

Our Board bids farewell to Jackeline Rutledge, Tanya Johnson, and Chuck Jordan.

Jackie has served on the Board of Directors for a number of years. She served in many capacities but especially as Finance Chair, Jackie served this organization with integrity and determination. Thank you Jackie!

Chuck Jordan served on the Board as Education Chair and Co-Finance Chair. Thank you Chuck; we hope to see you again on the Board in the near future.

Tanya Johnson served on the Board as Co-Festivals chair. Thank you Tanya for your inspiration and commitment to the Festivals Program.

Welcome back to returning Board members and a special welcome to new Board members Wes Pearce, Gina Smith and Gregory Digout.

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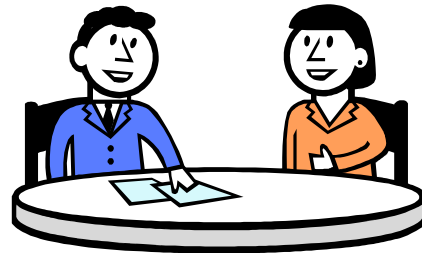
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September 2009 Newsletter

It's Drama Time!!

Welcome back! I hope you had a fantastic summer break. I know the weather was not the greatest but at least it was conducive to going to shows and reading scripts!

Our office staff was very busy this summer moving from our old location to our new office at 650 Henderson Drive in Regina. If you have a chance, we invite you to drop by the new location.

As you are starting to get into the swing of things again I would like to point out that in an effort to be more environmentally friendly, all our forms are now on-line and therefore will not be sent to you by mail or fax unless requested. Remember that Intent to Enter forms are due no later than October 15, 2009 and Memberships are due on October 31, 2009. These dates have a tendency to creep up on us very quickly.

This year, SDA's Board of Directors has changed the "Permission to Print" and "The Dramandments" as requested by members at this Spring's AGM. These forms have been updated and incorporated into one form - SDA's new Student Participation form. Each student participating in any of Saskatchewan Drama Association's programs must complete a form each year. The new form can be found on our website under "Forms."

Last year, we were able to host another successful Middle Years' Drama Festival. This was our 3rd Festival and we are very happy that this program continues to grow. Last year's Middle Years' Drama Festival was held May 5 - 6 at the University of Regina. Morning workshops were provided for all Middle Years' participants. Again excellent performances were enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Cheryl Scherle who served as Front of House Clinician and Kenilee Kehler who served as Stage Coordinator. Registration information can be found on our website or by contacting the Provincial Office or any of our Festivals Chairs.

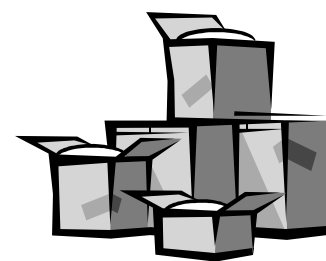
Last year, in partnership with Northern Sport, Culture and Recreation District we held our first ever Northern Drama Festival. Needless to say it was a resounding success so we are holding another festival this year. We welcome all our northern thespians and look forward to seeing you at the Northern Festival and the Provincial Festival held in May. Many thanks to all who worked so hard on this project, especially Judy MacLeod Campbell, Lenore Bailey, and Roy and Donna Challis.

I encourage all of you to have your students enter SDA's playwriting competition. Information on the competition is also on the website. Our My Lines Magazine that includes this year's selected entries is in the process of being edited and printed. Look for it in your mailboxes shortly.

I am looking forward to this year. Please feel free to contact me, any SDA Board member or SDA staff should you have any suggestions, questions or ideas.

Once again, Have a great year and Break a Leg!

Tabitha Booth, SDA President



We've Moved!
Our new Office address is:
650 Henderson Drive
Regina, S4N 5X3



Drama Checklist

The following Deadlines for Intent to Enter and

Renewal of Membership

are fast approaching:

- October 15th, 2009 - Intent to Enter for Regional Festival
- October 31st, 2009 - Membership Renewal
- December 15th, 2009 - Intent to Enter for Middle Years Festival



We have been very busy at the office moving from our old address to our new location. As with any move, there always seems to be a lot more boxes to unpack than we packed!

