



Stronger Together

September 14th, 2017

VESTA Weekly

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

Dates to Remember

Meetings at the VESTA office starts at 4pm unless otherwise indicated.

Executive Meeting
September 18th

**General Meeting/
Staff Rep Assembly**
September 19th, 4pm
Tupper Secondary

**Pro-D Workshop
Play in K**
September 22nd
9am to 12pm
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Goal Setting and Non-Instructional Days

Just a reminder that this year there are the usual 5 Pro-d days, and two curriculum days, one of which is the ministry designated day that was previously used for goal setting. The two curriculum days are to be used by teachers to deepen their understanding of the content of the new curriculum. Goal setting is an administrative responsibility in which principals complete a document after consulting with staff and parents and reviewing the achievements of students at the school. Teachers may wish to participate in the discussion but are not required to spend hours crafting the wording or inputting data regarding student success. Information on student success is available through report cards. Last year the VSB revised and simplified the outline for the school growth plan so it is now a three-year process.

Professional Development Opportunity 'Play in K workshop'

VESTA's Professional Issues Committee will be presenting a BCTF workshop on Play in Kindergarten on Friday September 22 from 9 to noon. Information regarding the workshop is available on the BCTF website at <http://bctf.ca/PD/WorkshopDetail.aspx?id=38709>. Please register by calling the office at 604-873-8378 or emailing andrea@vesta.ca with your name, school and Play in K in the subject line. Registration is open to all who are interested, but space is limited so sign up soon. Snacks will be provided.

Corporate Capture of Education

Have you noticed the increasing corporatization of education and do you wonder what it means to your work and your students' development? The Council of Canadians with the support of the Teaching Support Staff Union at SFU have organized a panel presentation including professor of law and author Joel Bakan to discuss the corporate creep into every aspect of education, the impacts on education here and abroad. The event is this Friday, September 15 at the downtown VPL starting at 6:30pm. For more information see <http://bit.ly/2wgGuH3> or email hgrewal@canadians.org.

Collaborative Inquiry Deadline Reminder

The second deadline to apply for Collaborative Inquiry is tomorrow, September 15th. The final deadline for 17/18 is October 27th.