



**Stronger Together**

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# VESTA Weekly

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

## Dates to Remember

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

**Executive Committee Meeting**  
June 26

**Ad-Hoc Election Committee**  
June 27

**TTOC BBQ & Swap Meet**  
June 28



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## TTOC BBQ and SWAP Meet

VESTA TTOC Committee is hosting its annual Year End Resource Swap & BBQ on Thursday, June 28th at the VESTA office starting at 4pm. Teachers with materials to share can drop them off at the VESTA office on Wednesday June 27th between 8am and 4pm. TTOCs and new teachers can come by on Thursday to pick up some free resources. Those wishing to attend the BBQ can RSVP to [andrea@vesta.ca](mailto:andrea@vesta.ca) with your choice of veggie or beef burger.

## Vancouver Pride Festival 2018

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Vancouver's Pride Parade! The event will be held on August 5 from noon until 3pm. Mark your calendars and join VESTA Social Justice and Solidarity reps at the parade along with other union brothers and sisters. Information regarding routes and road closures, how to get to the parade and other information will be available on the pride website once decisions are final. Check out <http://www.vancouverpride.ca/calendar/events/1383470> for information about this pride event and others.

Can't wait for August or might not be here? This weekend you can join East Side Pride at Grandview Park on Commercial Drive between William and Charles Streets. The festival starts at 11:00am. There will be local performers, dance lessons, a Community Market and food trucks. Fun for the whole family!

## Special One Time Grant

A special one-time grant of \$1.2 million was put in the amended budget for schools from the anticipated surplus of the 2017-2018 school year. The funds were a result of the failure-to-fills. Some of the fund will be allocated directly to schools for their use and the other half will fund mentorship positions for next year. The amount of the grant allocated to school flex accounts will be based on the student enrollment for each school in the 2017/18 school year. Principals have been informed of the amount allocated to your school and should be sharing this information with the school's Finance Committee. If at this time there is no Finance Committee at your school, the Staff Rep can ask for the information to be shared at a Staff Committee meeting. It will be especially important for schools to ensure that they have a Finance Committee set up in 2018/19 to make recommendations to guide the spending of this and other money in the school's flex account. The grant is intended to provide general support to the schools and the students. Schools are free to allocate the grant in a way that best addresses the school needs and circumstances. This grant is effective on June 11, 2018 and is going into the unallocated category of your flexible budget. The current balance in the flexible budget will not be affected. Any surplus balance remaining in the flexible budget by June 30, 2018 will be carried forward to the 2018-2019 school year.