



Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association

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... from the President's desk

I know you all tried your best to enjoy your February break. Showcase 2008 was a huge undertaking and I hope you all took full advantage of the speakers and keynotes. I know there were some glitches along the way but on the whole I think most people found something of interest to them and had a good time.

I know that the PAATA bus made it both days without incident. I hope those who took advantage of the bus felt it was worthwhile. Now, here we are back into testing, report cards and parent/teach interviews.

As I sit here looking out of my office window at the snow falling down, I can't believe how ready I am for winter to be over. I'm tired of the snow. I'm tired of the cold. I'm just plain tired!!

I'm sure that a change in the weather would make us all feel more rested, more ready to face each day with a brighter attitude. Spring and Easter can't come too soon. There have been several STF initiatives that have been attended by or will be attended by members of your executive. Daniel Poirier and myself attended a one day workshop regarding a new Code of Professional Competence which you will be hearing about in the days to come. Randy Krammer will be representing us at the STF Collective Bargaining Policy Working Committee. We are hoping to meet with our local MLA's to talk to them about Educational issues. Spring Council is coming up in April when all 13 of your Councillors will be representing you in Saskatoon.

Remember, you have an Executive that can help you with any questions you might have regarding STF benefits or STF policies. Please feel free to ask for their assistance. There is a councillor attached to every school in our Association. Do you know who your Councillor is? Maybe it's time you found out.

Have a great March and Holiday Season.

- Debbie McPherson



Ladies! Ladies! Ladies!

Ever dream of dancing like the stars???

Want to have fun, exercise and learn something all at the same time??

Swing dancing is being offered this March,

Sundays from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis School.

We are seriously short of "followers" (that would be you, gals!)

Sign up by showing up.

\$20 for the month.

(Couples are welcome as well)

SWING DANCING: "A FUN WAY TO EXERCISE!"

Honorary Members

It's that time of year. We are looking for nominations for Honorary Membership in the PAATA. If you know of someone who is deserving of this honor because of their work in and for the association, please contact a member of the executive. The deadline is April 23rd for receiving nominations.

We are still looking for donations for the Hospitality Room at Spring Council. Please contact the office if you have a donation. Thanks.



Sterling McDowell Foundation

When planning your donations for the year, please keep in mind the Sterling McDowell Foundation. If you would like to support teacher research through the foundation you can make a one time donation or a monthly donation which can be deducted from your paycheck. If you would like more info contact the Foundation at:

Website: www.mcdowellfoundation.ca

Toll Free: 1-800-667-7762

Fax: 306-374-1122

Call for Research Proposals

Sterling McDowell Foundation is inviting applications for research grants. Forms and information are available at www.mcdowellfoundaton.ca

Deadline for application: March 31, 2008

REMINDER

Convention Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 13,
4:15 p.m.
St. Mary High School

Accreditation and Renewal Seminars

See STF Bulletin for details.

Saskatchewan's 3rd Annual Safe Schools Conference, Saskatoon.
Theme: Building Healthy Communities - One Person at a Time.

See STF Bulletin for details.

