

VESTA WEEKLY

TOPICS WORTH TALKING ABOUT! PLEASE READ AND DISCUSS WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES

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Things to Remember

Many schools are in discussion right now about the school organization for the upcoming school year. Here are some key points to keep in mind as you navigate this process:

- Teachers have the right to make recommendations to Administrators through Staff Committee Meetings. These recommendations should be in the form of a motion from teachers
- Surplusing happens when there are a greater number of teachers than the funding for that school allows. The least senior person will be surplused, unless another teacher voluntarily surpluses themselves.
- We currently have an agreement with the employer that a teacher can request an increase in time after the March 31st date. This agreement is in effect until June 2022. Any member can also apply for additional time through the posting process
- Not all G and Q students count towards the Class Size and Composition provisions. Your Administrator will have information on which students count and which do not.
- Job share partners may end up owing one another minutes in order to ensure that both partners are working the FTE they are paid for. Your Admin has software that can calculate those minutes.

This is a time of year when many of us are running on empty. Please remember to be kind to yourself, to take things slow, to remember that in the context of this year, things may not look like they have in the past.



Al Blakey Celebration of Life

After having lost a giant in the VESTA and BCTF community last week, there will be a Celebration of Life held for Al Blakey this coming Sunday, May 30. Please find attendance information below and on the VESTA website.



Time: Sunday, May 30th from 4:00 to 7:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85681232563?pwd=dllrNm5CMkRidGRQMhZ2V3BRbTJ6Zz09>

Meeting ID: 856 8123 2563

Passcode: 884243

Dial by your location

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VESTA Annual General Meeting

Thank you to all members who attended the 2021 VESTA Annual General Meeting on May 18. There were a number of exciting decisions made by the membership including the election of your 2021-2022 VESTA Executive Committee. There are still positions available for TTOC chair and for a Member at Large who identifies as a Person of Colour.

Highlights include:

- Changing the name of VESTA to VUESTA – we will now be the Vancouver Union of Elementary School Teachers and Adult Educators. The pronunciation will remain largely the same.
- Carrying the VESTA budget with no increase to membership fees but one additional in-house table officer
- The creation of a music teachers section on the VESTA EC

Please plan to attend the final General Meeting and Staff Rep Assembly of the year on Tuesday, June 15, where we will be discussing the setting of local and provincial bargaining objectives.

EI Workshop

This year we are hosting an information session about E.I. on June 9th and again on June 23rd @ 4pm. To register and attend and to receive your meeting link email: lori@vesta.ca



Vancouver Elementary School Teachers' Association

Employment Insurance Webinar Navigating the EI Claim Process for TTOCs June 9th and June 23rd from 4 - 6 pm

MAXIMUM 15 SEATS AVAILABLE FOR EACH SESSION

PLEASE REGISTER ASAP

Seats reserved based on the first 15 email registrations.

To register and attend and to receive your meeting link

email: lori@vesta.ca

with your full name and session date

This BCTF workshop will provide teachers teaching on call with the resources and information to enable them to successfully apply for EI benefits.



Employment Insurance Seminar

Navigating the EI Claim Process for Teachers Teaching on Call



BC Teachers' Federation

- Make effective, error-free applications
- Maximize your benefits and extend those benefits throughout the school year including Spring and Winter breaks



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Dates to Remember

**Adult Educators
Annual General Meeting**
Saturday, May 29th 2:30 - 4:30
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/94979201187>
Meeting ID: 949 7920 1187
Passcode: 437463
Dial by your location
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Executive Committee Meeting
June 1st, 2021 @ 4:00 pm
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/99301176972>
Meeting ID: 993 0117 6972
Passcode: 569241
Dial by your location
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**Communications
Committee Meeting**
June 3rd, 2021 @ 4:00 pm
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/97132916489>
Meeting ID: 971 3291 6489
Passcode: 317247
Dial by your location
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