

Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association

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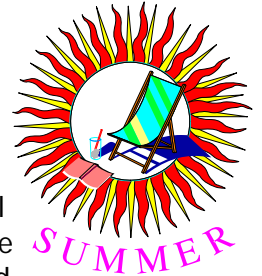
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June 2009

... from the President's desk

JUNE!!! Can you believe that it's really here already? There just aren't enough hours in the day to get everything done that we aspired to accomplish with our classes in the small amount of time left. It's that last push to complete delivery of our curriculum, plans for some kind of year-end activity with our students, special events like Grad, Superannuation, and good-byes to staff leaving for other schools next year. It's all important stuff and it all needs to get done. Somehow every year we manage to make the time for all of the above and remain sane. (At least most of us).



I hope along with the frantic hustle and bustle that you still manage to enjoy this final month with your students. Some you will be sad to see go, others not so sad. Talk about lifelong learners; sometimes our students teach us as much as we teach them. For those of you who are heading into your last set of report cards and year end trips, congratulations and all the best with your future plans. For those of you moving on to other school divisions, other interests, other careers; we hope you enjoyed your time with us.

To everyone who receives this newsletter, I wish a great, relaxing summer. Even though we have no control over the weather conditions, we do have control over how we deal with it and make the best of it. Enjoy your families, your gardens, your cabins, your RV's, boats, whatever your summer passion might be. I look forward to seeing everyone next year.

- Debbie McPherson

Superannuation Banquet

Wednesday, June 10, 2009
Marlboro Inn

Saskatoon Children' Choir In Concert

"Fare Thee Well"

Saturday, June 13th - 7:30 p.m.
E.A. Rawlinson Centre for the Arts

Adults: \$15 Seniors & Children: \$10
Box Office - 765-1270

Superannuates 2009

Sask. Rivers

Roberta Amos

Lori Ball

Gordon Bland

Donavon Elliott

Linda Franc-Vickers

Patricia Funk

Donalda Hansen

Patricia Jamieson

Betty Johnstone

Yanna Kilmer

Merv Letkeman

Bernice McNair

Colin Neudorf

Johanne Otte

Lynn Peterson

Leona Strelieff

Doreen White

P.A. Catholic

Pat Heffernan

Eugene Paquin

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One Million Acts of Green - The Canadian Teachers' Federation highlighted CBC's One Million Acts of Green to its member organizations.

****Tuesday, June 9**, One Million Acts of Green is sending out an open invitation to **teachers and students take part in an online webcast from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. EDT**. To find out more go to the STF website and check your Tmail for Federation Focus - Volume 1, Number 9.

Local Association

Leaders/Summer Seminar 2009 Monday, Tuesday, August 17 & 18, 2009

This 2 day event is intended to support the resourcefulness and leadership capacity of local associations in addressing aspirations and needs of the teaching profession. Each local association will receive funding for up to 10 participants. **Registrations must be submitted by the association president.** For more information please visit the STF website. If you are interested, please contact Debbie at the office (764-0299). Deadline for registration is June 26, 2009. **If you are interested in learning more about the workings of our association and the STF you would enjoy this seminar.**

Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation for Research into Teaching

In order to ensure that teachers are aware of educational research being carried out by their colleagues, The McDowell Foundation undertakes to inform local associations when a research grant is awarded to teachers or others in their school division. This year I am pleased to inform you that a research grant for 2009-2010 was awarded to the following project involving teachers from our local:

St. Francis School Writing Project: A School Wide Program to Improve the Writing Skills of Grade 1 to Grade 8 Students.

Mark Cantin, Renee Featherstone, Tina Mohr, Rod Orioux, Aimee Osmundson and Bev Scheirer.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

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House for Sale

This is a well kept home in a wonderful area with an incredible backyard. It is 1050 square feet complete with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and a double-attached garage. Extras include central air, underground sprinklers, alarm system and 5 appliances. Renos in the last 4 years are an energy efficient furnace, water heater, exterior, interior paint, deck, garden doors and chain link fence. Energy averages about \$125 and power approximately \$60. City taxes equate to \$2300. This super home is selling for \$235,000. Please call Rachele Kraus at 922-9031 or email me. rkraus@srsd119.ca

Congratulations to Jan Kupla, Bryn Michalchuk and Kendra Sittler on obtaining their Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology. This certification is in addition to their master's degrees and required them to pass a US national exam and successfully complete a nine month internship. All three are employees of Saskatchewan Rivers School Division. This certification makes them eligible to supervise speech-language pathology graduate-student interns.