



Stronger together Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

*Meetings at VESTA Office,
4:00 pm unless otherwise
indicated*

October 17
Sustainability Committee

October 21
Status Of Women

October 24
Adult Ed Exec 10:00-12:00

NEW Teacher Induction

October 25
TTOC Pro-D day 8:30-12:00
"Life Teaching on Call"

Provincial PSA Pro- D Day

October 29
Health and Safety

TTOC committee

October 31
HALLOWEEN

TUIF (Thank Unions It's Friday)

In 1929, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America Union was the first union to demand and achieve a five-day work week. After that, the rest of the United States (and Canada) slowly followed, but it was not until 1940, when a provision of the American 1938 Fair Labor Standards Act mandating a maximum 40 hour workweek went into effect, that the two-day weekend became commonplace across North America.

Bike to Work Week

From October 28th to November 3rd, there is a celebration of cycling to work in Vancouver. You can go to various sites for free hot drinks, launch a personal challenge to track your commutes, or start a school team to bicycle together. There are also sites for bike tune-ups! For more information, and to register, see the HUB website: <https://bikehub.ca/news>

Retiring in December? ERIP Deadline

The VSB has agreed with the Union to allow eligible teachers to retire on December 31, 2013 and still receive an Early Retirement Incentive.

Notice of retirement must be made by November 30, and retirement will begin January 1st, 2014.

WHAT TO DO? Submit a letter to HR by Nov. 30 that you are retiring Dec. 31,

stating you want the ERIP, and give your full name and school in the letter.

If you want more info, contact VESTA!

ADVICE CORNER:

HOW TO CANCEL AN ABSENCE -SFE

First, do not wait until the last minute!! Show respect towards the TTOC and do it as soon as you know you don't need the TTOC requested.

3 Easy steps

- Sign in to SFE website online <https://sfe.vsb.bc.ca/logOnInitAction.do>
- Click on the job number
- Click on cancellation and give a reason

This way, the TOC affected will be released back into the system immediately rather than when SFE gets the call and calls the TTOC.

NB: If you have been absent already for several days, cancel a TTOC by **calling** SFE at (604) 713-5177 / (604) 713-5178

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