



Stronger Together

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Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

April 25

Professional Issues Committee

April 26

Executive Committee

May 1

Adult Ed General Meeting

May 3/4

Post and Fill Workshops. 1–3pm

May 3

Curriculum Implementation Feedback Forum

May 17

VESTA AGM
Tupper Cafeteria, 4pm



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WorkSafeBC Approves Lice Infestation Claim

A BCTF member recently filed a claim after contracting an infestation of lice and her claim was subsequently approved by WorkSafeBC. In the decision letter, WorkSafeBC agreed to pay for the topical treatment used to treat the infestation and went on to state that if a doctor confirms infestation, they would pay for the loss of work time. While this decision does not solve the problem of lice outbreaks at a school and students continuing to attend when they have an infestation, it does demonstrate that teachers have recourse through WorkSafeBC.

Members should follow these steps if they contract a lice infestation:

- Complete a WorkSafeBC [Form 6a](#).
- Ensure that your principal/vice-principal states that there is a lice problem at the school on the [Form 7](#).
- See your doctor to confirm the diagnosis and confirm that the time off work is for the treatment of the lice.
- Book your time off as sick leave; when WCB reimburses the district your sick time will be reinstated, if not contact the VESTA office.
- Keep your receipts for the topical treatment you use.

Aboriginal Awareness Week

VESTA Social Justice and Solidarity Committee will be hosting an Aboriginal Awareness Resource Fair on Wednesday, May 11 from 4–5:30pm at the VESTA office in recognition of Aboriginal Awareness Week. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

12th Annual Tri-National Conference in Defense of Public Education

The BCTF International Solidarity Committee invites teachers to apply to be a delegate to the conference taking place 2016 May 13–15 at UBC. Please see the BCTF website Opportunities for Members page on bctf.ca. or for further information contact Larry Kuehn (lkuehn@bctf.ca) or Anne Field (afield@bctf.ca). Application forms are due by the end of the week.

VESTA Sponsored Rally – Enough is Enough

VESTA is organizing a rally at **Gladstone Secondary School**, 4105 Gladstone Street on **Thursday, April 28 at 6pm** prior to the final meeting regarding the 2016/17 VSB Budget. The focus of the rally will be on encouraging the School Board Trustees to pass a deficit budget for the 2016/17 school year. Plan to attend this rally and stand up for public education, teachers and students in Vancouver.