

Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association

NEWSLETTER

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... from the President's desk

I hope that everyone was able to have a relaxing, family centered break from the daily routines of the school year. The time is so precious to us and yet seems to fly by before you know it. But then, so does the school year. Here we are heading back in January and before we know it, it will be February; Family Day, Showcase 2008 in Saskatoon and we'll be wondering where that time went.

The PAATA will be looking at possible resolutions for Spring Council. I would encourage all of you to think about whether there is something you would like Council to discuss by way of a resolution. This is your chance to have your local representatives take your concerns and voice them at a provincial forum. Feel free to contact your PAATA councilor with any ideas or concerns you might have. We will be having a General Association Meeting this month to deal with any resolutions that are brought forward.

Showcase will be upon us before we know it. Hopefully you have been thinking about travel plans, accommodations, etc. Things are already getting booked up in downtown Saskatoon. If you are planning on staying overnight, you'd better get on it ASAP. Many of you are planning on using the bus service organized by the PAATA. There is still room on the bus, so if that's your plan, don't wait too long.

The McDowall Foundation has made it's Call for Research Proposals. If research is your interest, make sure you check out the Foundation. \$85,000 will be available to support research activities in the 2008-09 school year.

Throughout the year our different committees organize events and activities on our behalf. I would like to thank everyone who has worked on or will be working on one of our sponsored activities this year. We rely on the participation of our members assigned to the activities to take on the work load and are extremely appreciative of your efforts.

Happy New Year and all the best in 2008.

- *Debbie McPherson*

Winter Aquacise Classes

Starting January 8, 2008

Ending: March 20, 2008

Open to all Sask. Rivers employees.

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Frank Dunn Pool -- 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.

For more information contact

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General Meeting

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

John Diefenbaker School

4:45 p.m.

Agenda: Resolutions
Constitution

The McDowell Foundation

2008 Call for Research Proposals

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2008. Please visit www.mcdowellfoundation.ca for grant application forms and the awards guide developed to assist applicants.

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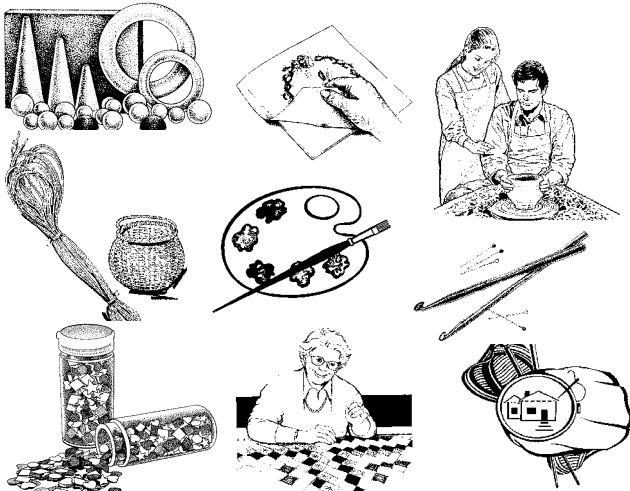
The bus is not full yet.
Don't wait to book your
seat. DO IT NOW!

School Reps

Please return your white
ribbons to
Shannon Fiddler at
Red Wing School.

Showcase

Make sure you check out the STF website for information regarding sessions, locations, shuttles, etc.



**Calling all crafters, artists
and stitchers. We are
looking for donations for
door prizes at our Annual
STF Spring Council in
Saskatoon in April.
Please contact us if you
have a donation to offer.**