



Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association

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... from the President's desk

Yet another busy time of the school year. Is there any other state to be in but "busy"? As we all prepare for the holiday season we need to continue to look forward to January and the upcoming events. Coming up in January will be resolutions to STF. These resolutions can cover a variety of issues such as negotiations, STF plans and benefits. We have always appreciated the input of our members towards formulating our resolutions and look forward to your continued interest and participation.

The Convention committee continues to work away at putting together another great conference. Our theme is: Working together ... We're Better. We are currently working on the break out sessions on the first day. If you know of anyone you'd like to have present to us please pass that information on to the convention committee.

The executive recently met with the Saskatchewan Rivers School Board and has plans to meet with the Prince Albert Catholic School Board in the new year. These meetings give us the opportunity to meet face to face and get to know each other. Through our discussions we get to hear from both sides of an issue and perhaps come to an understanding regarding those issues.

I hope that everyone gets through the holiday with as little stress as possible (is that possible?) and that we all take the chance to relax and rejuvenate for the coming new year.

- Debbie McPherson

Spring Council Door Prizes

Once again we are asking for donations of your handiwork for the hospitality room at Spring Council. All donations will be gratefully accepted.

Retirement Recognition

Please make sure that you have checked out the current policies in the school divisions regarding any requirements needed to qualify.

Deadlines

SRSD Retirement Recognition:

- February 1, 2007

Deferred Salary Leave Plan:

- February 1, 2007

General Association Meeting

Wednesday, January 17th 4:30pm

John Diefenbaker School

TOPIC: STF Resolutions

Thank you to the Induction and Program Committees for their work on our Induction evening held at Holy Cross School. Everyone enjoyed the evening. Many Thanks.



Happy Holidays

“Discoveries”

Prince Albert Children’s Festival

Important News!!! -- We are really excited about our 10th Anniversary Festival. Our theme for 2007 is ***“The Best of The Past!”*** What does your imagination conjure up! We’re working on a number of different venues bringing back some old favorites from past years, and we have a few surprises in store for you as well!!

This year the Children’s Festival will be a one-day event held on Friday, May 18, 2007. To celebrate our 10th Anniversary we are going back in time to offer early bird tickets at a reduced price of just \$7.00 per person (chaperones are free). Book your early bird tickets now by e-mailing us at pacf@sasktel.net. The phone lines will be open in January 1, 2007 early bird tickets! You can reserve tickets by calling 764-5437. The ticket price will be \$10.00 per person (chaperons are still free) after January 30th. So don’t forget to book early!

Our cover contest has already started and we are looking forward to seeing your creative ideas for this years “The Best of The Past!” cover designs. The cover designs can be dropped of at St. Francis School or mailed to Box 712, P.A. SK S6V 5S2. before November 30th.

Please e-mail us at pacf@sasktel.net if you have any questions or comments about the Children’s Festival. We love hearing from you. Your comments are always appreciated.

Attention Teachers: Once again the Prince Albert Kiwanis Music Festival is looking for Speech Arts entries. There are classes for individuals, small and large groups, and for all age groups. There are Speech Arts Handbooks at the Saskatchewan Rivers Education Centre and the Catholic Centre. For further information contact Arleen Koshman @ 764-5766 or Linda McKinney @ 764-4913.



Attention: Constitution Committee will meet following the January Rep meeting

Attention: The Program/ Induction Committee will meet following the January Rep meeting.

Deadline for Resolutions to the STF for Spring Council is January 31, 2007

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolutions to the STF from the PAATA will be presented at the January rep meeting so that they can be taken back to each staff for discussion. If you have any resolutions or ideas for resolutions please contact Andrea Gareau at Wesmor prior to the meeting.

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