



Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association

NEWSLETTER

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... from the President's desk

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope everyone had a great summer. Hopefully, you are settling in with your new students and start up has been relatively smooth for everyone.

It certainly doesn't take long to get right back up to speed once we start. PAATA is off and running for another year. Committees are meeting and events are being planned. To the many schools who are assigned to committee work I would like to thank you in advance for your efforts and time that you put in to complete your committee work.

PAATA is continuing to work to improve communication with our membership and attempting to overcome the distance that tends to hinder our ability to meet together regularly. We have added a few rep meetings to the schedule this year. The executive are exploring electronic ways of communicating to see if there is an alternative way for us to meet. I would also like to welcome all those teachers new to our area and profession. We also intend to make our new members a higher priority in an effort to make them aware of our association and what it does. As we all proceed full steam ahead remember to plan time for yourself to that you can recharge periodically.

Best wishes for a rewarding school year.

- *Debbie McPherson*

PAATA Executive 2006-2007

President	Debbie McPherson (JD)	Councillors:	Nicole Charlebois (SMHS)
Vice-President . .	Randy Krammer (STM)		Shannon Fiddler (RW)
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Convention Chair	Jeannette Serfas		Norm Sumners (WPS)
Co-Chair	Debbie McPherson		Pauline Tetreault (DB)
			Ted Zurakowski (STJ)

Important Dates



October 1 - Sask. Rivers - Bursary Application Deadline

October 16 - P.A. Catholic - Bursary Applications Deadline for

Courses taken between October 1 - September 30

PAATA STANDING COMMITTEES 2006 - 2007

Committee	Coordinating Schools	Councillor(s)
Communications	* Big River Community School - T.D. Michel * Catholic Ed Centre - Spruce Home	Pauline Tetreault Laurie Kuchapski
Program	* Wesmor * Turgeon	Wasył Rybalka
Constitution	* Red Wing - Shell Lake * Queen Mary	Nicole Charlebois
Convention	Committee	DebbieMcPherson Dan Poirier Norm Sumners
Induction	* Prince Charles - Princess Margaret * Riverside - St. Anne	Laurie Regnier
Superannuation	* Kinistino - Shellbrook * King George	Randy Krammer
Education Week	* Vincent Massey - Debden * St. Louis - Vickers - Osborne	Tim Rapko
Hospitality	* PACI * John Diefenbaker	Tim Rapko
Telephone Directory	- Kelly Klassen - Carlton	Debbie McPherson
Equity	* Wild Rose - East Central * Canwood - Arthur Pechey - Christopher Lake	Shannon Fiddler
Resolutions	* Birch Hills - MacDowall * Rivier - West Central	Ted Zurakowski

General Meeting

Wednesday, September 20th
John Diefenbaker School Library - 4:45 p.m.
Topic: PAATA fee
Constitution Changes

Fall Aquacise Classes: The fall aquacise classes will be held at the Frank Dunn Pool from 3:55 - 4:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for any Saskatchewan Rivers staff. These classes begin on September 12th and continue until November 23rd. Contact Arleen Koshman at 764-5766 for further information.

New/Beginning Teachers

Be sure to fill in enrolment forms for health/dental plan coverage.

One of our local teachers, Ted Zurakowski is running for city council in this year's Fall Civic Election. Check Ted out at: www.vote4ted.ca

Substitute Members

This year, following the changes made at the STF level, all substitute teachers in the PAATA area will have a fee taken off their cheques. The fee will be pro rated the same as the STF fee presently taken off their cheques. If a substitute in either of our school divisions also subs in another school division, they will need to declare which teacher association they will join as a member. This is a new procedure this year and we are hoping to make contact with each substitute to explain the change.

Call for Nominations Arbos Award

See your staff rep for nominations form
- Nominations Deadline - October 27th

Beginning Teacher Conference - STF

Saskatoon - Thursday, Friday - October 26, 27, Saskatoon Inn
Regina - Thursday, Friday - September 28, 29, Regina Inn
Ask your mentor or principal for assistance applying for this