



2012 January 16

Staff Rep Weekly

Dates to Remember

January 19

Aboriginal Ed. Committee
4pm VESTA Office

January 23

Anti-Poverty Committee
4pm VESTA Office

January 25

Communications Committee
4pm VESTA Office

January 30

Status of Women Committee
4pm VESTA Office

January 31

Gifted Ed. Section
4pm VESTA Office

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Feb. 8 and 9

Maritime Labour Center—
one Staff Rep from each
school will attend for one
full-day workshop.

WORDS

*“Teaching is not a lost art,
but the regard for it is a
lost tradition.”*

*Jacques Barzon
(1907- still going strong)*

Photocopying Union Materials at Schools

VESTA contributes money to the VSB to allocate to schools to purchase photocopy materials and paper for use by VESTA reps to copy union communications for distribution. The money does not show up as a separate line item in the school budget but is included in the general funds given to the schools.

UBC Kindergarten Early Learning Index (EDI)

VESTA has agreed that Kindergarten teachers may voluntarily complete the EDI forms for their students. Teachers will be compensated with release time, based on a formula, in consideration of the time it takes to complete the forms. Information will be given out at the Staff Rep Assembly on Jan 17. The EDI has been valuable in highlighting the effects of poverty on child development and learning.

Anti-Poverty Conference February 17.

The VESTA Anti-Poverty Committee has received a BCTF grant to cohost with the Surrey Teachers Anti-Poverty Committee two conferences: Vancouver Feb.17 and Surrey later in the Spring. This would make an excellent professional development activity. More information including registration forms will be coming to the schools.

Vancouver and District Labour Council International Women’s Day Dinner

Friday, March 2, 2012 at Fraserview Hall, 8240 Fraser Street, Vancouver
The featured speaker will be Judy Rebick. Tickets are now available for sale @ \$45 each. For more information please contact Rachel @ the VDLC at 604-254-0703 for more information contact Rachel @ the VDLC at 604-254-0703.

VESTA NEWS - Letters to the Editor

Please send in submissions to the VESTA News about the concerns of teachers regarding job action, child poverty, educational change or other issues that affect teachers and students. Positive stories are welcome.

General Meeting/Staff Rep Assembly

On Jan. 17 there will be a VESTA General Meeting. One of the major agenda items will be the election of delegates to the BCTF Annual General Meeting. All VESTA members are encouraged to attend.



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