



Local 1 ATA Meeting Summary. February 08, 2016

1. Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week is March 14 – 18th. Please appreciate substitute teachers that frequent your building by creating something simple like a bulletin board in the main hall dedicated to their service or giving them a small thoughtful treat. Either will go a long way to making our substitute teachers feel needed and appreciated.
2. If you are interested in serving on an ATA Provincial Committee, the ATA is accepting nominations for many committees. Forms and a list of committees can be found on the ATA website or by contacting our District Representative, Heather McCaig.
3. The Educational Trust provides grants to teachers furthering their education. Brochures are in schools (check with your School Rep) or more information can be found on the ATA website.
4. **SAVE THE DATE:** Local 1 ATA Annual Golf Tournament, May 28th at Par 3. Detailed information will be provided in our next bulletin!
5. The University of Lethbridge Education department reports it is a challenge to find enough Teacher Associates for the number of practicum students in their programs. Please consider submitting your name to help future teachers.
6. Please update your **teacher profile** on the provincial ATA website. You will need your teaching certificate number (available from the district HR department or TQ services at the ATA) to create an account if you have not previously logged onto the ATA website. This will be necessary due to the fact that the ATA **will** be using electronic voting for bargaining related items in the near future. There will be computers and assistance available at the ATA booth at Teacher's Convention to create or update your profile.
7. **TEACHER'S CONVENTION UPDATE:** Medicine Hat College is now charging SEATCA for use of their building for our convention. In the past, we have made a \$2,000 donation to the Education program as a thank you. The MHC is now charging close to \$20,000 for use of the building. For this year, the college has discounted the cost but next year there likely will NOT be any such break. In addition, SEATCA will cover parking costs for all teachers for the 2016 Teacher's Convention. (THANK YOU!!!!) After this year, teachers should be prepared to pay the \$4/day parking fee to the college.
8. Attendance at Teacher's Convention is mandatory for all teachers; this includes the Friday afternoon sessions. All teachers are expected to participate in convention sessions until 2:30pm on Friday. Teachers can and have been charged with unprofessional conduct for not attending convention. It is your professional duty to participate. There have been cases of unprofessional conduct charged to teachers in Medicine Hat.