



Stronger Together

2017 March 29

VESTA Weekly

Topics Worth Talking about! Please read and discuss with your colleagues.

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

March 29

Retirement Workshop

Extended Health Benefits Vote (8am–5pm)

March 30

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April 4

Social Justice Committee

April 5

Living with Balance

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Extended Health Benefits Vote

An important reminder to all teachers that a vote regarding our extended health benefits plan will take place in schools on Thursday, March 30. Voting will also be held at the VESTA office on Wednesday, March 29 and Thursday, March 30 from 8am–5pm each day.

Countdown for Change – 6 weeks to Election Day!

Political Action Training Workshop – April 4 from 4–6 pm.

Nathan Allen from CUPE will be guiding us on how to get involved in individual campaigns and how to talk to and engage with individuals on election issues. Please contact vilmam@vesta.ca if you would like to attend. After the session we are conducting phone banks to contact BCTF members in the Vancouver–Fairview riding.

We will also be holding phone banks on Thursday, April 6 from 5–7:30pm and Sunday, April 9 from 3–6pm. Please contact jill@vesta.ca if you can come to any of the phone bank sessions.

Thursday evenings will be Teacher Days to volunteer at the campaign office for NDP candidate George Heyman, in the Vancouver–Fairview riding. The campaign office is at 144 East Broadway (Broadway/Main). Come out to volunteer and meet up with your VESTA colleagues.

Don't forget to register to vote. You can register online at Elections BC or call 1-800-661-8683.

BCTF Workshop – Teaching Green

A reminder that VESTA's Social Justice and Solidarity Committee has organized the BCTF workshop Teaching Green: Integrating Environmental Justice Issues Across the Curriculum (Module: Sustainable Resource Use).

The workshop will take place April 4 at the VESTA office from 4–5:30pm. Please contact amy@vesta.ca if you plan to attend.

Just Film Festival Event

This year the Just Film Festival takes place Thursday, March 30 to Saturday, April 1 at the Vancity Theatre. 14 different documentaries will be presented throughout the 3-day festival. The festival is arranged by CoDevelopment Canada, Amnesty International Vancouver, Village Vancouver, and Vancity Theatre.

A 3-ticket pack is \$24, and all access packs are \$60. Double bill ticket packs are also available at the door for \$15. For a complete list of films and a link to online ticket purchase please go to www.justfilm.ca.