

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Volume 9

A publication for Alberta's school administrators

Number 1



The ATA Educational Trust

The ATA Educational Trust is a registered charitable organization closely affiliated with the Alberta Teachers' Association. Each year, the Trust offers bursaries and grants to Alberta teachers and educational researchers. Through its bursary program, the Trust encourages teachers to advance their knowledge and teaching skills by enrolling in courses of study. The Trust's grant program encourages teachers to attend specialist council conferences and to develop resources or undertake research in education that will be of practical value to colleagues.

Since its inception in 1978, the Trust has received ongoing support from the ATA and many of its local associations, the Alberta Retired Teachers' Association, ATA specialist councils and private individuals. The Trust is managed by a board of seven trustees appointed by the Association.

Continuing Education Bursaries (\$600)

Through its bursary program, the Trust encourages teachers to advance their knowledge and teaching skills by taking courses. Bursaries are paid after the recipient has completed the course and submitted proof of the amount paid in tuition fees and proof that the course has been completed.

Each year, the Trust awards a number of bursaries to certificated Alberta teachers wishing to take courses related to their teaching responsibilities. The name of each eligible person whose application has been received by the May 1 deadline is entered in a draw. All successful applicants are advised of the draw results by mail before the end of June. To qualify for a bursary, applicants must

be planning to take a course during the upcoming summer or school year.

ATA Specialist Council Conference Grants (\$400)

Each year, the Trust awards a number of grants to defray the costs associated with attending an ATA specialist council conference. Eligible expenses include registration fees, accommodation, fuel and food. Only expenses not covered by other grants will be considered for compensation.

To qualify for a grant, applicants must

- register or plan to register for an ATA specialist council conference,
- take full advantage of other sources of funding available,
- not be a conference organizer,
- not have received a Trust bursary or grant in the past three years, and
- have completed and submitted to the ATA Educational Trust by September 30 a Grant Application Form (available at www.teachers.ab.ca, under For Members, then Grants, Awards and Scholarships). (Only one form will be accepted from any applicant.)

The September 30 deadline is strictly applied. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted.

In October, the names of all eligible applicants are entered into a draw and a set number of names are selected at random. School jurisdictions, ATA locals and specialist councils are notified of the results. Successful candidates will receive a claim form in October. Once they have attended the conference, they will need to submit the form along with original receipts for the expenses incurred.

**We are all
faced with
a series
of great
opportunities
brilliantly
disguised as
impossible
situations.**

**— Charles
R. Swindoll,
US author,
educator and
pastor**



Curriculum or Research Project Grants

Each year, the Trust awards a number of project grants of up to \$3,000 to help individuals or groups conduct research or develop practical classroom materials for Alberta teachers. The materials and resources produced through these grants are placed in the ATA library, where they can be borrowed by interested teachers.

Any individual or group involved in education and planning to undertake such a project during the next school year is eligible to apply. Submissions in the areas of special education, global and environmental education, languages, francophone education, Aboriginal education and early childhood education are of particular interest to the Trust. Grant applicants must mail a detailed proposal, on or before May 1, 2012, that follows the

submission guidelines and instructions. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted.

After reviewing the applications that meet the eligibility criteria, the Trust board selects those that, in its view, will be of the most practical benefit to teachers, parents or students in the province. The maximum the board will allocate to a single project is \$3,000. All applicants are notified in June as to whether they were selected to receive a project grant. Successful candidates are asked to confirm in September that they have accepted the amount offered and that they are proceeding with the project. Successful applicants will be sent an advance cheque for a portion of the total amount granted. The remaining amount will be paid (up to a year later) after the recipient has completed the project and submitted the following items:

- A detailed statement of the expenses incurred, accompanied by receipts equalling or exceeding the total amount of the grant (expenses incurred before the grant was awarded are not eligible)
- Two original copies of the final report or teaching resource that has been produced

These materials must acknowledge the financial support of the Trust, and projects must be completed by August 31 of the year following the award.

Further information about the Trust and its award programs is available from Dr Gaylene Schreiber, ATA trustee, at 780-447-9447 (in Edmonton), 1-800-232-7208, ext 447 (toll free elsewhere in Alberta) or gaylene.schreiber@ata.ab.ca, or on the ATA website (www.teachers.ab.ca, under For Members, then Grants, Awards and Scholarships).

CAP 2013: The Summit of Educational Leadership

In April 2013, Alberta will have the honour of hosting the Canadian Association of Principals (CAP) annual conference in Banff.

CAP 2013 will be an extremely valuable event for those attending, including representatives from national, provincial and state education ministries; school district leaders; principals and assistant principals; and teacher-leaders. Thought leaders from around the world will animate the dialogue, presentations and workshops. The speakers and workshop leaders have been carefully chosen in order to challenge delegates to return to their

communities with a renewed sense of inspiration and ideas for fostering the growth of learning ecosystems that are creative and innovative and that fully meet the needs of today's students.

