



Staff Rep Weekly

Dates to Remember

February 23
Professional Issues
Committee
4pm, VESTA office

February 28
VTF General Meeting
4pm, Eric Hamber School

March 7
UBC Cohort Info Meeting
4pm, VESTA office

March 7
Sustainability Committee
4pm, VESTA office

March 8
Communications Committee
4pm, VESTA office

Aboriginal Ed. Section
4 pm VESTA Office

**Status of Women
Fundraising Dinner**
Flamingo Restaurant
7501 Cambie St. (@59th)
Tickets \$35
Order forms at schools or in
VESTA news or
Call Vilma @ VESTA Office

WORDS

*"There are obvious places
in which government can
narrow the chasm between
the haves and the have-
nots. One is the public
schools, which have been
seen as the great leveller,
the authentic melting pot"*
Anna Quindlen

URGENT PROVINCIAL ACTION Monday Feb. 27

*******Monday "Bell to Bell" Day*******

On Monday Feb 27 BCTF/VESTA meetings are to be held during the noon hour at all schools in the province. At these meetings teachers will review the report from Trevor Hughes and any bargaining updates/news. Teachers can use the time to write emails to MLAs or make signs and or placards. After school teachers should hold an after school demonstration, such as waving placards or holding signs. Your school meetings should have a computer and projector available to view the Hughes report. ***More Details to Follow!**

*****IMPORTANT VTF General Meeting Tuesday Feb. 28*****

Bargaining and Lay-off information

Eric Hamber Secondary - Oak St. and 33rd Ave. 4 pm

It is very important that each school is represented at the VTF General Meeting on Tuesday Feb 28 to hear bargaining and strike updates as well as to receive information regarding teacher lay-offs. Each staff rep will receive an important package with information and instructions regarding the method by which members at school sites will be informed about layoffs.

SURT Follow-Up

Staff Reps please share information from SURT including copies of handouts 6, 7, 8 from the Managing Conflict workshop as well as reviewing the current status of bargaining including the non-negotiable concessions that BCPSEA is demanding.

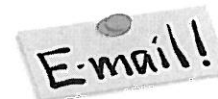
Financial Fitness For Women Workshop

**Wednesday Feb. 22 Maritime Labour Centre
1880 Triumph St. (at Victoria Dr.)
Social 6:30pm Presentation 7:00 pm**
Vancouver and District Labour Council is presenting this free workshop. To register call Rachel @ 604-254-0703

Rocky Mountaineer Strike

****Show of Support Rally****

The following motion was passed at the Staff Rep Assembly on Feb. 14. "That VESTA encourage its members to join in solidarity with Teamsters Local 31 on March 5, 2012 at 3:30 pm -5:00 pm at the Rocky Mountaineer station at 1755 Cottrell St. (Just behind the Home Depot on Terminal). These workers have been locked-out since June 2011.
More info will be faxed to school.



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