

From the President's Desk . . .

Greetings! I hope that you are all having a wonderful summer vacation.

We are very excited that our new website is finally operational. We have tried to take into account the various suggestions that were made. We hope that you will find the new format informational and helpful. If we missed something, or if you feel that the website can be improved, please let us know. Gordon Currie of Eldoran deserves a great big thank you for the fantastic job he did in putting our ideas together.

Job action was certainly the topic of discussion for the last few days of school. Hopefully a 90% strike vote will convince the government that they need to bargain with the BCTF. The BCTF and BCPSEA are bargaining in early July and will resume in mid-August. Some members of the PRSTA will be attending a special Rep Assembly in August to discuss job action. We will be bringing the information back to our local at general meetings in all three communities (Dawson Creek, Tumbler Ridge, and Chetwynd) on September 6th. Notices will be sent to each school to announce times and locations.

We are pleased to announce that the BCTF "Living with Balance Program" is scheduled to be offered in our area in late September. This is a jointly sponsored program, funded in part by School District 59. Living with Balance is a group workshop, which focuses on developing tools and skills related to improving one's vitality and resiliency. The holistic approach to wellness will equip teachers to make simple lifestyle changes that will positively affect their physical, mental, and emotional well-being. For more information, check out the BCTF Living with Balance website <http://bctf.ca/LivingWithBalance.aspx>

See you in the fall . . .

Lorraine Mackay

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