CAP 2013 will offer an ongoing dialogue on creativity and innovation in both leadership for our schools and the programming we need to offer in schools so that the next generation of leaders can flourish. Innovative principals and district leaders from a wide range of unique schools around the world will share their stories. Though the final lineup of speakers is still being determined, those already booked include Sir Ken Robinson,

Bernajean Porter, Richard Gerver and Simon Breakspear. These speakers will challenge delegates to go beyond current practices and to consider what great leaders do differently to help students realize their dreams.

CAP 2013 will transform your leadership practices in a positive way. Spaces will fill up quickly, so please register early to ensure your place at CAP 2013.

WHEN

April 21–24, 2013

WHERE

Banff Springs Hotel, Banff, Alberta

To register, go to www.cap2013.ca.

ulead12

visionary leadership for today's learner



ULead 2012 - Visionary Leadership for Today's Learner

You are invited to join us at ULead 2012- a professional learning conference and symposium on educational leadership in Edmonton, Canada.

ULead is a conference for teacher-leaders; assistant principals, principals, trustees, superintendents, and central office personnel.

ULead 2012 - Visionary Leadership for Today's Learner is bringing together educational leaders from across Canada and throughout the world in an opportunity to grow together as colleagues in a stimulating setting - the beautiful Fantasyland Hotel in the West Edmonton Mall. This year's conference lineup is truly outstanding! ULead 2012 will be an extremely valuable event for school leadership teams with fascinating speakers and workshop leaders who will help those attending to move their school communities forward as visionary leaders for students in our schools today. The pre-conference workshop day will be of particular interest to school leadership teams so make plans today to bring several teacher colleagues to the event. Join us in Edmonton!

Find out more at www.wceac.org

WHEN

Tuesday, October 23, 2012 8:30 AM – Wednesday, October 24, 2012 3:30 PM
Mountain Time

WHERE

Fantasyland Hotel
17700-87 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5T 4V4 Canada

ULead 2012

In October 2012, Edmonton will be host to a significant professional learning opportunity for district and school leaders from western Canada and around the world.

The ULead conference is all about building leadership capacity in schools. Speakers will share their leadership stories and offer thought-provoking ideas for change. This year's conference will have the significant goal of helping school leadership teams build capacity to address a variety of emerging areas of focus in education in Alberta.

The preconference workshop (Monday, October 22) allows attendees to spend the day with either Todd Whitaker ("Leading School Change") or renowned expert on inclusive education Mara Sapon-Shevin ("Strategies for Inclusion: Widening the Circle"). This will be an excellent learning experience for school and

district leaders, and has also been put together so that schools can bring teams of teacher-leaders so that they can experience profound growth in practices for leadership and inclusion in their learning communities.

ULead 2012 aims to support delegates in building their learning communities. Topics include leadership in inclusive education, how great leaders lead, cognitive coaching and coaching teachers to teaching excellence, strategies for leadership in First Nations schools, engaging teachers and parents in transformational conversations, and innovative approaches to education using technology. Delegates will have the opportunity to learn with no less than six popular keynote workshop presenters: Mara Sapon-Shevin, Todd Whitaker, Spence Rogers, Richard Wagamese, Halley Bock and Michael Furdyk.

Delegates will leave ULead 2012 with a well-developed sense of the

ingredients of successful student learning. We expect this year's conference to attract more than 500 delegates, including district leaders, principals, assistant principals and teacher-leaders. While most of these delegates will be from Alberta school jurisdictions, a significant number will come from elsewhere in Canada.

WHEN

October 22, 2012

Preconference workshop day, with either Mara Sapon-Shevin ("Strategies for Inclusion: Widening the Circle") or Todd Whitaker ("Leading School Change")

October 23 and October 24, 2012

ULead 2012 conference, with six outstanding keynote speakers sharing workshops on a wide range of leadership topics

WHERE

Fantasyland Hotel, Edmonton, Alberta
To register, go to www.wceac.org.



