



Stronger Together

2014 January 22

Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

*Meetings at VESTA office
4pm unless otherwise
indicated.*

January 23
Sustainability
Health and Safety

January 31
Pro-D Day
Workshop at VESTA
See info to the right!

February 3
Anti-Poverty Committee

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IMPORTANT- Cancelling Your Absence on SFE: You must call 604.713.5177/5178

When you've booked off work for any reason, and then later you don't need to be absent, **do not** use the SFE website! You need to call the SFE Helpdesk to cancel your request for a TTOC. Do so **at least 3 hours in advance**. **This is the only way to cancel a TTOC assignment.**

When a callout for a TTOC still goes awry, the TTOC who arrives at a school for an assignment which was inappropriately cancelled, must still work and be paid for the original call out. According to the VSB, it is the classroom teacher who will have this charged against their sick leave allowance, even if they are actually at work. So, members who have requested a TTOC via the SFE system **must** phone 604.713.5177 or 604.713.5178 to **cancel** their absence from school.

Global Education Workshop – Pro-D on Friday, January 31, 9–12pm at the VESTA office, 2915 Commercial Drive

Creating Cultures of Peace – acts of transformation from war toys to peace art. This interactive workshop provides resources for teachers and their students to create peaceful learning communities. Activities will incorporate the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, and discuss the effects of war and violence on children and youth, including child soldiering. Examples highlighting the “transforming war toys to peace art” process will be shared.

This BCTF workshop for members is presented by the VESTA Status of Women Committee. **Please email vilmam@vesta.ca before Wednesday, January 29 to register.** (Non VSB email)

Coming Events

VTF General Meeting – Tuesday, February 4 at 4pm, Tupper Secondary Auditorium. 419 E. 24th Ave. Discussion of provincial and local bargaining.

SURT-Staff Union Rep Training-Tuesday February 4, 9–3pm, with sign in at 8:30am, one staff rep per school. Pre-registration is required.

Topics include: advocacy for public education, provincial bargaining.