We have also been able to condense and place most of the forms that you require for Festival and other programs on our website. As well, any invoices will be sent to the e-mail address you provide when you fill out the necessary forms. Please check the appropriate boxes if you need an original copy of your invoice or require it sent to your school division for payment. I encourage you to visit SDA 's website to peruse the *Forms* and the check out all the other information it contains.

As always, SDA welcomes submissions for *Connections*, SDA 's Journal. You can send your submissions to the office or to Lenore Bailey, SDA Communication Chair. Thank you to all of you who have already submitted articles/lesson plans for the next edition.

Keep watching our website for exciting opportunities in drama.

Darlene Briere, Executive Director



Drama Workshops

Visit SDA's website and fill out a workshop form and application for workshop funding. More information and details can be found on the website or by phoning the Provincial office at 525-0151.



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Carlyle - R1
 Gordon F. Kells High School
 Performances - Carlyle Memorial Hall
Dates: March 26 - 27, 2010
 Contact: **Darcy Howe and Kevin Dyck**
 Work: 435-3341 • Fax: 435-2656
 E-mail:
 darcy.howe@cornerstonesd.ca or
 kevin.dyck@cornerstonesd.ca

Moose Jaw - R2
 A.E. Peacock Collegiate, Moose Jaw
Dates: March 25 - 27, 2010
 Contact: **Tanya Johnson and Karrie Jameson**
 Work: 693-2937
 Fax: 694-1880
 Email: johnson.tanya@ccsmj.ca



Swift Current - R3
 Swift Current Comprehensive High School
Dates: March 26 - 27, 2010
 Contact: **Erin Graas**
 Work: 773-2801 • Fax: 773-9285
 E-mail: egraas@chinooksd.ca

Canora - R4
 Canora Composite School
Dates: March 25 - 27, 2010
 Contact: **Brent Castle**
 Work: 563-5492 • Fax: 563-5895
 Email: bcastle@gssd.ca

TBA - R5
 TBA - R6

Hudson Bay - R7
 Hudson Bay Composite High School
Dates: March 25 - 27, 2010
 Contact: **Michelle Gulka**
 Work: 865-2267 • Fax: 865-2468
 E-mail: gulka.michelle@nesd.ca

North Battleford- R8
 North Battleford Comprehensive High School
Dates: March 25 - 27, 2010
 Contact: **Kali Weber**
 Work: 445-6101 • Fax: 445-6878
 Email: kali.weber@lskysd.ca

The SDA is pleased to Announce our
 Fourth Annual Middle Years Drama Festival!!!

SDA's Middle Years Drama Festival, May 4 - 5, 2010.
 It will be held at the Riddell Center, University of Regina.

Visit our website for details and registration!!

Middle Years Drama Festival Objectives:

- To enhance and support the Saskatchewan Arts Education curriculum.
- To build a greater understanding about the relations between drama, life and community.
- To create an appreciation of theatre through a variety of approaches and styles.
- To develop technical theatre skills and improve the quality of elementary school productions in a non-competitive environment.
- To promote greater public awareness of drama in our schools.
- To provide professional development opportunities for teachers working in drama and arts education.

Regina - R9
 Winston Knoll Collegiate, Regina
Dates: March 26 - 27, 2010
 Contact: **Tabitha Booth**
 Work: 523-3400 • Fax: 751-4831
 Email: tabitha.booth@rbe.sk.ca

Regina - R10
 Campbell Collegiate
Dates: March 25 - 27, 2010
 Contact: **Michel Chammartin**
 Work: 791-7380 • Fax: 584-5995
 Email: mchammartin@rbe.sk.ca

Saskatoon - R11
 TBA

Northern Drama Festival - R12
Dates: TBA
 Contact: Judy MacLeod Campbell
 Work: 425-3127 • Fax: 425-4036
 E-mail:
 jmacleodcampbell@nscrd.com

Provincial Festival
 University of Regina, Riddell Center
 Dates: May 6 - 8, 2010
 Contact: Darlene Briere
 Work: 585-0151 • Fax: 525-6277
 Email: sda@sasktel.net