



Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association

# NEWSLETTER

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

The world is a crazy place these days. Every day you hear of another event in the world that makes you stop and think "What were they thinking?". It's important that we try and let our students go about their day as normal as possible. There is so much craziness in everyone's daily life that whenever we can keep the school day as "normal" as possible, it makes it a safe learning environment and a place to leave the events of the outside world behind for a little while. As we strive to accomplish this, we ourselves continue to cope with a multitude of deadlines, projections, interventions, lesson plans, special events, and all that working in a school brings with it. September seems to have flown by. With so many things to get done for school start up, before you know it the Thanksgiving long weekend is upon us and it truly is one of the things we are grateful for. A time to take a breath and get ready for the next phase.

We are welcoming a large group of teachers to our association and to the STF. I hope that some of you will come support your new colleagues and be a part of the evening. You can't beat the price.

Unfortunately, this year World Teachers' Day fall on a Sunday. This day is recognized by teachers all over the world. Perhaps another year we will be able to organize something to recognize the day locally.

Our councillors will be attending the STF Fall Council this month. Twice a year the STF council meets to take care of the business of the Federation. We thank our councillors for the extra time they take to represent us provincially.

So, you've survived September and we're into October. Have a great month and enjoy this fall season and all its changes.

*- Debbie McPherson*



**World Teacher's Day**  
**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

## **DO YOU KNOW?**

With recent events in the news and locally concerning schools and intruders, bomb scares, etc.; it makes us all aware that it can happen anytime, anywhere. Do you know your system's and your school's procedure for dealing with these situations? Both our local school division and every school within them has a protocol for dealing with these extreme situations. Make it your business to know and know well what you need to do to protect the students in your care. Sometimes we don't really pay attention to these little details until it's time to put them into action. That time might be too late to go looking for the booklet telling you what to do. All of us should know what to do should the situation arise.

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**STF**

**Pre-Retirement Seminar**

When: Monday, November 24, 2008  
Where: St. Mary's High School, Lecture Theater  
- See Registration Form -

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**Self-Harm Behaviour in Youth - Issues and Strategies**

Saskatoon - October 23, 2008  
Prince Albert - October 24, 2008  
Regina - November 7, 2008  
Costs for 1-day workshop - \$125 (Early Registration - 3 weeks prior to workshop date)  
- 250 (Regular Registration)

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**Convention Sessions**

We are asking for everyone's help in putting together our sessions for our March Convention. Each PAATA rep has a session form. If you have a great idea you'd like to present at convention or know of someone who could do a great job presenting at convention, please have a form filled out and submitted to the PAATA office. We are asking every staff to come up with one workshop idea and presenter.

**PAATA Induction Social 2008**

Where: Holy Cross School  
When: October 22 7-9 PM  
Tickets: \$2.00  
Drinks: Wine - \$2.00  
Pop - \$1.00  
Snacks, door prizes, and a great time provided free of charge  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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or  
STUDENT TEACHER

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*Happy Thanksgiving*