



Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association

# NEWSLETTER

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## ... from the President's desk

March already. The time continues to fly. Your convention committee has been busy at work putting together our annual Convention. Included in this issue of the newsletter is various items of information regarding convention. I have included a grid of session titles. Each of the school PAATA reps will have received a copy of the session write-ups which also includes the presenter's name(s). Some sessions require pre-registration. Only the sessions that include **pre-registration required** require you to call and register. All other sessions are open for anyone to attend. You do not need to call in with the names of all the sessions you want to attend.

To pre-register, you must make your own contact. Only 1 registration will be accepted with each contact. **To pre-register for a session, please email to: paata@sasktel.net.** Registrations will be accepted in the order they are received. **All requests for pre-registration will be responded to. If you do not hear from the office, then they have not received your registration.** Technology is a wonderful thing when it is working and Royal Pain when it is not. Under the assumption that your school rep (or a substitute) attended the rep meeting, everyone should have received this information at the same time. No one will have an unfair advantage. However, if your rep did not attend the meeting you may have received this information late.

Again I would like to reiterate that parking at this year's convention will be a challenge. I would encourage all staff to talk about a possible plan for lessening the traffic at St. Mary's -- carpooling from your school parking lot where, if it is cold, you could plug in your car, or getting dropped off at the school by someone heading downtown anyway. I'm sure you can be creative.

We hope that a lot of you will take in the social time at Rockcees following our Monday Sessions. We'd love to see you there. Stop by, relax and have some fun. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday of Convention. Some of the topics we will deal with is Honorary Members, Budget, and Constitution are just a few.

The committee has done a lot of work and we are all hopeful that you will take advantage of the variety of sessions available, the quality of the Keynote Speakers and the participation of our STF staff in providing our professional sessions on Tuesday. We certainly appreciate that so many are able to come up and participate in our Convention. See you there.

- Debbie McPherson



### PAATA Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

St. Mary High School

2:45 p.m.

### Convention Social

Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Rockcees on 2nd

STF invites applications for the position of EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT to begin no later than August 1, 2009. Details are available on the website. Application deadline is: March 13, 2009 @ 5:00 p.m.

#### Pre-Retirement Seminar

The Prince Albert Seminar will be held on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for registration is February 9<sup>th</sup>. A registration form has been circulated in the STF Bulletin. If you require a copy of the form, contact the PAATA office - 764-0299. If registration is insufficient, the session may be cancelled.

# Sessions at a Glance

## Monday 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Basics of Web Design <b>141</b>	Curling Coaches Workshop <b>Golf and Curling Club</b>	Football 101: Receiver Skills and Drills <b>Rivier Gym</b>	Self Defense <b>B37</b>	Speed Stacking Cups <b>B21</b>
Becoming an In Motion School <b>136</b>	Dealing With Death: 'Let's Talk About Death <b>B24</b>	Hands on Woodworking <b>150</b>	Setting Up A Level One Response To Intervention Classroom Lecture Theatre <b>(Triple Session) Lecture Theatre</b>	Spice Up Your "Science Life" <b>228</b>
Box Cars & One-Eyed Jacks: Play on Words : Literacy Games Gr. 4-7 <b>Sacred Heart Church Basement</b>	Eliminating Chronic Poverty and Hunger <b>138</b>	Improving Math Outcomes by Reducing Math Anxiety <b>B25</b>	Soma Cubes and Brain Training <b>140</b>	Teachers Boot Camp <b>B40</b>
Changing Lives: One Arrow at a Time <b>204</b>	Exploring Appropriate Interventions: Students With Language Delays and Disorders Prek-1 <b>244</b>	Inquiry Education as a Student Based Project <b>Chapel</b>	So You Teach Grade 2 Math <b>210</b>	Track and Field Officials Clinic Including Photofinish <b>B23</b>
Chicka-Chicka Boom Boom <b>206</b>	FASD Affected Child <b>Large Gym</b>	Lost in Space: Arts Education K-5 Curriculum Renewal Workshop <b>Ecole Vickers</b>	So You Teach Grade 5 Math <b>212</b>	Treaty Education Website <b>238</b>
Creating Screencasts <b>143</b>	Focus on Forests: First Nations <b>B38</b>	Real Game: Saskatchewan Education <b>144</b>	So You Teach Grade 8 Math <b>209</b>	Youth and Social Justice <b>142</b>

