



Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association

# NEWSLETTER

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## *... from the President's desk*

It doesn't seem to matter what month it is anymore. Every month is a busy month. Our councilors attended Fall Council in Saskatoon, we held our Induction evening, and we had a half day workshop for all our school reps with the STF. Many of our beginning teachers attended the Beginning teacher workshop in either Saskatoon or Regina. There is always something coming down the pipes.

I hope that your staff is considering submitting a photo for our calendar. I think this could be a lot of fun for everyone. We are looking forward to your submissions.

In November, we will be laying a wreath at the Remembrance Day service at the Armories. Myself and Kami Hodgins will be your representatives that day. Also in November there is a Pre-Retirement Seminar on the 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary High School. I know I'll see a lot of you there. It never hurts to become more aware early on in the game and for some of us, a constant review of what we've already been told.

Report cards and interviews are on the horizon; some sooner than others. Good luck and I hope all goes well for you.

Then arrives rehearsal time for the big Christmas/Holiday productions many of the schools participate in.

Like I said at the beginning of this message, it doesn't matter what time of year it is, teachers are always busy, busy, busy.

*- Debbie McPherson*

**Learning From Practice  
November 21, 22 - Radisson  
Hotel**

**“What's Different about  
Differentiated Instruction”**

*Many thanks to the crew who helped put on our  
Induction night:*

Induction committee: Elaine Serfas, Laurie Regnier and the staff from Princess Margaret, PACI and Vincent Massey. It was a lovely evening with great food, great music (thanks Phyllis McTaggart) and a big turn out. Thank you everyone.



## WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

Please remember to wear your white ribbon  
on Friday, December 5th.



## Pre-Retirement Seminar

Monday, November 24, 2008

St. Mary High School - 7 pm

\* Please use North entrance on 13<sup>th</sup> Street West \*

### PAATA Calendar Competition

Pictures are being accepted for a PAATA 2009 calendar. Please consider a group picture from your school. Pick any month, pick any theme and enter for a chance to win.



**DEADLINE is December 1, 2008**

### Convention Workshop Ideas

If you have an idea for a workshop, contact your school rep for a workshop form and submit it ASAP.  
Thanks.

### Councillor Conference - Fall 2008: October 16-18

Fall Council of the STF began Thursday night with a reception to celebrate the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation. The reception included snacks, beverages, introductions of current and past STF personnel, and a video showing the origins of the STF and history to date.

Friday was a busy day. The morning began with updates on Governance and Administration of the STF. This was followed by concurrent small group discussions of three draft policies on: Education Accountability, Professional Relationships and Schools, and Collective Bargaining. The business part of the day concluded with a presentation entitled "Political Influencing and Advocacy".

In the evening, Councillors attended a reception that was graced by Members of Parliament and Members of the Legislative Assembly. Some Councillors were more "privileged", as they were seated at tables with government representatives from their areas.

Saturday began with a presentation on the STF Scholarship Program followed by a report on the "Facilities and Environment Research" - survey conducted earlier in the spring of 2008. The day concluded with passing of several "house-keeping" resolutions.

A lot of meaningful discussion took place at the Fall Council. Individuals wishing to learn more about the policy drafts may contact Councillors and/or Staff Reps.

p.s. I loved my NASCAR theme room at the Travelodge.

- Jack Sander

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miscellaneous  
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