



Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association

NEWSLETTER

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... from the President's desk

Included in this issue of the newsletter is a schedule of Convention activities. Please note that some sessions have a limited number of spots that will be first come first serve. If in the program it asks you to pre-register to the PAATA office they will be accepted in the order they are received. I WILL REPLY TO ALL THE FAXES TO LET YOU KNOW IF YOU MADE EACH LIST OR NOT. Do not fax to my school or call me with a message. I need the paper proof at the office so that I don't accidentally forget someone. Those of you in my age bracket must know what I'm talking about!!!

The STF have been holding forums dealing with different topics. Last month there was a forum on Good Practice and Dispute Resolution. Representatives of our association and both school divisions were in attendance. Next month there will be a forum for in-school administrators where both school divisions will be represented also. Following the phone surveys regarding bargaining that were done last year, the STF is attempting to deal with the issues identified from that survey.

Convention is shaping up to be another great two days again this year. You will notice that the majority of the second day deals with professional issues, it was stated in our new constitution that a day would be used in this way at our convention. We have done our best to provide sessions dealing with different aspects of our profession and hope that you will find the sessions informative.

The PAATA will once again be selling 50/50 tickets and hope that you will take part. The draw will be made on the Tuesday afternoon at the PAATA General Assembly and you have to be in attendance to win. We will also be making draws from the display area at that time. Make sure you check out the displays and enter their draws.

I would like to thank everyone who has been a part of this year's convention planning. It is a big commitment and we are grateful for your willingness to participate. Which reminds me: We will be looking for people to organize next year's convention so if you're of a mind to help out, make sure you let us know.

Debbie McPherson

Books are Fun

There will be a BOOKS ARE FUN book fair at Convention. All profits earned by the sale will be donated to the Sterling McDowall Foundation. PLEASE VISIT THE BOOK FAIR AND SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE FOUNDATION.

DOOR PRIZE ALERT!!!!

I know I'm sounding like a stuck record again, but here goes. We would really appreciate some donations for our door prizes at Spring Council. We have a few already but we are looking for more. If you are willing to supply a prize, please contact me at the office. I might stop harping at everyone about this.

A Look Back

This year our convention is entitled "Together Again..." Not only is it our second time being together with all members of our new association but it is also a return to the roots of our Association. In 1934 the organization was called: Prince Albert and Shell Lake Inspectorates - Teachers' Association. We seem to have come full circle and are again in association together.

Conference: See My Pain

Friday, April 28, 2006
McKenna Hall
Weyburn, SK

To get a copy of the program and registration form, please contact the PAATA office at 764-0299.

Income Continuance Plan

The objectives of the plan are:

- a) to provide a basic continuing income for members of the STF who, for an extended period of time, are unable, because of illness or accidental injury, to continue in their regular employment or other suitable remunerative employment.
- b) to provide counselling services, consistent with the resources within the Plan to provide such services, for the purpose of supporting the wellness of members and minimizing the need of members to claim benefits.

The benefit period for new members is limited to 1 month of ECP benefit for each 16 days of active employment. Active employment is teaching days you are at work or using accumulated sick leave. A New Member is a teacher who has taught less than 90% of the working days for which they are contracted to teach in the first year of eligibility (or the first year of return to teaching after an absence of more than 2 years).

For all other members, ICP benefits are payable for up to 2 years with medical support of disability from own occupation (i.e. from teaching). To continue benefits beyond two years, the member must be totally disabled, where total disability is defined as being unable to perform any occupation to which the member is fitted by education, training, and experience. The Text of the STF Income Continuance Plan does not consider the comparability of a wage between teaching and non-teaching positions. All claims are adjudicated by the Claims Committee based on the criteria above.

Income Continuance Plan benefits will end on the date which is the earliest of:

- the date the member recovers
- the date the member no longer meets the definition of disability under the Plan
- the date which the member begins to receive a regular age and service superannuation allowance or a retirement allowance
- the ending date of the member's contract if they are on a temporary or replacement contract
- the last day of the month in which a member turns 65
- the last day of the month in which the member reaches 35 years of pensionable service
- the last day of the month in which the member dies

The brochure "When Your Claim is Approved" is available online at www.stf.sk.ca and may provide more clarification.

