



Stronger Together

2014 February 6

Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office
4pm unless otherwise
indicated.

February 13

Sustainability
Professional Issues

February 17

Status of Women

February 18

General Meeting
& Staff Rep Assembly
Tupper Cafeteria

February 20

Health & Safety



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Exercise your Professional Development Choice

VESTA has a long standing record of advancing the cause of Aboriginal students in our schools, and supporting their needs. On February 21, there will be a district Pro-D day with a web broadcast on aboriginal education, introduced by Chief Shawn Atleo from 8:30—10:30am.

VESTA supports members in attending this professional development opportunity, but we also want to remind all members that their professional development needs are their own choice to determine. Under your professional autonomy, you can undertake your own self-directed pro-d on Feb. 21, so attendance is optional at the district event.

Professional development is the individual responsibility of each teacher to plan and implement.

Supporting CUPW - Canadian Union of Postal Workers

Canada Post announced on Dec. 11, 2013 plans to stop door-to-door mail delivery in Canada, affecting 6,000 to 8,000 letter carrier jobs. This drastic action is completely unjustified when one researches the topic.

We are encouraging our members to show support for their letter carrier. This is easy to do, as many materials to support our union brothers and sisters fighting against these job and service cuts can all be downloaded from the CUPW website www.cupw.ca/index.cfm/ci_id/15026/la_id/1.htm

You can print copies of a letter to your MP, download a window sign, order a t-shirt, a toque, and find out about local rallies etc. Here is a great link that busts the myths of Canada Post having no choice regarding these atrocious cuts: http://m.thetyee.ca/Opinion/2014/02/05/Ten-Myths-about-Canada-Post-Cuts/?utm_source=editor-tweet&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=050214

Black History Month

February is Black History Month. Members are invited to check out resources on the BCTF's Social Justice website www.bctf.ca/SocialJustice.aspx?id=17660 and lesson plans on antiracism www.bctf.ca/SocialJustice.aspx?id=21346. Come to the Vancouver Public Library downtown on Wed. Feb. 12 at 7pm for a panel discussion celebrating the contributions of Calbert Best "Simply the Best."

Coming Events

VESTA General Meeting – On Tuesday, February 18 at 4pm, Tupper Cafeteria, 419 E. 24th Ave. Provincial and local bargaining discussion.

JUSTFilm Festival– CoDevelopment Canada announces their annual film festival on environmental justice, taking place at Langara College from Feb. 28 to March 2. Check website www.justfilm.org and see many great films.

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