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...from the President's desk

As I sit here to put together this newsletter, the sun is shining through my window causing me to squint my eyes. The cars driving down below are making the slushy sound of melted snow on the roads. Could we really be approaching this time of year already? Where has the time gone? Already we are approaching convention and all the classroom activities that spring brings with it.

Convention is right around the corner. When you check out the convention website please take note of those sessions that require pre-registration. Especially take note that the print making session needs totals very quickly. The presenter is providing the supplies and needs to know in enough time to order and receive those supplies. Make sure that if you are taking in the cross-country skiing session that you need to contact Don Laing prior to the session (laing@srsd119.ca).

We are going paperless (as much as we can). Those of you who have been fortunate enough to be the recipient of this draw know how great it feels to win that sum of money. The draw will be held on the second day at the PAATA AGM and you must be in attendance to receive the money.

The social at Rockcees sounds like it could be a great time. I hope that many of you are thinking about participating in this fun event. We have a panel of judges but the real purpose is just to have fun. Come join in the fun whether participant or observer. Everyone is welcome.

Please make time to visit our display areas. The non-profit groups will be in the library and the for-profit groups will be in the gym. Many of our displayers have donated prizes for a draw which will take place Tuesday afternoon and announced at the AGM. Coming up in April is our annual STF Spring Council meeting. Our 13 representatives speak, vote and select the STF executive on our behalf. Please, when the resolution booklets come out, take a look at the resolutions that will be up for discussion. If you have any comments about the resolutions either negative or positive please let your councilor know so that we can represent you to the best of our ability. Also, in conjunction with Spring Council is my annual plea for donations for our Hospitality Room. You always come through for us with great prizes. (PAATA is very popular for its draw prizes. Please contact me if you have a donation. We love items made by our members or our members friends.

It is once again a very busy month. Is there really any month where that is not a valid statement??? Convention, report cards, parent/teacher interviews, music festival, ski trips, and oh so much more. Many of you give many hours outside of your classroom time to your students. I know that sometimes it feels like no one is noticing but your students certainly notice the extras you do for them. After all is said and done, aren't they the only ones that really matter???

- Debbie McPherson

PAATA IDOL 2010

This is your chance to perform at our own **teachers only** singing competition and show your vocal talent to the world!

- Everyone will be behind you regardless of your talent (or lack thereof) hoping that you become our first PAATA Idol!
- There will be an open mike from 4:00 to 4:45. Karaoke machine is provided. No advance registration required. Show up and sing up!
- Fabulous (or not so fabulous) prizes will be awarded in various categories and everyone who sings gets their name entered in a draw! Overall winner by audience applause!
- Distinguished judges will offer some concise TLC advice to guide you in your future singing endeavors.



EVENT: Convention 2010 Social - PAATA Idol
DATE: Monday, March 15th
TIME: 3:30 - 6:00
LOCATION: Rockcees, #1 2901 2nd Avenue West
 Happy hour prices, FREE hors d'oeuvres, rush seating - arrive early!
 (Max seating - 150)



Door Prize Donations

Yes, once again we are approaching STF Spring Council and yes, once again I am asking for donations. The councilors appreciate the support we have gotten in the past and thank all of you who have donated to our Hospitality Room at Spring Council. We are once again calling all crafters, artists and hobbyists to consider making a door prize donation. Contact Debbie at the PAATA office. Thanks in advance for your support.

STF Pre-Retirement Seminar
Tuesday, March 9, 2010
St. Mary High School
7:00 p.m.

Salon du livre
(French Book Display and Sale)
 The annual Salon du livre will take place in Prince Albert on March 10-12 at the Carrefour Fransaskois (Ecole Valois School Gym). Please let your staffs know about this opportunity to buy French resources for their school collection. For more information contact Marie Lepage at 1-800-663-5426.

Convention Info - Please Take Note!!!

1. Convention website: http://members.shaw.ca/mh.prst/index_paata.html Links to this site are available on both school division websites and the PAATA association site on the STF website.
2. Please take note of sessions that **require pre-registration or other requests** by the Presenter. Mr. Vors who is presenting the Print-making sessions needs numbers very quickly so he can order supplies. Please do not delay in pre-registering or there may not be sufficient supplies for you.
3. **There will not be printed programs available** as in past years. An abbreviated list of sessions will be available. Make sure to check out sessions in advance and decide what you would like to take in.
4. **There will not be Styrofoam cups** available on site. Please bring your own mug or purchase one of our new PAATA travel cups. **Available for sale in the common area. (\$5).**
5. Parking is available in the **Gateway Parking Lot.**
6. **PAATA Idol** - don't miss this exciting event at Rockcees - 3:30 - 6:00. Come be a part of the fun.
7. **EVERYONE'S ATTENDANCE AT OUR DIVISION AND ASSOCIATION MEETING IS IMPORTANT FOR US ALL. IT IS A TIME TO RELAY INFORMATION AND GET FEEDBACK FROM THE MEMBERSHIP. DON'T LET US DOWN. WE NEED YOUR DIRECTION, INPUT AND SUPPORT.**

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**SAVE THIS DATE!
 MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR**

TEACHER GARAGE SALE

Are you retiring? Is your classroom, home, car, garage overflowing with resources you don't use anymore? Has your classroom assignment changed over the years and you have surplus resources?

Join us at Riverside Community School on **Saturday, April 17th**. Tables will be rented for \$10 with rental money going toward Riverside's new Pre-K playground equipment. This sale is for teacher resources and classroom materials only.

Teachers interested in participating can email Terry Smith at: tsmith@srsd119.ca or phone Riverside at 763-6495 Ext. 124, or at home at 764-7943