Convention Schedule

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

Monday, March 20	Tuesday, March 21
9:00 Welcome and opening remarks	9:00 Session
9:15 Keynote - David Bouchard	Nutrition Break
Nutrition Break (visit the displays)	10:30 Session
10:15 Workshop Sessions	11:30 Lunch
11:45 Lunch	1:00 School Division Meetings
1:15 Small group sessions	1:30 PAATA General Assembly
2:15 Nutrition Break	2:00 Kenote - Doon Wilkins
2:30 Workshop Sessions	
Social time at the Golf and Curling Club following last session.	

Parking: We would ask that:

Sask Rivers Park in the Art Hauser Centre Lot
P.A. Catholic in the Student Parking Lot
Former Parkland in the Student Parking Lot
Carlton Staff in Their Usual Lot

We thank you for your cooperation.

Reminder: The deadline for applications for research proposals for the McDowell Foundation is March 31, 2006

This is the schedule now, some changes may take place by March 20th. Be sure to check the final schedule at your sessions.

Convention 2006 Workshops

Monday

10:45 - 11:45

1. David Bouchard - For the Love of Reading
2. David Zulkowsky - "Building Character", Creative Drama in the Classroom (all grades) Learn techniques to enhance student involvement in drama and the processes through which the teacher can advance personal character development.
3. Anita Cameron, Office of the Treaty Commissioner - We Are All Part of Treaty (all grades) Learn new information and gain insights about the treaties signed by First Nations and the Crown.
4. Karen Fraser - ART GROWS BRAINS (all grades) Experts who study the brain say that whenever you do something creative, you give your brain a terrific workout. This session give you numerous suggestions to make school assignments more fun and interesting while actually saving your time.
5. Loretta Morhart - The Learning Equation (grades 7 to 10) The Learning Equation is a computer based classroom resource for Math 7-10. Participants will analyze the support material and discuss the correlation to the Saskatchewan curricula.
6. Bernadette Slager - Focus on Forests (all grades) This workshop will provide hands on activities to do with students to help them understand their environment. Each teacher will receive a manual of lesson plans for his/her grade level.
7. Murray Wotherspoon, PAPHR Addiction Services - Crystal Meth: Its impact on the individual, family and community. This session will focus on signs, symptoms and behaviours of a user and overall effect on the body. Intervention and recovery implications will close this session.
8. Elaine Thomas and Katerina Kindrachuk, Sask. Children's Advocate Office - The Rights of Young Persons.
9. Ina and Brent Holmen - Quest for the Globe. This session focuses on the highlights, planning and logistics of the Holmen family's journey around the world while on deferred salary.
10. Donna Pasiechnik, Canadian Cancer Society -Tobacco Prevention (grades 6 to 12) This session will demonstrate software that teachers can use to assist them with tobacco lessons in high school.
11. Mel Mercredi - Holistic Approach to Coaching. This workshop focuses on awareness of the important role sport can play in aboriginal communities.
12. Lynda Miller, Carol Yeo and Carol Wilkinson - A Wealth of Multi-Genre Resources for grades 6 to 9 ELA. The presenters will booktalk their favorite resources.
13. Sheila Soulier, J.M. Cuelenaere Library - The World is Waiting at Your Public Library. This session will offer a overview of what our public library has to offer.
14. Elaine Sukava - Capturing Students' Love of Story. Participants will have a hands on workshop to illustrate how a topic can be studied and learning objectives achieved by creating a story around it, with learners becoming characters within the story.
15. South Hill Physiotherapy - Sport and Playground Injuries

16. Jamie Lamont - MusicPlay (grades K to 5) This session will give you an introduction to the program and provide you with a variety of fun-filled activities to do with your students.
17. Lucille Mandin - Une langue, ça s'apprend... heureusement! (Maternelle à 4e année) Apprendre une langue, c'est long, complexe et continu! Cet atelier tentera d'ouvrir le dialogue autour des pratiques éducatives qui favorisent l'apprentissage d'une langue dans les contextes linguistiques propres à vos réalités. Au niveau de la jeune enfance, il s'agit d'introduire l'enfant dans un environnement langagier qui mettra l'accent sur l'acquisition en abordant quelques éléments de précision. Quelques pratiques éducatives telles que l'approche du mot-clé, le cercle de lecture, le théâtre de lecteurs et l'atelier d'écriture adaptée pour les petits seront abordées.
18. Daniel Fletcher - WOW! Développer des habiletés en littératie avec Biblio-branchée (5e à 12e année) Piquer l'intérêt de vos élèves et renforcer leurs habiletés en littératie avec Biblio-branché - une base de données où on retrouve des grands journaux quotidiens et des périodiques français (Le Devoir, La Presse, L'Actualité, etc.). Nous explorerons l'application de cette ressource dans vos matières. Venez voir, participer et créer. Énormément de possibilités!!!
 Biblio-branchée (5e à 12e année) est disponible à partir du site Web du Ministère. ***
19. Bill Bray - Reducing the Risks: Talking About Gambling. This session will discuss risks associated with gambling and its impacts on the individual, family, and community. Information about prevention, signs and symptoms of problem gambling, and a review of "reducing the risk" educational materials will be included.