Specialist Council Conference Dates and Locations

Alberta School Library Council

Date: 2012 11 01–03

Location: Calgary

Career and Technology Studies

Date: 2013 04 12–14

Location: Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper

Le Conseil français

Date: 2012 11 16–18

Location: Radisson Hotel &
Conference Centre, Canmore

Council on School Administration

Date: 2012 10 22–24

Location: Edmonton

Early Childhood Education Council

Date: 2012 11 01–03

Location: Fantasyland Hotel,
Edmonton

Educational Technology Council

Date: 2012 08 19–22

Location: Banff Centre, Banff

*English as a Second Language Council

Date: 2012 11 08–10

Location: Rimrock Resort Hotel,
Banff

English Language Arts Council

Date: 2013 05 03–05

Location: Edmonton Marriott at
River Cree Resort, Enoch

Fine Arts Council

Date: 2012 10 25–27

Location: Victoria School in
Edmonton

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Council

Date: 2013 03 15–17

Global, Environmental & Outdoor Education Council

Date: 2013 04 25–28

Guidance Council

Date: 2012 11 15–17

Location: Banff Park Lodge, Banff

Health and Physical Education Council

Date: 2013 05 03–05

Location: Medicine Hat

Mathematics Council

Date: 2012 10 12–13

Location: Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper

Middle Years Council

Date: 2013 04 25–27

Location: Banff Park Lodge, Banff

Outreach Education Council

Date: 2012 09 27–29

Location: Marriott River Cree Resort,
Enoch

Religious and Moral Education Council

Date: 2012 10 19–20

Location: Fairmont Banff Springs
Hotel, Banff

Science Council

Date: 2012 11 15–17

Location: Banff Conference Centre,
Banff

Second Languages and Intercultural Council

Date: 2012 10 26–27

Location: Grant MacEwan University
College, Edmonton

*Social Studies Council

Date: 2012 11 09–11

Location: Rimrock Resort Hotel, Banff

Special Education Council

Date: 2012 10 11–13

Location: Delta Lodge, Kananaskis

*English as a Second Language and Social Studies Council will be hosting a joint conference on 2012 11 10.

To find archived issues of *Leadership Update*, go to www.teachers.ab.ca and click on Other Publications (under Publications), then go to School Administrators.

Feedback is welcome. Please contact Konni deGoeij, associate coordinator, administrator assistance, Member Services, at konni.degoeij@ata.ab.ca.



Leadership Essentials

FOR ADMINISTRATORS

November 19–20, 2012
Marriot River Cree, Edmonton

Open to administrators who are in the first two years of their appointment or administrators new to the province of Alberta. There is no registration fee. Space is limited; apply early. Online registration is available at www.teachers.ab.ca. Grant-in-aid for Association members is available (as per Association guidelines).

Keynote Speakers

Dr Stephen Murgatroyd—
The Challenge of Transformation—Battling Market Based Approaches to Public Education
Dr Phil McRae—The Radical Future of Leadership in Education

Network with colleagues and learn about

Fostering Effective Relations • Embodying Visionary Leadership • Leading a Learning Community • Providing Instructional Leadership • Developing and Facilitating Leadership • Managing School Operations and Resources
• Understanding and Responding to Larger Societal Context

Breakout Sessions

- Getting on the Same Page: Discipline Strategies • Leading and Managing a School Effectively
- Understanding Alberta's First Nations, Métis and Inuit People • The Role of the School Administrator in Fostering an Inclusive Learning Community • Top Ten Sections of the *School Act* • Technology Traps and Treasures • Dealing with Difficult People and Difficult Issues • Interpreting and Understanding Collective Agreements • *Teacher Growth, Supervision and Evaluation Policy 2.1.5* (including Practice Review)
- Effective Practices in Teacher Supervision and Evaluation • Dealing with Bullying (including Cyberbullying)
- The Principal and Investigations: To Do or Not to Do • Working with Sexual Minorities in Schools: What School Administrators Need to Know • Learning Coaches—Support for the Inclusive Classroom
- The Alberta Professional Practice Competencies for School Leaders, the School Leadership Framework, and Administrator Professional Growth • Support for Administrators of French Immersion Programs

For further information, please contact Karin Champion at Barnett House at 780-447-9435 (local calls) or 1-800-232-7208 (toll free in Alberta) or visit the ATA's website at www.teachers.ab.ca.



This conference is organized with the Council on School Administration of the Alberta Teachers' Association.



The Alberta Teachers' Association

COOR-70C 2012.08





Legal Issues for Administrators

To Do or Not To Do

April 17, 2013
Calgary



The Alberta Teachers' Association





2013 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

presents

Teaching for Excellence

with

Spence Rogers

Spence Rogers, is best known for his work in the area of building high performance classrooms, helping to make learning by all a reality through enhanced student motivation, curriculum delivery, and assessment that is aligned with research-supported, brain-compatible instruction. Any educator that wants to enhance their pedagogy or help others improve their classroom practices will benefit from attending this session.

- A program for those who hold or aspire to leadership positions in schools

**Banff Park Lodge, Banff, Alberta
July 8–12, 2013**

Who should attend?

- Principals and assistant/vice-principals
- School-based leaders in all fields
- Department heads
- Central office personnel
- Consultants
- Teachers aspiring to educational leadership

