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SURREY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

TOC NEWS

Dear Teachers,



*Béla Kovach,
TOC Rep*

Congratulations!!!

We made it. It has been a long and exciting year. I hope you were able to work more and become more involved in the district by attending TOC meetings, in-service events and pro-d events. Surrey is an exciting district with a lot to offer.

I wanted to give a special thanks to Elise, Jill, Jasprite, Sandra, Bindy and Sue (TOC Committee) for all the time and work they have put in to TOC events this year.

The TOC Committee will continue to work hard for Surrey teachers by offering a 2 day Back to School Conference for TOCs at the end of August to get ready for the 2004/2005 school year.

Have a terrific summer.

Sincerely,

Béla Kovach

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, June 9 th	TOC Year End Celebration Surrey Conference Centre
Thursday, June 17 th	Employment Insurance Meeting Surrey Conference Centre
Tuesday, August 31 st & Wednesday, September 1 st	2 Day TOC Back to School Conference Surrey Conference Centre

Important Websites:

Surrey Teachers' Association	www.surreyteachers.org
B.C. Teachers' Federation	www.bctf.ca
Surrey School District	www.sd36.bc.ca
CISC: Teachers' Centre	www.sd36.bc.ca/sites/cisc/Teachercentre.html



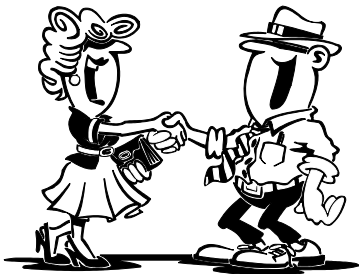
Congratulations to all of you TOC's who have survived your first/second/third/(you get the idea) year of teaching in Surrey.

The TOC Committee is holding a gala event in your honour. Yes YOU! You did it, you stuck it out, and (honestly) wasn't it just a bit fun?

There will be a beach party held on **Wednesday, June 9th from 3:30 until 6 o'clock** at the **Surrey Conference Centre** (9260 140th St.). As we are working on a tight budget and have decided to spend most of it on food, we were unable to get a beach! But hey! We're flexible 'cause weeeeeeeeeere teachers!!!!!!



With a little imagination and ingenuity our rental space will be transformed into an exotic paradise, with food, music, games, and prizes. Betcha can't wait! We may even update you on what's been happening on the STA/BCTFish topic.



We sincerely hope that you will be able to attend, even if not for the entire event. Late comers, and early leavers are welcome. We know how busy it is this time of year.

Please mark this date on your calendar, and remember to RSVP to the STA office at 594-5353. Let us know by Monday June 7th if at all possible, so the catering can be planned (as well as prizes, etc.). We look forward to seeing

everyone there!!

The 2004/2005 STA Executive were elected at the STA Annual General Election

President

John Wadge

First Vice President

Patti Turner

Second Vice President

Lynda Toews

Grievance Officers:

Mark Keelan

Margie Willers has one more year in her two year term

Secretary Treasurer:

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Local Representatives to the BCTF:

Mary Cooper

Sarb Lalli

Ren Morley

Kerry Richardson

Kelly Shields

Jo-Anne Thornthwaite

Teacher on Call Representative:

Bela Kovach

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Peter Bonell

Katalin Toreky Paziuk

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John Wadge

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Patti Turner

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Lynda Toews

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Mark Keelan

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Margie Willers

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Paid Prep-time – TOC Responsibility

Just a reminder that a teacher's preparation time (Article 25) also applies to the Teacher-on-Call who has been dispatched to replace the teacher due to illness or leave of absence.

There are, on occasion, times when a TOC is asked to cover a class during their prep-time. This occurs more frequently when there is a TOC shortage, and teachers are asked to teach during their prep time because a TOC could not be called for the librarian, for example. Should this occur, please record the missed prep-time in the Missed Preparation Time Form. This form should be in the Teacher-on-Call Folder given at the school (If not ask the secretary for one). If the AO has forgotten to fill out and sign the form, it is the TOCs responsibility to make sure it is signed. Please carry an extra form with you when you go from school to school. Payment is done twice a year in December and June. Make sure you send in your Payment for Missed Preparation Time form on June 30th to Mary Stewart, District Principal, SD#36 Human Resources Department.

TOC Summer Conference

There will be a 2 day Summer Pro-d conference for TOCs to get ready for the 2004/2005 school year.

Where: Surrey Conference Centre
9260 -140 St.

When: Tuesday, August 31st and
Wednesday September 1st

What: TOC Helpful Hints, Employer Expectations, Dispatch Update and Answers, , The Collective Agreement and the TOC, First Class, Generic Art Activities, Classroom Management, Resume/Interview Tips, Financial Planning and Sponge Activities etc.

Cost: Brought to you by the Surrey Teachers' Association



Just a reminder that there are many professional development opportunities during the summer. If you happen to attend an event, remember to keep the receipts and brochure so that you can be reimbursed for the money by applying to the TOC Pro-d fund in the fall. Make sure you look on the STA website at www.surreyteachers.org under "forms" to make sure what your event is eligible for pro-d money, if you want to be reimbursed. As you all know, TOCs are allowed to apply for up to \$150 from the Pro-d fund until all of the money is used up.

Keep posted by calling the TOC Hotline (604-592-5396),
accessing the STA TOC Web Page at
<http://www.surreyteachers.org/800/toc.htm> or
e-mailing Bela Kovach your TOC Representative at
Belajoyk@hotmail.com



The TOC newsletter was published monthly for the 2003/2004 school year and mailed to the home address of every Surrey TOC for whom we have a current mailing address. It is also posted on the STA web site at www.surreyteachers.org.

You can help us with our mailing costs. If you do not wish to have this delivered to your home, please call us (604-594-5353), give us your name, and tell us not to send the TOC newsletter. If you'd prefer to receive notice of the mailings by email, call us and give us your email address, or send us a message with that information, to sta@surreyteachers.org.