1:15 - 3:30 these are 2 hour sessions

1. George Huczek Imaging Editing: Beyond the Basics Participants will work through several examples of images that need corrective editing using Photoshop CS. **Pre-registration is required.** Location - St. Mary High School
2. Judy Chan and Murray Henry - Calculus 30 Implementation Workshop This presentation will offer the opportunity to share and collaboratively develop lesson plans. Participants should bring a copy of Calculus 30 curriculum guide, resources (texts, calculators and websites), pen or pencil and paper, and ideas.
3. Crystal Meth. Panel - Crystal Meth: It Didn't Start Here. What Do We Do Now? The presentation will begin with a young addicts personal journey with crystal meth followed by two parents' testimonies of the impact of addiction on their lives. Two addictions counselors will close this session.
4. Rebecca Fiissel - Climate Change This workshop is designed to assist educators to become more confident teaching the issues of climate change.
5. David Seto - Basketball: My Favorite System, My Favorite Drills (all coaches) Included in this session will be an overview of basketball systems and drills.
6. Bob Pannell - Front Page Web Page Design. For those who want to learn to create a web page and for those who are new to looking after their school's web page. **Pre-registration is required.** Location - Vincent Massey School
7. Angela Russell - Smart board. **Pre-registration is required.** Location Arthur Pechey School
8. Linda and Wayne Pusch - Helping your Students Become Math Literate (Grades 3 to 8) In this session, we will review the elements that contribute to mathematical literacy with a special emphasis on communication. Participants will learn strategies which are crucial for all levels of effective math instruction. Resources to support these strategies will be reviewed.
9. Paul Ericson - Colour Spectrum Participants are led through a self-discovery process pertaining to four distinct personality styles. Participants will take away an individual personality profile. **Pre-registration is required.** A cost of \$5 will be collected at the door.

10. Kathleen Clarke - Making Ukrainian Easter Eggs (grades 4 to 12) **Pre-registration is required.**

1:15 - 2:15

1. Dr. Carol Henry and Joyce Polowski - Impact of Adolescent Eating Habits on Education. This presentation will share key findings and recommendations from a study using the program "Foods used effectively for living".
2. Lori Zbaraschuk - Origami Made Simple (grades 3 to 8) A few simple projects will be demonstrated. Come ready to have some folding fun.
3. Linda Cairns, Canadian Mental Health Association - Suicide Talk. This presentation is for persons interested in learning more about suicide and what can be done to help those at risk.
4. Murray Wotherspoon - Profiles of Children of alcoholics and Drug Users. Reference will be made to the cycle of substance use to illustrate the cause, effect, progression and recovery from life in such home settings.
5. Dorraine Hayward - Movement and Learning (elementary teachers) This session focuses on sensory motor aspects of learning. It will give ideas on how to enhance student performance in the classroom through movement.
6. Joanne Panas - Self-defense. Learn practical moves, joint manipulation, pressure points, tricks to distract attackers. Become aware of how simple techniques work surprisingly well. Use momentum to your advantage. Realize how much force is required.
7. Robert Louks - Drama in the classroom This workshop will cover the essential purpose of drama in the classroom and how to make this a reality.
8. Linda Gilmour-Kessler - Improving the Food in Your School Is your school looking at making changes to your vending machines, canteens or food service operations? Do you want to work with parents towards improving the foods kids bring from home. Explore the process to make this happen.
9. Connie Gerwing - Student Success at SIAST This presentation will use the "secrets to success" website. This will be of interest to counselors and teachers who may need a better understanding of SIAST programs.
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11. Sask. Rivers TRC Staff - Browsing and Borrowing at the TRC Teachers will have an opportunity to view the collection including displays of new resources at the Teacher Resource Center.
12. Corinne Olson and Twyla Gange - Tips and Tricks for Teaching Music in Your Classroom (grades K to 5) Presenters will share ideas for lesson and unit planning, methods, materials and games for your classroom. Come prepared to participate.
13. David Bouchard - Favorites to Call Your Own

