



Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association

NEWSLETTER

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... from the President's desk

Welcome back to a new school year. It is a hectic time of the year as we get our classrooms and assignments all sorted out. Many of you are new to your school, some of you are new to the profession. To everyone I wish a satisfying year wherever you are and whatever you are teaching.

We are back into Provincial Collective Bargaining discussions and are hopeful for a speedy end to negotiations. Please keep yourselves posted by logging on to InforSource on the STF website. They have been very good about keeping everyone up to date on where negotiations are at.

Several members of our association took the opportunity to participate in the STF Summer Leadership Seminar. It was a very informative 2 days in Saskatoon. I'm sure the others in attendance would agree that it was well worth attending.

PAATA tries very hard to keep our members informed about what is going on both locally and provincially. The key person in this is your school rep. They attend meetings on your behalf and receive information from the STF. If you think your rep is doing a great job this year, please take the time to thank them for their time and effort on your behalf. If your staff has not appointed a rep yet, don't delay. Perhaps you yourself might consider taking on the responsibility for your school. It is vital to have someone attending meetings on your behalf in order for you to remain informed and up to date on the activities within your profession.

To all of you who are new to the profession or new to the Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association, I would like to welcome you. Once again this year, my teaching assignment is at JD School in the mornings and the office in the afternoon. Please feel free to contact me at the office if you have any questions or concerns.

- *Debbie McPherson*

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General Association Meeting

Wednesday, September 19th
7:00 p.m. Carlton Cafetorium
Topic: PAATA fee
Constitution
Tentative Agreement (STF in attendance)

Aquacise Classes

Tuesdays and Thursdays
3:45 - 4:30 -- Frank Dunn Pool
Beginning September 11
For more information contact: Arlene

Entering the Professional Community: A Conference for Beginning Teachers

Saskatoon: Thursday and Friday, September 27 & 28, Radisson Hotel.

Showcase 2008

Hotel rooms are going fast. Don't forget to make your reservations ASAP. Most of the downtown hotels are already full so you might have to look in other parts of the city.

ALL BEGINNING TEACHERS: *Special Subject Council Voucher-One Free Membership*

Special Subject Councils are organizations of teachers and other educators interested in a specific subject, development level, or interest area in schools. They hold conferences, publish journals and organize workshops for members.

We would like to invite you to apply for **one free membership** during your first year of teaching. To obtain a coupon, please see the STF website at www.stf.sk.ca or contact the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation at 373-1660 (toll free 1-800-667-7762).

Discovering Empowerment for FASD Resources

September 18th and 19th, 2007

(Begins at 1:00 p.m. on the 18th)
Art Hauser Centre, Prince Albert

**Featuring Keynote Speaker:
Judge Sheila Waylon**

*Other Speakers are members from
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Banquet Supper, Lunch and Nutritional Snacks
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*Join us for the 2007 Conference on
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October 31 - November 2, 2007
at the Telus Convention Centre in
Calgary*

Keynote Speakers:

**Dr. Mel Levine
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