



2011 October 3

# Staff Rep Weekly

## Dates to Remember

**SURT 9—3pm**

**October 4, 5, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 24 at VESTA office**

Please organize your school teams to attend on your scheduled day.

**October 3**

Anti-Poverty Committee  
4pm, VESTA office

**October 5**

Sustainability Committee  
4pm, VESTA office

**October 6**

Pro-D Committee  
4pm, VESTA office

**October 11**

Adult Ed SURT  
9—3pm, VESTA office

**October 19**

Aboriginal Ed Committee  
4pm, VESTA office

**October 21**

Provincial PSA Day

**October 24**

Anti-Poverty Committee  
4pm, VESTA office

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Status of Women Committee  
4pm, VESTA office

*"I touch the future, I teach."  
Christa McAuliffe*

*That is why what we do is so important. —Editor*

## Professional Development

Teachers want and need control of their Professional Development. Activities chosen for professional development should provide opportunities for growth in knowledge, skills and attributes leading to improved practice.

The VSB and VTF jointly developed a *Pro-D Handbook* which provides a shared approach to Professional Development as well as providing practical assistance and examples to assist teachers in planning Professional Development activities. The Pro-D chairperson at each school received a copy last year.

At a VESTA meeting or teacher-led Pro-D discussion at your school please discuss staff, group or autonomous professional development activities and ensure that they follow the principles outlined in the Handbook.

## IEPs

IEP meetings are to be held without an administrator present unless they provide direct service to the child or have pertinent information needed for the IEP. Resource teachers are to complete the written IEP during instructional time and copy those to the appropriate teachers and file.

## VESTA news

We are looking for articles and ideas for future issues of the VESTA News. The first issue is in production. Committee and Section chairpersons are encouraged to submit articles. Letters to the editor and teacher submissions are welcome.

## School Union Rep Training

Do not forget to have all your school team members phone in for TTOCs and fax in their registration to VESTA. It is important to have a full team attend.

## Have you hit "88"?

Teachers can withdraw from the long term portion of the Salary Indemnity Plan if the total of their contributory service and age equals 88, or if they are 64 years of age. Call the Income Security Division at the BCTF at 604-871-2283 or VESTA for more information.

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