



Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association

# NEWSLETTER

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## ... from the President's desk

Welcome Back from our school break. I hope everyone had a good week off. Now we head into our busy time of report cards and parent/teacher interviews, band trips, ski trips, outdoor adventures and the list goes on and on.

We have begun to meet with our partner organizations involved in the upcoming restructuring. We hope that we can get ourselves organized and have a plan of action for our organization by spring convention and will have lots to report at our annual meeting.

Soon your councilors will be heading to STF Spring Council. Please look over the resolutions that will be discussed and pass on any comments or concerns to your councilor. They are representing you as teachers and if they have no input it makes the job a little more difficult. We would all appreciate any input you might have. The resolution book is distributed with the STF Bulletin. Take a look before you file it in the round bin.

Convention is beginning to take shape. There will be more information in the next newsletter.

In early March there has been a meeting called for the school reps. and executive regarding provincial bargaining. It will be interesting to see what news they will have to tell us.

There will be a lot of new information in the near future regarding all of these upcoming events. Keep yourself informed. Read the information you receive and keep yourselves in the loop.

Have a great month and a:



## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY and HAPPY EASTER

Debbie McPherson



## The theme for the Convention 2005 is "Celebrate .... Building Communities"

The format for the two days of convention is as follows:

Day One, April 25	Day Two, April 26
9:00 to 9:15 Welcome and opening remarks	9:00 to 10:30 Keynote speaker - Vic Marj
9:15 to 10:30 Keynote speaker - Bruce Bauman	10:30 to 10:45 Coffee Break
10:30 to 10:45 Coffee Break	10:45 to 11:45 Small group sessions
10:45 to 11:45 Small group sessions	11:45 to 1:15 Lunch
11:45 to 1:15 Lunch	1:15 to 2:15 Small group sessions
1:15 to 2:15 Small group sessions	2:15 to 2:30 Coffee break
2:15 to 2:30 Coffee break	2:30 to 3:00 System Meetings
2:30 to 3:30 Small group sessions	3:00 to 3:30 PAATA Meeting

Displays will be ongoing throughout the Convention  
Please look for more information in the next PAATA Newsletter.

## STF Forum

### Educational Accountability and Student Assessment: Creating the Future

Monday, April 25, 2005 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at STF Building, Saskatoon

#### **PURPOSE:**

- To explore and share teachers' perspectives about accountability in education
- To share teachers' experiences with student assessments, including Assessment of Learning practices, and
- To identify the resources and supports that teachers may require
- To provide opportunities for teachers and Department of Learning officials to discuss issues and options related to educational accountability and student assessments.

The forum will include interested STF members and senior Department of Learning officials. Registration is limited to 15 teachers "at large". (Other participants are being contacted directly by the STF)

Any interested teacher is invited to register. Registrations will be accepted on a first respondent basis. Only one teacher per local will be considered. The STF will provide reimbursement for one day substitute pay, travel, meals, and one night accommodation (if required).

For additional information contact: Shelley Agecoutay, EA or Kit Loewen, EA at the STF office. (1-800- 667-7762)

**Please register before April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

#### **LAST CALL HELP! PLEASE!**

We are still hoping that some of you out there would be willing to make a contribution to our door prizes for Spring Council. If you are thinking of contributing your time and talent, please contact Debbie at the PAATA office and let her know.

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

**Saskatchewan Rivers School Division**  
April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for Bursary Applications

**P.A. Roman Catholic School Division**  
April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for Retirement Incentive

The Program is looking for input from our memberships for ideas for events that they might host. If you have an idea for a workshop or social event you would like to see happen please contact Andrea Gareau (Wesmor).

#### **CHORAL SESSION at CONVENTION**

There are plans to offer 2 choral reading sessions during convention. One session focused on unison and 2-part music and the second session more advanced music for older choirs.

We need to have a pre-registration for these sessions so that music packages can be ordered and sent from Winnipeg. There will be a \$20 charge for each music package which will then be yours to keep.

If you would like to attend either of these sessions, please pre-register with Debbie McPherson at the PAATA office. (764-0299)

Registration deadline is March 10<sup>th</sup>. After that date we cannot guarantee that you will receive a packet of music.