**ATA Meeting- December 7, 2015**

1. ATA Family Christmas Movie- “Elf” December 12 @ 1pm at the Monarch Theatre. Admission is a food donation and popcorn/pop can be purchased for $5.

2. Bill 8 – 2 tier bargaining 1st: salary & benefits to be bargained with the provincial government 2nd: local issues bargained with each local School Board.

\* review Heather McCaig’s District Rep report for more details

3. Bill 5- Amended so that all public sector employees (this includes teachers) must make $125 000 or more for their names/salary to be published.

4. Staff on Leave- The 1% lump sum needs to be reported to EI according to the day you actually received it which was November 30, not according to when it was earned.

5. Teachers’ Convention- Teachers interested in hosting a session are asked to sign up at seatca.ca prior to the end of December deadline. Presenters receive a $150 honorarium, lunch & Tim Horton’s gift card.

6. Telethon- Alternatives for the annual District Telethon are currently being discussed. In order to allow for time to plan the new event, they have decided to take a year off from hosting the telethon. The committee is currently seeking teachers, retired teachers, and community members to volunteer to help out. Please email Alicia Koch if you are interested.

7. Fountas & Pinnell- Have you received the allotted time to complete this testing? If not, please contact Gary Ziel- EPC Chair.

8. Teachers close to retirement- Alberta Retired Teachers’ Association (ARTA) reminds teachers to contact them regarding benefits coverage as ASEBP coverage only lasts 60 days post retirement.