



Stronger Together

June 28, 2018

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

September 11

Staff Rep Assembly/ General Meeting

September 18



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Kindergarten Gradual Entry

At the BCTF AGM in March this year the delegates passed the following motion: "That the BCTF encourage all locals to use the full 25 hours provided in the School Act for gradual entry for Kindergarten students." In an effort to understand issues Kindergarten teachers face in general and to learn more about the practice of gradual entry across the district, VESTA surveyed Kindergarten teachers in April. We found that there is mixed practice across the district with regards to gradual entry, although the majority of schools use five days. VESTA has begun discussions with the Board on this topic and there is a willingness to continue the discussion in the fall, although no decisions have yet been made. The plans for gradual entry for September 2018/19 have been set by now so any changes would occur for the 2019/2020 school year. We will keep you posted!

VESTA Office Summer Hours

The VESTA office is open during the summer between July 3 - 13 and August 20 - 31, 9am - 3pm. The office will be closed July 16 - August 17.

Happy Summer Holidays!

Best wishes from all of us at the VESTA office for a fantastic summer holiday! It has been a challenging year so relax and unwind. We hope you enjoy a much-deserved rest!

Pride Parade

Just a reminder that the Vancouver Pride Parade will be held August 5 from noon until 3pm in the West End. Hope you can make it!

Labour Day at the PNE

September 3, 2018, the Vancouver District Labour Council is organizing a Labour Day event that is co-sponsored by the BCTF. Events on the day will include a gathering at Pandora Park and a parade to the PNE where unions will have information tables and entrance passes will be provided to affiliate groups. Please check the VDLC website for details closer to the event!

