

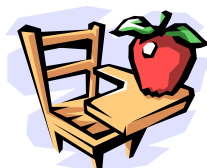
**NEWSLETTER OF THE DELTA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**

## President's Column

After a heated debate on a motion proposing to escalate the reconfiguration timeline of north end secondary schools by one year, Delta trustees voted 4/3 in favour of the recommendation. What this means is that in September 2005, Sands Secondary will have grade 12 students (as scheduled), North Delta Secondary will offer grades 10,11,12 and Burnsvew and Delview Secondary Schools will offer grade 11 as well as 8, 9,10.

The DTA asked several questions pertaining to the financing of the reconfiguration, only one of which the Board could answer. The cost of renovating Sands Secondary was \$2.9 million. Final costs of providing resources to Sands (books, lab equipment, etc.) were unavailable but will be provided at a later date. The question of renovating Burnsvew and Delview was asked. The board replied that they had some funds but when asked how much, no answer was available. When asked what the Board would do if the land sales did not proceed, the meeting was told that the Board had some other ideas it was pursuing. The DTA expressed concerns about the necessity for facilities to be upgraded to handle senior courses, especially science labs, for example. The DTA also voiced the likelihood of the perception of have/have not schools. As senior board management and school administrators recommended this action, the DTA is concerned that the financial details were not readily available at this meeting. The DTA committee on Reconfiguration will be meeting in October to discuss the Board's actions and to provide support to those teachers whose schools will be impacted as of next September. We will continue to monitor the process to ensure that DTA members concerns are addressed.

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### CELEBRATE WORLD TEACHERS' DAY OCTOBER 5TH

"Teachers today are confronted with some of the greatest challenges they have ever had to face. In a world of rapid social and economic change brought about by new information technology and globalization, in a world of wealth for some and excruciating poverty for millions and millions of others, education is our hope for the future. Teachers provide leadership in education. The role they play in creating and shaping the future of nations is remarkable. World Teachers' Day officially recognizes this work worldwide."


UNESCO web site 2002. Jan Eastman, DTA 1<sup>ST</sup> Vice President

**2004-2005**

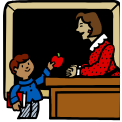
**Lower Mainland Pension Seminars**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ October 16</li> <li>▪ October 30</li> <li>▪ November 27</li> <li>▪ January 15</li> <li>▪ January 22</li> <li>▪ January 29</li> <li>▪ February 12</li> <li>▪ February 19</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Burnaby</li> <li>Surrey</li> <li>Langley</li> <li>Vancouver</li> <li>North Van</li> <li>Abbotsford</li> <li>Coquitlam</li> <li>Delta</li> </ul>
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Check BCTF web site for locations  
[www.bctf.ca/pensions](http://www.bctf.ca/pensions)  
 All seminars are 9:00-4:00 p.m.  
 No registration required.



# "HELLO HEALTH"



Welcome back to the school year. As you "get volunteered" for committees, why don't you consider joining the Health & Safety Committee at your location? It is rewarding, because you can make changes that positively affect yourself and your colleagues. Is your committee active yet? Do you know who to contact in the event of a worker First Aid emergency or a safety hazard? Do you know who to contact if a student is injured? Check your protocol each year, and be proactive in your safety. If you are already on the committee, remember to review your Staff Rep. Binder for accuracy of phone numbers, fax numbers, names etc. You can contact me directly with OH&S questions if you remember to put "OH&S" in the subject line. I'm happy to help!

*Jeanie Lucas*

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**PEACE EDUCATION 2004**  
Building a Culture of Peace

**B.C. Peace Education Conference**  
October 1-3, 2004

**SFU Burnaby**  
**Campus**

<http://www.bc-peace-ed.org>

## CONDOLENCES

The DTA sends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Allan Smith who passed away on September 17, 2004. Al was a dedicated Math teacher for over 30 years at North Delta Secondary. He will be greatly missed.

## Teacher Exchange Orientation

Saturday, October 16, 2004. Information Session on Teacher Exchanges. The event will be held at Schou Education Centre, 4041 Canada Way Burnaby (between Boundary and Willingdon) Registration at 12:30 p.m. the session runs 1:00-3:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per family. Carol Wilkins, co-ordinator of the Canadian Education Exchange Foundation, will be the special presenter of the session, providing all the necessary information required to create a successful exchange experience. Contact Terri Maltais 604.463-6621 or [tmaltais@telus.net](mailto:tmaltais@telus.net)

## DTA COMMITTEE VACANCY

Delta School District/DTA Joint Education Change Committee Collective Agreement Article D.12  
Send Curriculum Vitae to the DTA by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

## ATTENTION DELTA OR SURREY RESIDENTS

As you are aware, the call for a by-election in Surrey-Panorama Ridge is imminent. The result of this by-election will be seen as either an endorsement or a repudiation of provincial government policies, including education. Whichever party wins will carry this momentum into the May 17 general election.

You can make a difference! If you are interested and can spare a few hours, please consider contacting the campaign of your choice.

The declared candidates are Jagrup Brar (NDP) Mary Polak (Liberal) and Adrienne Carr (Green). The DTA office has contact details.

*Pat Truelove, PEAC Chair*

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## Professional Development Information

- **PD Funding** – up to \$400 a year to a maximum of \$1,000 over three years. Cost of a conference must be shared between the DTA and the school.
- **Deadline** for applications for funding for PSA conferences is October 12.
- **District Day Committee:** A call for volunteers has been sent to all schools. Teachers are to submit their name to the DTA  
[deltateachers@telus.net](mailto:deltateachers@telus.net) or Guillermo Bustos  
[gbustos@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:gbustos@deltasd.bc.ca) The first meeting will be in early October.
- **PD Contacts** will meet October 6 at the Resource Centre 8:30 a.m.