## Add Session: Effective Strategies **146** Julie Raymond Monday 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Appropriate Interventions for Phonological Disorders PreK – 1 <b>244</b>	Hidden Curriculum: Girls, Sexism and Education <b>240</b>	Marvelous Mentor: Transforming Internship in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century <b>242</b>	Quirks and Quarks: The "Fun"amentals of Senior Sciences Biology 20/30 <b>228</b>	Track and Photo Finish Clinic <b>B23</b>
Aquasize Boot Camp Style <b>Marion Aquatics</b>	Improving Math Outcomes <b>B25</b>	Music 10/20 <b>B14</b>	Self Defense <b>B37</b>	TRC Open House <b>PACI</b>
Box Cars & One-Eyed Jacks: Play on Words : Literacy Games K-3 <b>Double Session 1:15 – 3:30 Sacred Heart Basement</b>	Incorporating First Nations and Metis Women's Wisdom in the Classroom: Moss Bag Teachings Double Session 1:15 – 2:15 <b>Chapel</b>	Oodles of Googles <b>229</b>	SmartBoard Websites <b>140</b>	Treaty Education Website <b>238</b>
Colour Spectrums Double Session 1:15 – 2:15 <b>B26</b>	K-3 Explicit Vocabulary Instruction <b>138</b>	Paper Pieced Quilting Double Session 1:15 – 2:15 <b>Rivier HomeEc Lab</b>	So You Have to Teach Grade 3, 6, or 9 Math Next Year <b>212</b>	What Great Principals Do Differently: Fifteen Things That Matter Most <b>130</b>
Elementary Gymnastics <b>Vincent Massey Gym</b>	Leadership 30 <b>B40</b>	Pro Tools in the Classroom Double Session 1:15 – 2:15 <b>PACI</b>	Spelling For All: Grades 1 -8 <b>146</b>	When A Friend Is Dealing With Death <b>B24</b>
Heart and Disease and Stroke is Stalking Our Children <b>207</b>	Making Ukrainian Easter Eggs Double Session 1:15 – 2:15 <b>B19</b>	Quest Atlantis: A Virtual Learning Tool <b>144</b>	Tour of Little Red Park-Ski (Nordic) Double Session 1:15 – 2:15 <b>Little Red</b>	Treaty Education Website <b>238</b>

## Monday 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Aquasize Boot Camp Style <b>Marion Aquatics</b>	Embracing Change: <b>Westview School</b>	Improving Math Outcomes by Reducing Math Anxiety <b>B25</b>	Music 10/20 <b>B14</b>	Skillastics <b>Rivier Gym</b>
Beading 101 <b>B23</b>	Game of Chance: Facts About Games, Gambling and Chance <b>207</b>	Introducing Project Overseas <b>130</b>	Quirks and Quarks: The "Fun"amentals of Senior Sciences Chemistry 20/30 <b>228</b>	SmartBoard for Beginners <b>140</b>
Bereavement and Your Students <b>B24</b>	General Language Development Prek – 1 <b>244</b>		RAFTS Gr 1 – 12 <b>146</b>	TRC Open House <b>PACI</b>
Creating Online Flashcards <b>143</b>	Hand Bells <b>Rivier Room?</b>	Math Tools Online <b>144</b>	Rejuvenate Your PhysEd Lesson Plans Elementary Physical Education <b>Vincent Massey Gym</b>	

## Tuesday 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

A Conversation with Dianne <b>142</b>	Carryover of Articulation Skills in Class <b>146</b>	Pensions for Beginners <b>B50</b>	Teachers & the Law <b>B14</b>	Kathy Bovair <b>B21</b>
Am I Really closing in on Retirement? <b>Large Gym</b>	Current Issues in Education <b>B23</b>	Planning for Retirement Double Session <b>Sacred Heart Basement</b>	Teacher Professionalism: What does that mean in today's context? <b>135</b>	
Building Best-Bet Habits <b>236</b>	Global Education <b>B40</b>	Professional Relationships in Schools <b>246</b>	Trends and Issues in Local Collective Bargaining <b>B42</b>	

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Classroom Suite: Software to Promote Independent Learning <b>146</b>	Global Education <b>B40</b>	Response to Intervetion Upper Collaboration with the SLP <b>140</b>		