



Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association

# NEWSLETTER

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## ... from the President's desk



Now that the Easter break is over, things will start to get busier and busier as we approach the beginning of the end of the school year. Excursions will begin to occur as the weather gets better. Catch up time for those of us behind in what we wanted to have completed by this time of the year. Long teaching careers approaching the home stretch and newly graduated hopefuls exploring the job market for a teaching assignment. It can be a time of exciting change all the while continuing with our routines and responsibilities. After what seemed like a very cold and long winter we will once again seek the warmth of the sun and turn to our yearly yard and home spring clean-up.

Spring Council is just around the corner and I hope that some of you have taken the time to check out the resolutions that will be discussed by the provincial councilors of the STF. There will be 13 people representing you at this STF gathering. It would help us to hear from you if you have any concerns or questions about any of the resolutions. We want to make sure we are truly representing our membership when we attend.

The executive is hopeful that sometime this spring we will have the opportunity to sit down with our local MLA's and talk about educational issues and any other items that may come up. We look forward to meeting them and getting to know them as well as the MLA's getting to know who we are.

Our last reminder: I am in the office afternoons only. Mornings I teach at John Diefenbaker School. Please contact the office if you need assistance with any questions or problems and I will try and help or at least direct you to the person who can help you.

Welcome to Spring!

- Debbie McPherson

## Convention

### a) **Convention Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, St. Mary High School, Conference room (across from library)

- b) We are very pleased that St. Mary High School will be hosting our 2009 convention. If you are interested in helping us plan for the event please join us.
- c) We are looking for suggestions for session leaders and keynote speaker ideas. If you have any ideas please pass them along to the committee. There may be people in your own school who you think should share an innovative idea with us or have been to a great workshop. We would love to hear from you.

## Call for Nominations for Honorary Members

If you know of someone who is deserving of an Honorary Membership in PAATA because of their involvement with the association please contact the PAATA office (764-0299). The deadline for nominations is April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*Any donations for our Hospitality Room at STF Spring Council will still be gratefully accepted. Please contact Debbie at the office (764-0299). We have a few donations but could use some more. Thanks.*

## Aquacise Classes

at Frank Dunn.

Starting **Tuesday,**

**April 1 - 3:45 p.m.**

For more info contact

Arleen at 764-5766

## Spring Council Resolutions

By now you have the resolution booklet for Council of April 24-26. If you have any concerns or questions about any of the resolutions, please contact your councilor and let them know. In case you are not sure who your councilor is, here is the list.

**Nicole Charlebois** - QUEEN MARY, SPRUCE HOME, VINCENT MASSEY

**Dan Poirier** - PACI, ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL, WON SKA WP SANDIN

**Shannon Fiddler** - MEATH PARK, WED WING, RIVIER

**Laurie Regnier** - ST. LOUIS, ST. MICHAEL, WESTVIEW, WILD ROSE

**Andrea Gareau** - KING GEORGE, PRINCESS MARGARET, WESMOR

**Wasy Rybalka** - HOLY CROSS, KINISTINO WJ BEREZOWSKY

**Randy Krammer** - LUCY BAKER, ST. FRANCIS, WFA TURGEON

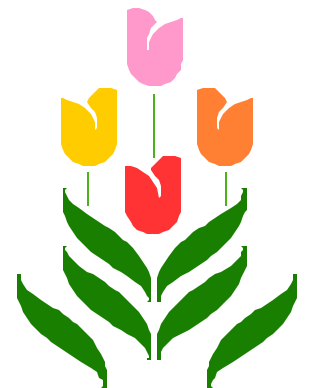
**Dave Schneider** - CARLTON, SHELLBROOK ELEM., SHELL LAKE

**Laurie Kuchapski** - EAST CENTRAL, ST. ANNE, VICKERS

**Elaine Serfas** - WEST CENTRAL, OSBORNE, RIVERSIDE

**Debbie McPherson** - BIRCH HILLS, CATHOLIC ED CENTRE, JOHN DIEFENBAKER, SASK. RIVERS ED. CEN.

**Pauline Tetreault** - BIG RIVER COM., CANWOOD, TD MICHEL, DEBDEN



## REMINDER

The PAATA provides a scholarship to each of its high school. All you have to do is write a letter requesting the monies.

## Summer Short Course Blitz

August 5 to August 19, 2008

Visit: [www.stf.sk.ca](http://www.stf.sk.ca) for details.

## Big Questions, Worthy Dreams Symposium

Several teachers from our PAATA attended this symposium on March 14 and 15 in Saskatoon. This is an STF sponsored event open to any member. This is the seventh year and I have attended five or six events. The theme of this year's symposium was "Integrity, Autonomy, Community: Balancing Autonomy in Professional Relationships". STF bulletin announcement. If you'd like more information give me a call at Riverside School, or email me.