



VESTA

2012 September 17

Staff Rep Weekly

*****Please share this important information with all VESTA members*****

Dates to Remember

September 19

VTF General Meeting
4pm, Tupper Secondary

September 20

VESTA General Meeting and
Staff Rep Assembly
4pm, Tupper Secondary

September 25

Working and Learning
Conditions/ Bargaining
Committee
4pm, VESTA office

September 25

Teachers Teaching On Call
Committee
4pm, VESTA office

September 26

Health & Safety Committee
4pm, VESTA office

September 27

Professional Issues Committee
4pm, VESTA office

Reminders for Staff Reps

*****Two VTF/VESTA meetings this week.*****

Two meetings are scheduled: VTF general meeting/vote on Bargaining on Wednesday at Tupper and a VESTA General Meeting/SRA on Thursday at Tupper.

Following your first school-based VESTA meeting please send this information to the VESTA Office by September 19 or bring it to the Staff Rep Assembly on Thursday, September 20:

1. The form listing the number of teaching staff at your school and the names of your senior and other staff reps.
2. The form listing the Staff Committee chairperson and other school contacts for VESTA's Standing Committees.
3. Any resolution forms for the B.C. Federation of Labour Convention should be faxed to VESTA by September 19th to be dealt with at the September 20th VESTA General Meeting.

Are you 64 or Factor 88 ?

Remind members at your school who are 64 years old or whose age and service equal "Factor 88" and who have at least 100 sick days that they can withdraw from the long-term portion of the salary indemnity plan. Details on how to do this were sent out in the opening day Staff Rep package.

Bargaining Survey K-12

VESTA is conducting an online bargaining survey in order to determine bargaining objectives for the next round of bargaining starting in the Spring. The survey will be live on Wednesday September 19th. Details on how members can access the survey will be faxed to schools on Tuesday, September 18th. We hope all VESTA members take this opportunity to have their opinions heard. The Adult Educators' bargaining survey will be conducted at a later date.

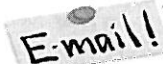
"Teaching should be full of ideas instead of stuffed with facts"- Author Unknown

UBC Urban Learners Master's Program

UBC is once again offering the Urban Learners Master's Program to be held at the VESTA offices, starting in January. There is an **information session on Tuesday, September 18** from 4-5 pm at the VESTA office.

Member Telephone Survey

Ipsos Reid is conducting a telephone survey for the BC Pension Corporation of active and retired members of the Teachers' and other public pension plans. As a result some members may receive a call from Ipsos. They will be randomly selecting members and retirees to complete the survey starting on Monday September 17th. Please direct questions to BCPC's Client Research Coordinator Gordon Bebie, at 250-356-9556



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