



Local 48

September Newsletter

Message from the President

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to a new and exciting school year!

Teacher involvement is crucial for the success of our programs. Representation from each school is needed on three committees: Professional Development Committee, Economic Policy Committee, and the Council of School Representatives.

Our Political Engagement Committee and Diversity, Equity, and Human Rights Committee (DEHR) will be looking for interested teachers to guide their work for the new school year- interested? Stay tuned for meeting information coming your way soon. It is important to involve yourself in some way in local and provincial ATA matters. To those of

you who volunteer your time, we thank you.

Here is a glimpse of your local's activities for September and October:

Professional Development Committee is gearing up for our annual Institute Day on October 30th. This year's program will feature workshops presented by our Provincial Association.

Look for our Local's booth at the Fall Trade Fair.

Many of our first and second year teachers attended the Beginning Teachers' Conference held in Edmonton at the end of September.

This school year is full of opportunities for our teachers- building and strengthening our relationships with our MLAs, our Districts, and Provincial government, and most importantly, our school communities.

I wish everyone a very successful year!

Nancy Ball

President

Fort McMurray Local 48 Alberta Teachers' Association





Teachers, please be on the lookout for information on registering for Teacher Institute 2015 and about applying for a Local 48 PD grant.

The PD grant information will be released Friday, September 11 at 4 pm. Please read the instruction carefully and send your application with all the information needed.

Institute information will be sent out this week with teachers being asked to register by September 24. Teachers will be asked to choose 2 half day workshops to attend out of the about twenty offered.

The PD Committee will be supporting book clubs again this year. Please contact your CSR or your PD Chair, Deborah Nicholson at deborahnic1488@gmail.com for more information.





Welcome back colleagues!

We have many exciting opportunities to get involved with your local ATA this year. Coming up first we have our Fall Trade Show from September 25th to September 27th. If you are able to do face painting, make balloon animals, etc. we would love it if you could share your talents! We are looking to improve our image in the community ahead of local bargaining. The reality is that we are heading into local negotiations at a time when the price of oil is low and many of our parents are worried about their job. Goodwill in the community is vital for us right now.

We will be holding our new member induction a bit later this year in an attempt to give all of our new members the opportunity to be there in person. Stay tuned for more details!

Sheldon Dahl (VP Public)

Veronica Doleman (VP Separate)

"Educating the mind
without educating
the heart is no
education at all"

-Aristotle

"Every child is Masterpiece"

1 Lump or 2%?

Don't forget to watch your paychecks this fall. As per the ministerial order of 2012, September marks the first increase (2%) in 4 years. Also watch for the 1% lump sum payment that will be coming by the end of December. If you wish more information on the 2% increase or the 1% lump sum contact Chad Bowie at chad.bowie@fmprsd.ab.ca

Our local 48 website is up to date with information about Beginning Teachers Conference, CTS Conference and the PD Grant information. Please send any events you want added to the calendar to Sam Livingstone (saaylward@gmail.com) or James Hayward at james_hayward@hotmail.com. Check back often for all the latest local information.

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