



**Stronger Together**

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# VESTA Weekly

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

## Optional Twelve-Month Pay Plan

Did you know that we can choose to have our salary paid over 12 months instead of 10? Article B.8 in the Collective Agreement details this arrangement. Contract teachers wishing to exercise this right need to inform the employer in writing by June 15 in order to join the plan for the following school year. Although the amount you receive each month during the school year is reduced, many teachers find that having a more consistent year-round salary helps with budgeting and paying bills.

## Happy Spring Break!

The VESTA table officers and other elected delegates will be heading off to the BCTF AGM from Saturday until Tuesday evening in Victoria. If you have some free time, all BCTF members are welcome to come and observe. We hope that everyone enjoys a well-deserved break and rests up for the remaining 3 months of the school year. The VESTA office will be closed over Spring Break and will open again on April 1st when school is in session. Hope you get a chance to play outside!

## Pay Period Reminder

Don't forget that our next pay will be on April 15th and to plan accordingly. It wasn't just a bonus for all the hard work you have been doing! The last working day in March is March 15th so we will be receiving both our usual mid-month pay and our end of the month pay at the same time, as sometimes occurs on the Winter Break.

## Education Issues in the News

The *Vancouver Sun's* Rob Shaw and *The Province's* Mike Smyth discuss education and the issues facing the NDP government in the podcast available at <https://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/in-the-house-podcast-b-c-ndp-shaky-on-education-file-in-vancouver-surrey>. The focus on education begins at 10-minutes and 15-seconds. Shaw and Smyth discuss portables in Surrey, the Minister Rob Fleming's performance to date, school closures in Vancouver, the lack of meaningful improvement to operational funding, and the political context in which bargaining is occurring.

## Dates to Remember

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

**Social Justice & Solidarity  
Committee Meeting**  
April 2

**Ab Ed  
Committee Meeting**  
April 4



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