



Stronger Together

2015 February 18

Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

February 18
Health and Safety
Professional Issues

February 23
VESTA AGM Delegates
8:30am to 3pm

February 24
VTF General Meeting
Tupper Secondary

February 25
Pink Shirt Day
Wear pink to support
LGBTQ2 students

February 26
Fight for 15
BC Fed, 7-9pm

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March 8
International
Women's Day

BC Teachers' Council Elections – BCTF Endorsed Candidates

On February 13, the TRB (Teacher Regulation Branch) will mail ballots to teachers, and they must be received by March 20 for this Council election.

It is important to vote for our BCTF endorsed candidates as the Council is responsible for setting standards for teacher education, certification, conduct and competence. It also forms the Disciplinary and Professional Conduct Board.

Here are our BCTF endorsed candidates:

- Vancouver Coastal Zone – **John Hall** (incumbent from 2012)
- Fraser Zone – **Laurence Greef** (incumbent from 2012)

Please don't forget to vote, and do support our BCTF endorsed candidates!

UBC Cohort – Med Education Activism Starting July 2016

Good news! UBC has decided to reschedule the Critical Pedagogy/Education Activism MEd Cohort to July 2016. This will give VESTA members time to consider participation in UBC's MEd program. Watch for after school information sessions at VESTA in May, September and October. Bring your questions and meet the professors supporting this new program. This could be the exciting MEd Cohort you are seeking. Learn more and sign-up to be notified when information sessions are scheduled at pdce.educ.ubc.ca/CPEA.

Celebrate International Women's Day – Thursday, March 5

Join the Status of Women Committee at this year's fundraiser dinner to support The Lantern Fund created by the non-profit agency Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan. The Lantern Fund provides teacher training for approximately 1,000 teachers each year.

CWWA member, Eva Sajoo, will discuss the many issues in educating Afghan teachers. Ms. Sajoo currently lectures at SFU. She has published work on gender, development and education in Muslim societies. Besides her academic work, she is a regular contributor to the news media, notably on Afghanistan.

WHERE: Bistro 101, Pacific Institute of Culinary Arts, 101-1505 West 2nd Ave., Complimentary guest parking at 1515 West 2nd Ave.

WHEN: Tickets \$45. Please make cheque payable to VESTA and send to the attention of Vilma at the VESTA office.

Upcoming Events

VTF General Meeting – Tuesday, February 24 at 4 pm

Location: Tupper Secondary School Auditorium

We are inviting all members to attend this VTF General Meeting, where we will discuss and make decisions related to the VSB's proposal for the school calendar.