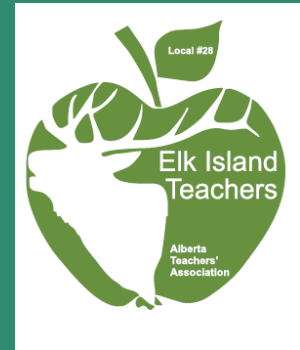




SOME LOCAL GRADE 3 CLASSES WILL BE RELEASING MORE BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES SOON!!

# THE BUGLER

ATA Local #28



May 2017

TEACHERS SUPPORTING TEACHERS

## From the Local President

by Lynn Johnston

Dear Colleagues,

By the time you read this article a decision regarding the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) will have been made. I certainly hope that each of you took the time to get informed, ask questions, participate in the town hall phone conversations, watch the webcasts or talk to someone. Barnett House, along with our local EPC, made every effort to ensure that you had the information you

required to make an informed decision.

As this is a new process, it has not been without its issues. Please forward any concerns about the *actual process* (not the MOA) to our EPC committee. They would be quite willing to take forward any positive comments you might have about the process as well!

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### Local Election Results

We have a new Local President!  
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### May Contest

This one is different! We need YOUR ideas – check the article for more details.  
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MOA aside, it was great to finally see some engagement! Discussions were happening in the staff rooms, around staff mailboxes, parking lots and other areas. Some discussions were for clarification, others were for making their views known. Good or bad, this is behind us. Where we go from here remains to be seen.

We will continue to use private emails for further communications about the MOA and the ratification results and next steps. If your [school rep](#) does not have your private email, please ensure that they receive it ASAP. If you have an [online account](#) you will receive any and all updates directly from Barnett House.

Any further questions can be directed to Linda Butler Dunn (acting chair EPC)  
[Butlerdunn@gmail.com](mailto:Butlerdunn@gmail.com)

I would also like to take this time to announce Deneen Zielke as your new local president. Deneen will take over her new role on July 1, 2017.

Congratulations to Maj-Britt Bigotti for running a strong campaign.

I would also like to thank Shane Ward from Bev Facey for making the presidential campaign videos available on YouTube.

## NEW LOCAL PRESIDENT: DENEEN ZIELKE

by Irene Deatcher

Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, Deneen Zielke will take over the role of President of Elk Island Local #28. We would like to congratulate her on this achievement. Deneen is the first elementary school teacher to be the president this local.

Deneen brings a lot of ATA experience into her new role. Over the years, she has been involved with the ARA, EPC, TBAC, and NSC. Before campaigning for the election, Deneen held the position of chair for TBAC. This spot will now be open for another member to fill. Although she will no longer be chair of that committee, as president, Deneen becomes an integral part of ALL committees in our local.

We look forward to her leadership. Deneen has a strong vision which includes strengthening member engagement, improving communication within our local, standing up for teacher autonomy, and advocating for teacher welfare.



Our local was very fortunate to have had two excellent candidates in this election. Members were assured by the fact both candidates had strong ATA backgrounds and a passion for being involved.

We would like to thank Maj-Britt Bigotti and Deneen for their commitment to this local. Both deserve congratulations for delivering excellent campaigns.

## "CHANGE THE CONTEST" CONTEST



by Irene Deatcher

The easiest contest ever!! There will be 2 \$50 gift cards up for

grabs from either Indigo or Amazon. All YOU have to do is send me an email ([deatcher.ata@gmail.com](mailto:deatcher.ata@gmail.com)) with YOUR ideas for keeping this feature fun and interesting. Please use "Contest Contest" as the title for your emails.

Your ideas could include different challenges like trivia or photo contests. I also will welcome suggestions for other prizes. What kinds of contests and prizes would YOU like to see?

Each member is able to enter once. The email will count as a valid entry if it has at least ONE realistic suggestion - I expect

some people will make my day with some humorous ideas but I need at least 1 useable one to count for the contest. 😊

The final day for submitting entries is June 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **IMPORTANT!!!:**

It has come to my attention that some entries are not always reaching me. When an entry has been received, I ALWAYS send a confirmation email letting people know that it has been received and whether or not it met the contest qualifications. If you DO NOT receive a reply from me within 48 hours, PLEASE send me another email. ALWAYS send it to my ATA address and NOT my EIPS school address.

## TOP TEN REASONS PEOPLE WERE AT THE MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AGM (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)

by Irene Deatcher

Next year, plan to attend because...

