



Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association

NEWSLETTER

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... from the President's desk

It's hard to believe that February break is upon us and March Convention is closing fast. There has been a lot going on both at the office and at school. I'm sure a lot of you feel that way. Convention details will be circulated when available. Hopefully in this edition of the newsletter you will find a break down of confirmed sessions and the overall agenda. There will also be three places that you can find info online: both school division websites and the STF website under local associations and our PAATA site. We will be handling pre-registrations differently this year. Last year the fax machine got overloaded and the film ran out before I got to the office -- so -- to eliminate that problem, we will only accept email registrations. That way there will be a date and time so that I can keep the order correct. All pre-registrations will receive a response from the office. If you don't hear from the office: your email was not received. We hope that this will streamline the process and make it more efficient.

Please, if you have not done so yet, complete the STF Census. Everyone's input is important. The results of the survey will influence the asking package put together by our bargaining team. The more participants, the better.

We are putting out a call for nominations for Honorary Member. This is a superannuated teacher who has contributed to the local association and/or the provincial association. If someone comes to mind please submit a nomination.

Enjoy your break and I'll see you all at convention in March.

- Debbie McPherson

STF 2007 Census

All members are encouraged to participate. Everyone's participation is valuable to the bargaining process.

STF Pre-Retirement Seminar

Tuesday, March 13th, 7 - 9 p.m.
Registration forms are available online at www.stf.sk.ca.

Spring Council Door Prizes

All donations for door prizes gratefully received. Please contact the office if you have something to offer.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Honorary Members

Nominations will be accepted until February 27, 2007.
See your PAATA staff rep for forms.

Resolutions Passed at January 17th meeting

Resolutions:

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the STF strongly urge the CTF to lobby the Federal government to allow teachers to declare the cost of materials purchased for the classroom as a tax deduction. And, further that a written report be requested to the CTF regarding their efforts and their progress in this regard for presentation at or before Spring Council 2009.
2. BE IT RESOLVED that the STF continue their strong support for in-school administrators remaining as in-scope employees.
3. BE IT RESOLVED that the STF provide e-mail accounts for all STF members.
4. BE IT RESOLVED that the STRP Plan Text be amended effective July 1, 2008, subject to approval by Council 2008, so that the indexing in STRP be made equal to that of the TSP.
5. BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation urge the Department of Learning to set the 2007/2008 school year and all subsequent years at 196 days.

STF Post-Secondary Education Prizes

Deadline: Friday, March 30, 2007 - 5:00 p.m.

The STF is offering 10 prizes of \$1,000 each to be awarded to children of teachers who are current superannuated or deceased members. Five will be awarded as entrance prizes for post-secondary education and five for continuing post-secondary education. Application forms and information may be downloaded from the STF website. (www.stf.sk.ca).

Some Convention Sessions require pre-registration. Please follow the procedure indicated for pre-registering for these sessions.

