



*Stronger Together*

2015 December 3

# Staff Rep Weekly

*Please share this important information with all VESTA members*

## Dates to Remember

*Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated*

### **December 6**

Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

### **December 8**

General Meeting/  
Staff Rep Assembly

### **December 14**

Social Justice Committee

### **December 15**

Executive Committee

### **December 17**

TTOC Committee

### **January 12**

Executive Committee

### **January 19**

General Meeting/  
Staff Rep Assembly



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## **BC Poverty Reduction Coalition – #Rethinking Campaign**

At this time of year many schools are involved in collecting money and food for food banks. While these activities can help students develop a sense of empathy and social responsibility, these and similar acts of charity are often described as “band-aid” solutions. If you are interested in finding out how to work toward a long-term solution check out the [BC Poverty Reduction Coalition Campaign](#), #rethinkgiving or [Justice Not Charity lesson plan](#) for more information and ideas.

## **Questions about Make-up Prep Time**

According to the collective agreement, each full-time elementary teacher shall receive 100 minutes of prep time each week. This means that when there is a non-instructional day or holiday in the week, the prep time should be made up during that week.

If you are the prep teacher you should also have your personal prep time made up in that week. It is the responsibility of the TTOC to come prepared with teaching activities for that day. They should be made aware by the administration at the time of booking that it is a prep make up day. It is not the responsibility of individual teachers to provide activities for the TTOC on those days, nor the responsibility of the prep teacher.

## **TeachBC – Online Resources for you from the BCTF**

What is TeachBC? It’s an online resource of teaching materials, lessons, and research relevant to the K–12 BC curriculum that allows users to download, upload and share resources. Search by subject, grade, resource type, title, description, language, etc. Who can use it? Everyone! The website is public. How can teachers contribute? Upload your favourite lesson plans, unit plans, activities, resources, or research and make TeachBC the go-to site for K–12 BC resources. Tell your colleagues about TeachBC and help us build the site – [teachbc.bctf.ca](http://teachbc.bctf.ca)

## **Upcoming Curriculum Implementation Days**

More information will be coming to staff reps this week with details about the plan going forward. Thank you for your patience as we work through this consultation process with our employers.

## **Final Days of the Pension Consultation Process**

The deadline for completing the Pension Survey has been extended to December 12. Information about the proposed changes are on the BCTF website under [Pensions](#) and a URL link to the survey was sent to all members by email this fall and another will be coming from the BCTF soon.