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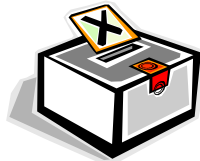
WEDNESDAY MORNING MEMO

From the Desk of the Superintendent, Patricia Dooley . . .

Democracy in Action: School Trustee Elections, Saturday, November 15, 2008

On Saturday, residents in the Slocan Valley and in the City of Nelson will have a chance to vote for their choice of school trustee.

- Slocan Valley - (one to be elected)
Margaret Hill, Barbara Lindsay,
Natasha Peirson
- City of Nelson - (two to be elected)
Randy Brieter, Bill Maslechko,
Victoria Vaseleniuck, Bob Wright



As members of the Board of Education, trustees set key directions for districts across the province. Our local Board of Education oversees a budget of nearly \$50 million

and is one of the largest employers in the region. Please remember to vote and to encourage others to vote. High schools are asked to encourage their young voters to participate.

The following trustees have been acclaimed and will serve their communities for the next 3 years:

- Kaslo & North Rural Zone: Dawn Lang
- Salmo, Taghum, Blewett: Art Field
- South Rural Creston: Annette Hambler & Verna Mayers-McKenzie
- Crawford Bay, East & North Shore: Lenora Trenaman
- Town of Creston: Mel Joy

New Teacher Orientation

We welcome the following new teachers to School District #8, many of whom took part in the New Teachers' Orientation held on October 27, co-hosted by Brian DeBiasio, Director of Human Resources, and Tom Newell, Co-President of the KLTF:

Heather Vigna	Trevor Marzke	Stephanie Frioud	Cam Lytle
Ailis Lawrence	Steve Montgomery	Leanne Kalabis	Greg Munby
Phoenix Wraith	Leslie Horning	Carla Wilson	Stephen Pierson
Lindsay Robertson	Hans Davina	Jake Middleditch	Katie Robinson
Patricia Stensrud	Lisa Backus	Laurie Holton	Kim Hammerich
Lynette Harper	Amy Walker	Tessa Parent	Holly Podovnikoff
Sheena Stienstra	Teresa Olleck	Jeff Hammerich	Tekki Brown-Hryniw
Teresa Keenan	Jaclyn Yanke	Stephanie McLean	
Val Holtz	Janet Cook	Judy Betts	

Congratulations on choosing a career that makes such a difference to individuals and the world!

NOVEMBER 11TH



REMEMBRANCE DAY - LEST WE FORGET

The District Calendar: 10 Days Out

This part of the Wednesday morning bulletin will be used to share key district happenings for the 10 days following that edition of the bulletin.

- FOIPOP Training, Monday, November 17 ??
- CUPE Para Educators Meeting, Tuesday, November 18, 6:00 pm at Creston Education Centre
- CUPE Para Educators Meeting, Wednesday, November 19, 6:00 pm in Trafalgar Staffroom
- Partner Luncheon, Tuesday, November 18, 11:00 am, Board Room
- Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 18, Board room
- Child in Care Forum, Thursday, November 20, Prestige, Cranbrook
- Destination Conservation, Friday, November 21 (9:30-12), Board Office
- DPAC, Thursday, November 27 (9-11), Board Office

Thought of the Week:

***“Attitude is the
mind’s paintbrush,
it can color any
situation.”***

... Anonymous

The Role of Parents in Today’s Public Education—Part 3

The Kootenay Lake DPAC is a proud member of the BCCPAC Advocacy Project.

Advocacy in public schools has come a long way; a parent's right to advocacy support is no longer challenged. Advocacy is a tool that helps people communicate - whatever the concern, whatever the problem, advocacy can help remove barriers and solve problems.

The BCCPAC Advocacy Project is about parents helping parents. The Kootenay Lake DPAC has sponsored three workshops for parents and education partners this year alone.

One of our aims and objectives is "to assist and support PAC's and parents in accessing the school system at any level and in bringing forward any concerns in an appropriate manner."

The BCCPAC Advocacy Project has a terrific guide, "Speaking Up!" that is useful not just for parents but also for educators and staff. For a copy you can contact the Kootenay Lake DPAC or visit www.bccpac.bc.ca.

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EBSCO Database Bundle

Three major Online Databases, Worldbook, EBSCO and the Encyclopedia of BC, will be available to all students of SD8 as of next month. Teachers will be supported with online and face to face tutorials through your District Library and Technology coordinators. Logins will be sent to your Teacher Librarians and Principals soon. For the answers to many of your questions:

[FAQ regarding the bundle](#)