

NOTEBOOK

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ALPHA BITES...

(a little news...)

• CHIEF STAFF REPRESENTATIVES

School/Staff Rep forms have been sent via milkrun to all schools. Current CSRs are requested to advise the NVTA office as soon as possible of the name of the Chief Staff Representative for the 2019/2020 school year.

• COMMITTEE CALL-OUT

The NVTA is currently taking applications for the 2019/2020 JEPIC Steering Committee and District Screening Committee. Please download a Committee Application Form from nvta.ca and send it to the NVTA office.

• FREE TABLES!

The NVTA has two folding tables (5 ft x 2.5 ft) to give away. If you would like one, please contact Office Manager, Beth Triggs, at beth@nvta.ca.

• NVTA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Members are reminded that with the implementation of the new Pro D funding formula, there are no more Summer Holds. If you are participating in Pro D over the summer months, download a new form in September and submit it to the NVTA for reimbursement right away.

• SPRING POSTING ROUNDS

Round Four: June 19 – 26. Postings will continue through the summer as needed.

Cheakamus Centre NIT Grievance Resolution

We are very pleased to announce that we have been able to reach a resolution to our grievance on the failure of the District to provide NIT for teachers attending the Cheakamus Centre. The District has confirmed that teachers attending the Cheakamus Centre with their classes for a school program are entitled to their regularly scheduled NIT during their teaching time.

As part of the resolve, there are two ways this NIT can be delivered. The first option is for teachers to be relieved of their supervisory duties during the instructional day. This could be done by having an administrator visit the Cheakamus Centre and teach a portion of the teacher's field study. As many administrators often do not visit the Cheakamus Centre, a second option would be to continue the practice that has already been followed at many Elementary schools: The school keeps track of the missed NIT and this time is made up at a letter date. The scheduling of this time for the affected teacher is to be done in consultation with the school Principal.

What does this mean for teachers visiting the Cheakamus Centre with their classes?

You are entitled to any NIT that you miss when at the Cheakamus Centre. This NIT can be delivered by a visiting school principal or vice-principal. This NIT is to be delivered only during the teacher's supervisory commitments during the instructional day.

Alternately, this missed NIT can be made up upon the teacher's return to their school at a time that works for both the teacher and the principal. Next school year, please do not hesitate to contact the NVTA if this grievance resolve is not followed. We thank the District for reaching an agreement on this issue.

NVTA MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2019/2020

AUGUST 2019

- 26 NVTA office reopens
28 NVTA Executive Summer Planning Session (NVTA Office)

SEPTEMBER 2019

- 2 Labour Day
3 Schools reopen
18 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)
25 NVTA General Meeting (St. Martin's Anglican Church)
- adopt NVTA Goals/Priorities, Budget & Fee 2019/20)

OCTOBER 2019

- 4 NVSD Curriculum Implementation Day
5 World Teachers' Day
14 Thanksgiving
16 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)
25 Professional Development Day

NOVEMBER 2019

- 11 Remembrance Day
20 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

DECEMBER 2019

- 6 NVTA Christmas Party (TBC)
18 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)
December 21, 2019 - January 5, 2020 CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY 2020

- 6 Schools reopen
15 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)
29 NVTA General Meeting (St. Martin's Anglican Church)
- elect delegates to the BCTF Annual General Meeting)

FEBRUARY 2020

- 7 District-wide Professional Development Day
19 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

MARCH 2020

- 11 NVTA Representative Assembly dinner meeting (Sutherland Library)
March 14 - March 29, 2020 SPRING BREAK
14-17 104th BCTF AGM
30 Schools reopen

APRIL 2020

- 10-13 Easter Long Weekend
15 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)
- followed by NVTA All-Candidates Meeting

MAY 2020

- 4 District-wide Professional Development Day
13 NVTA Annual General Meeting & Social (elect NVTA Executive & Chairs for 2020-21) - St. Martin's Anglican Church)
18 Victoria Day
20 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)

JUNE 2020

- 8 Retirement Tea (Seymour Golf & Country Club)
17 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)
25 Last day of school
26 Administration Day