

LOCAL 48 NEWS

October 2015

From Our President, Nancy Ball

For our teachers, October has special significance for two reasons - World Teachers' Day on October 5th and our professional development Institute Day on October 30th.

World Teachers' Day on October 5 highlighted the fact that teachers must be empowered as a critical step towards quality education and sustainable societies. Teachers are not only a means to implementing education goals; they are a key to sustainability and creating societies based on knowledge, values and ethics. Many Alberta teachers volunteer through projects such as Me to We Kenya Professional Development Project, Masulita-Uganda-Professional-Development, and Project Overseas, a joint endeavor by the Canadian Teachers' Federation and provincial/territorial teacher organizations to give professional assistance to fellow teachers in developing countries.

As teachers, we model lifelong learning. On October 30th, FMPSD and FMCS D teachers will participate in our annual professional development day organized by ATA Local 48. Engaging PD - Teacher Choice/Student Choice is the theme for Institute Day 2015. Teachers will have over sixteen workshops to choose from with topics ranging from inclusive education, project based learning, mental health issues in schools, and engaging student thinkers.

Institute Day is organized by our Professional Development committee and a huge thank you goes out to the teachers who volunteer on this committee.

This October we celebrate our profession while we continue the journey of learning together.

"I can't wait for Institute Day!"

- All local 48 teachers



Institute Day is Coming Up on October 30th!

- Look for local 48 twitter and website contests!
- Lots of prizes!



“Alright then, let’s do some professional development and networking. “

Local48.teachers.ab.ca

Our website is being updated regularly with information, events and information sessions. Check us out for FAQ about the lump sum payment. We would like you to send pictures of teachers at action in the community and in the schools to share on our site. Please send pictures to James

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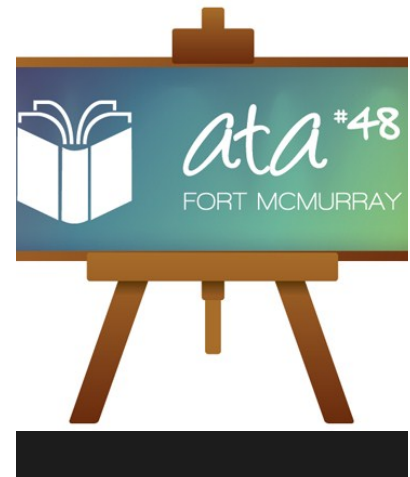
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GETCA

The Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention Association (GETCA) celebrates its 90th anniversary this year and the convention excitement for February 25 & 26 2016 includes a bigger than ever budget for the kinds of speakers that will get your PD blood all a tingle!

The GETCA develops programs of general interest to teachers at all levels across a broad field of curriculum. Convention planning takes into account the needs of individual teachers to become aware of new knowledge and trends in teaching and school organization, and also their needs to establish and broaden communications with other teachers on matters of professional concern.

Keep an eye on GETCA.com as the convention draws closer to find out about scheduled speakers and have the opportunity to register for sessions that require pre-registration. Contact me at james.sedgwick@fm-psd.ab.ca if you have any questions or suggestions.



C2 Committee

The FMPD C2 Committee is back meeting to try to address teacher workload issues in our district. In the near future, CSRs will be soliciting for updated information about initiatives at each school. Please take a few minutes to give the vital feedback the committee needs from members. If you have any questions or concerns, please forward them to one of the ATA members of the committee: **Kathy Vladicka, Tanya Drover, or Deborah Nicholson. Thank you.**



DEHR

Professional Development

Please ensure that you have registered for Institute Day, October 30, 2015. Do not register more than once and be sure to indicate any dietary requirements as lunch is being provided this year. Teachers are reminded that it is a BYOC day - Bring Your Own Cup. There will be coffee and tea provided but, in the spirit of going greener, no paper cups. As always, parking is limited so please carpool whenever possible. Direct any questions to deborah.nicholson@fmpsd.ab.ca.

Diversity, Equity, Human Rights (DEHR)

Did you know that 70% of all participating students, LGBTQ and non-LGBTQ, reported hearing expressions such as "that's so gay" every day in school and almost half (48%) reported hearing remarks such as "faggot," "lezbo," and "dyke" every day in school.