2:30 - 3:30

1. Connie Gerwing - This will be a basic introduction to William Glasser's choice theory and its application which is called Reality Therapy. This session will give information on classroom application.
2. Lori Zbaraschuk - Iris Folding Art Project. Participants will use this traditional Dutch paper layering technique which is perfect for making cards and scrapbooking.
3. Debbie Philipenko, Instructional Consultant for Saskatoon Public Schools - The Three Rs: Rithmetic, Research and Resources. This session will provide teachers with a wealth of practical, effective activities that will meet the needs of today's hands-on mathematics classroom.
4. Linda Cairns - Friends for Life resource Center: the Best kept Secret in Saskatchewan. This presentation will give educators a chance to look at and learn more about newer resources.
5. Browsing and Borrowing at the TRC - Repeat session.
6. David Zulkoskey - Setting the Stage: A How to guide for Creating Practical Stage Sets. This workshop will provide participants with the techniques to develop and enhance your set plans for any school drama presentation.
7. Linda Gilmour-Kessler - Teaching Nutrition to Kids This session will focus on the nutritional components in the K-12 curriculum. Teachers will receive resources and learn about resources available for borrowing.
8. Louise Mardell - Finding Joy in Work and Life. This workshop will give participants an opportunity to rediscover what gives them satisfaction in their work and life. The benefits of this seminar are renewed creativity, fun, information on the importance of laughter and play, and tools for making everyday life better and relieving stress.
9. Karen Walliser - Graphic Novels. This booktalk will introduce you to graphic novels which are suitable for every school library.
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11. Paul Roy - The Game of Rugby. Attendees will have an opportunity to view taped footage of rugby matches and to be introduced to the rules, tactics, strategies and language of the sport.

Tuesday

9:00 - 11:30

1. Superannuated Teachers, Bert Gordan et al - Yes, There is Life After Retirement (for teachers within 6 to 10 years of retirement) This interactive session is designed to help you bridge the gap between work and retirement, and to plan for your future.

The following STF sessions run from 9:00 to 10:00 and will all be repeated at 10:30.

1. Kathy Bovair, Counselling Services - Time for Mindfulness. This session will offer an opportunity to focus on self, learn a strategy or two, slow down, breathe and center yourself.
2. Joan Elliot, Library/Manager of the STF's Stewart Resources Centre - Finding What You Need When You Need It.

3. Rita Bouvier - Teacher Wellness: Seeking a Balance. This session will provide an opportunity for reflection on issues that create stress in our personal and professional lives, provide a construct for assessing balance and well-being and identify strategies and characteristics that are desirable for maintaining a balanced lifestyle.
4. Daryl Nordick - STF Benefits and Benefit Plans. Through the STF and the Provincial Collective Bargaining process, Saskatchewan teachers have available a wide variety of benefits including but not restricted to salaries, sick leave, maternity and parenting leave, health and dental benefits, income continuance protection, life insurance and pension benefits. This session will be responsive to your questions and inquiries.
5. Susan Bates - Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation For Research Into Teaching. A brief overview of the history, purpose, objectives and operational principles will be presented. The remainder of the session will focus on how teachers can get involved in teacher led research. Some research projects from P.A. and area will be shared.
6. Tim Yee - Teachers and the Law. This is an overview that will highlight various activities of teachers and their legal implications. A case study approach will be used to provide examples of how the activity of teachers is impacted by the law.
7. Gary Ferguson - Members Health Plan. Our members' health Plan is a comprehensive set of benefits that include prescription drugs, extended health care benefits, out of country emergency benefits, eye examinations, and vision care services and supplies. The session will welcome your questions and comments.
8. Kit Loewen - Conflict Management
9. Shelly Tootoosis - Enhancing Teacher Success. This session speaks to professional competency.
10. Milton Block - Building Effective leadership Teams. Based on the work of Patrick Lencioni , this session will describe the five common team dysfunctions and suggest practical steps towards building more effective leadership teams.

**** Pre-registrations will be received by fax only at the PAATA office 764-1430. Spots will be allocated on a “first received, first chosen” basis.**