



Stronger Together

VESTA Weekly

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

December 7, 2018

Living with Balance Series

VESTA and VSTA will be hosting the BCTF workshop, *Living with Balance* at the VESTA office. The workshop series will be held Mondays from 4 to 6pm on April 1, 8, 15, 29 and May 6 and 13th. Teachers will explore a variety of topics including goal setting, creating boundaries, the importance of diet and exercise, communication skills and building resiliency. These group sessions of 10 to 15 teachers are led by trained consultants or qualified occupational therapists. For more information contact jill@vesta.ca or check out the BCTF website at <https://bctf.ca/livingwithbalance.aspx>. There is a link on the BCTF page to register or you can email lwb@bctf.ca. Registration is done through the BCTF even though the workshops are held at the VESTA office.

Competency Based IEPs on MyEd

Issues regarding printing of Competency Based IEPs (CBIEPs) completed on MyEd have now been resolved. If teachers are continuing to experience difficulty with the new format please contact District Resource Teachers Miranda Winn or Allison Frers.

Changes to SFE

SFE is undergoing some changes that will begin in January. The website will be updated and there will be a new phone number. Teachers will be supplied with new key tags with the updated information. Note that the SFE system will be down from January 2 to 4th and will be live beginning January 5th. One of the big changes is that the Board is going to implement a new method for TTOCs to access work opportunities. TTOCs will be able to log on and choose a job rather than simply relying telephone call outs. Watch your vsb inbox for more information coming soon.

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

Although the official dates for the 16 Days of action are coming to an end on December 10th which is the United Nations Human Rights Day, gender based violence (GBV) is an ongoing issue and can be addressed at any time. There are excellent resources available through the government of Canada Website at <https://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/commemoration/vaw-vff/index-en.html>. The tabs at the top of the page provide multiple access points to women's issues and GBV.

Faxes

Although most schools no longer have fax machines, all schools should still have faxing capability through their photocopiers. We had reports that some schools were unable to send faxes through their copiers, but our understanding is that the situation has now been rectified. If you are still unable to send a fax through your copier to the VESTA office, please call us or email allison@vesta.ca.

VTF General Meeting December 11

Local bargaining objectives will be ratified at the upcoming Vancouver Teachers' Federation General Meeting on December 11th at 4pm in the Tupper Auditorium. We will also have an update on the VTF building. All are welcome. The meeting will be followed with a VESTA General Meeting and then the Staff Rep Assembly.

Dates to Remember

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

VTF Executive Meeting
December 10

VTF General Meeting & Staff Rep Assembly/General Meeting
December 11

TTOC Committee Meeting
December 12

Communications Committee Meeting
December 13



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