10:45 – 11:45	1:15 – 2:15	2:30 – 3:30
Barry Thalheimer and Jerry Scheirer <i>Woodworking</i> at St. Mary. Limit of 16 Pre-registration required.	Barry Thalheimer and Jerry Scheirer <i>Woodworking</i> at St. Mary	Barry Thalheimer and Jerry Scheirer <i>Woodworking</i> at St. Mary
Jonas Keidrowski – <i>PLEA Resources</i> for Law 30	Monica Corcoran - <i>World Music Drumming</i> at Turgeon Limit of 18 Pre-registration required	Lyle Karasiuk – <i>Poverty – A Human Experience</i>
Don Laing – <i>Volleyball</i>	Don Laing – <i>Let’s Go Skiing at Little Red</i>	Don Laing – <i>Let’s Go Skiing at Little Red</i>
Angela Russel-Luesink – <i>The Artful Science of Integration 6 -9 ELS</i>	George Huczek – <i>Desktop Publishing</i> at St. Mary Limit of 30 Pre-Registration Required	George Huczek – <i>Desktop Publishing</i> at St. Mary Limit of 30 Pre-Registration Required
Carla Blampin and Johanne Otte – <i>Hand Building with Clay</i>	Wes Ens – <i>Introduction to Wheel Turning</i>	Wes Ens – <i>Introduction to Wheel Turning</i>
Joanne Panas – <i>Self- Defense</i>	Julie Price – <i>Christmas Concert Ideas</i>	Lynda Miller – <i>TRC Resources for gr 6 -9 at TRC</i>
Bernadette Slager – <i>Focus on Forests</i>	Constable Dean Blanchard – <i>Preparing for an Active Threat in Schools and Public Areas</i>	Constable Dean Blanchard – <i>Preparing for an Active Threat in Schools and Public Areas</i>
Lyle Karasiuk – <i>It’s An Emergency – Help!</i>	Jessica Podhordeski – <i>Pork Interpretive Gallery</i>	Jocelyn Kennedy – <i>Introductory Beading</i>
Michael Gatin – <i>National Film Board: Aboriginal Perspectives</i>	Lyle Karasiuk – <i>CPR – New Guidelines and More Pre-registration for 30 people</i>	Jeannette Eddolls – <i>HOPE</i>
Wendy Murray – <i>High School Counseling</i>	Dwight Kirkpatrick – <i>Student Voices Promoting Healthy Choices</i>	Debbie Philipenko – <i>The Three R’s</i>
Trevor Bates – <i>Football 101</i>	Karen Lock- <i>CEC at CEC></i>	Karen Lock- <i>CEC at CEC></i>
Jim Hopson	Lynda Miller – <i>TRC Resources for k to 5 at TRC</i>	Linda Cairns – <i>Laugh For the Health of It</i>
<i>Aquasize in the pool</i>	<i>Aquasize in the pool</i>	<i>Aquasize in the pool</i>
Linda Cairns – <i>Why Pause? Creating a Balance in our Lives</i>	Debbie Philipenko – <i>The Three R’s</i>	JMCPL – <i>Computer based tools for you!</i>
	Linda Cairns – <i>Suicide Talk</i>	Dave Monette - <i>Dave’s Top 50 Tips & Tricks. Diagnosing & Repair of Band Instruments</i>
Dianne Nielson – <i>Families and Chemical Dependency</i>	Dianne Nielson – <i>Families and Chemical Dependency</i>	
Lamarr Okasasikewiyin- <i>We are all Treaty People</i>	Flo Lavallie – <i>ADD and ADHD</i>	
Marta Green/Joyce Stevenson <i>Choral Reading Session Unison & 2-part</i>	LaVera Schiele – <i>Family Literacy</i>	
	Lamarr Okasasikewiyin- <i>We are all Treaty People</i>	

THE ABOVE GRID ARE THE SESSIONS CONFIRMED AT THE TIME OF PRINTING. PLEASE CHECK YOUR PROGRAMS AT CONVENTION FOR ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

Pre-Registrations will only be accepted by email at: paata@sasktel.net on a first come first serve basis. All emails will be responded to confirm your status.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Monday

8:55 – 9:15	Opening Remarks
9:15 – 10:30	Keynote Address: <i>Jim Hopson</i>
10:30 – 10:45	Nutrition Break
10:45 – 11:45	Sessions
11:45 – 1:15	Lunch
1:15 – 2:15	Sessions
2:15 – 2:30	Nutrition Break
2:30 – 3:30	Sessions
3:30 – 5:30	SOCIAL

Tuesday

8:55 – 9:15	Opening Remarks
9:15 – 10:15	Keynote Address: <i>Milton Block</i>
10:15 – 10:45	Nutrition Break
10:45 – 11:45	Sessions
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2:00 – 2:15	Nutrition Break
2:15 – 2:45	Division Meetings
2:45 – 3:30	PAATA Association Meeting

P.A. Golf & Curling Club

- Complimentary h’ourdeurves •
- “Happy Hour” prices •