



Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

*Meetings at VESTA Office, 4 PM
unless otherwise noted*

December 19
Health and Safety Committee

December 21
Last Day before Winter Break

January 7
Schools Reopen

January 8
Teachers Teaching On Call
Committee

January 14
Working & Learning Conditions
/ Bargaining Committee

January 16
Anti-Racism Committee

January 22
General Meeting / Staff Rep
Assembly, Tupper Secondary

BCTF Annual General Meeting

Nomination forms for the BCTF AGM were included in kits at the Staff Rep Assembly and will also be faxed to schools today. The AGM runs from Saturday March 16 to Tuesday March 19 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Vancouver.

The exact number of VESTA delegates will be determined by a December 31 member count but will likely be in the 30-35 range. Delegates will be elected at the January 22 VESTA General Meeting. Members interested in becoming delegates should send their forms to the VESTA Office by January 15.

Any member can attend sessions of the AGM. It is an excellent opportunity to hear from teachers around our province and to witness our democratic decision-making in action.

Calendar Survey

At the December Staff Rep Assembly a short survey was handed out asking for feedback on possible changes to the 2013-14 school calendar. The discussion at an upcoming school-based VESTA meeting should include consideration of the effect on teacher practices, the implications for the school community, and staff preferences going forward. Please return surveys to the VESTA Office by no later than January 11.



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Did You Know?

Bereavement Leave:

The language that was negotiated this year regarding Bereavement Leave is a better provision in several ways. Not only does it expand the definition of "immediate family" to include any other member of the family that lives in the same house. It also extends the basic leave from 3 days to 5, but retains the possibility of adding 2 days if travel is required. This new leave makes it easier for extended families who live together or for non-traditional families to access bereavement leave (Article G.2.8)