbox"/> Saskatoon <small>(STP location)</small>	February 25
<input type="checkbox"/> Kindersley	March 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Swift Current	March 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Regina	March 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Estevan	March 6
<input type="checkbox"/> Tisdale	March 10
<input type="checkbox"/> Moose Jaw	March 11
<input type="checkbox"/> North Battleford	March 11
<input type="checkbox"/> Prince Albert	March 11
<input type="checkbox"/> Wadena	March 18
<input type="checkbox"/> Yorkton	March 18
<input type="checkbox"/> La Ronge	March 18
<input type="checkbox"/> Meadow Lake	March 19
<input type="checkbox"/> Saskatoon	March 25
<input type="checkbox"/> Saskatoon	March 27

If registration is insufficient, session(s) may be cancelled.

TRAVEL: Participants are responsible for their travel expenses.

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY.
DEADLINE IS
JANUARY 31, 2003.

REGISTRATION

Surname _____
 Given Names _____
 Teaching Cert. No. _____
 Social Ins. No. _____
 Home Address _____
 City/Town _____ Postal Code _____
 School Division _____
 Home Phone No. _____ School Phone No. _____
 Spouse's Name* _____
 Spouse's Birth Date* _____
*Please include these in order for pension plan administrator to calculate the upward adjustment option.

Which pension plan are you a member of:
 Saskatchewan Teachers Superannuation Plan (TSP)
 or
 Saskatchewan Teachers Retirement Plan (STRP)
 Will your spouse be attending? Yes No
 When do you intend to retire:
 June 2003 December 2003 June 2004
 Other _____
 Years of service purchased since June 30, 2002
 None Education
 Parenting Outside Provincial K-12
 Years of service transferred since June 30, 2002
 None
 _____ years, transferred from _____
 _____ years, transferred from _____

Part-time service in Saskatchewan
 Verification of part-time service has been provided to the pension plan administrator Yes No
 Return completed form to: Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, Teacher Welfare Department, 2317 Arlington Ave., Saskatoon, SK S7J 2H8

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NAME / NOM :

HOME ADDRESS / ADRESSE DOMICILIAIRE :

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SUBJECTS TAUGHT / MATIÈRES ENSEIGNÉES :

GRADE(S) TAUGHT / NIVEAU(X) SCOLAIRE(S) ENSEIGNÉ(S) :

WHAT TOPICS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN FUTURE CTF HORIZONS MAGAZINES?

QUELS SUJETS AIMERIEZ-VOUS QU'ON ABORDE DANS DES PROCHAINS NUMÉROS DE LA REVUE
HORIZONS DE LA FCE?

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