1. You meet the people who will be your [Local Executive](#) for the next year.
2. You see people you haven't seen in a long time. Time to chat! 😊
3. You can win **one of 2 \$50 gas cards!**
4. The budget is presented and you have the opportunity to ask questions and give input to changes / improvements.
5. The more the merrier!!
6. Committees have spots for members and you have a chance to get involved.
7. You can win **one of four \$100 Esso gas cards!**
8. Voting for [committee and executive members occurs](#) – exercise your right to choose people for specific leadership positions.
9. There are opportunities to meet and connect with people from other schools – networking!!
10. Coffee and sweet treats!!

## QUICK BITS

by Irene Deatcher

Browse through these 'bits' for fast facts and information for our local.

### RETIREMENT EVENT

Elk Island Local No. 28 of the Alberta Teachers' Association will be honoring retiring teachers and their many years of service to the teaching profession on June 9, 2017.

The event will be held at the faculty Club located at 11435 Saskatchewan Drive. Cocktails start at 6:00 with dinner to follow at 6:30.

Should you wish to attend tickets can be purchased through the Local at the cost of \$45 by contacting [Lana Bilodeau](#).

We hope that you are able to join your colleagues to celebrate this special event.

### CLAUSE 9.5 FUNDING

As of May 1, 2017 \$15,000 remains in Clause 9.5 funds for term 2 ending August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

Applications are currently being accepted for term 1 of the 2017-18 school year for professional development occurring between September 1,

2017 and January 31, 2018.

### DEHR JOINS THE PRIDE PARADE



#### Pride Parade Whyte Avenue June 10 11am - 2pm

Our application has officially been accepted! Elk Island Local will be participating for the first time in Edmonton's Pride Parade.

Our contingent is being organized by your DEHR (Diversity, Equity, Human Rights) committee. We are excited to be able to take up to 50 people. If you are interested in joining us please send your name and t-shirt size (yes, you get a shirt!) to Darlene Gillis at [Darlene.Gillis@eips.ca](mailto:Darlene.Gillis@eips.ca).

#### "FIND MOM" CONTEST RESULTS!

For the April contest, members needed to find the word 'mom' hidden as the initials of a phrase [within The Bugler](#). The answer was "Made – Only Members" found on page three in point #4 of the

article about the May 16<sup>th</sup> AGM.

30 correct submissions were received. The two names selected by a random generator are Violet St. Clair (Fultonvale) and Sarah Budd (Win Ferguson). They each will get a \$50 gift card for either Amazon or Indigo. Congratulations!

### FOOD TRUCK SOCIAL

The DEHR committee is organizing their second annual Food Truck Social. This will be a great way to start off the 2017-18 school year! Save the date: Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. The location is still to be determined and will be announced later. The event will start at 3:30 and run until 6:30.

There will be even more food trucks than last year and a variety of events and activities. Hope to see you there!

### ATA LOCAL #28 GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golf season is upon us! You are invited to join a golf tournament on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Legends Golf and Country Club. The cost is \$49 for an 18 hole round of golf and \$16 for a cart. To register or to get more information contact [terry.bader@eips.ca](mailto:terry.bader@eips.ca).

## IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

**May 18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>**

School closure days

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Victoria Day

**May 21-22**

Annual Representative Assembly - Edmonton

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Local #28 golf tournament – Legends Golf and Country Club

**June 10<sup>th</sup>**

Pride Parade – 11am to 2pm

**June 10<sup>th</sup>**

Elk Island Local #28 Retirement event – Faculty Club

**June 19<sup>th</sup>**

Edmonton Catholic Local #54 is holding a GSA meeting at Barnett House from 4:15 to 6:00. All members from ANY ATA local are welcome.

**June 21<sup>st</sup>**

National Aboriginal Day

**June 29<sup>th</sup>**

Last instructional day

**June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Last operational day

**July 1<sup>st</sup>**

Canada Day

**July 9-11**

National Association of Elementary School Principals Conference – Philadelphia, PA



## June Resources

by Irene Deatcher

Many of us are trying to find ways to expand our teaching on First Nations, Metis and Inuit perspectives. A good place to start would be to introduce activities for National Aboriginal Day.

The main site has links to general information about the day, learning resources, and lists of events scheduled for this year. There are

also information sources to support the topics of reconciliation, how to plan events for the day, history of Indigenous Peoples in Canada, success stories and more.

Don't forget to prepare for Fathers' Day. As always, 2Learn.ca has great resources for all grade levels covering crafts, famous fathers, cards, activities, and more. 2Learn also has their own list of resources for supporting National Aboriginal Day.

At the same site is a special edition aimed at our older students. Critical Minds For Critical Times: Comprehending the News provides links for media literacy, 'fake news', tips/guides, teacher resources, and news sites for kids.

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For pay issues, leaves and anything related to the [collective agreement](#), contact the Economic Policy Committee (EPC) or the Negotiating Sub-Committee (NSC):

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***OR***

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