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DRAMA ASSOCIATION

September 2008 Newsletter

Welcome Back!

As incoming President, I am very happy to report that Saskatchewan Drama Association will continue to provide innovative accessible programs for you and your students. We are still awaiting SaskCulture's recommendations regarding their funding review process and anticipate hearing those results in late September.

Over the last year, we were able to host a very successful 2nd Annual Middle Years' Drama Festival. This year's Middle Years' Drama Festival will be held May 5 - 6 at the University of Regina. SDA will continue to provide morning workshops for all Middle Years' participants as well as performances and excellent clinicians to provide guidance and assistance to you and your students. We hope that you will also take advantage of attending the Director's Luncheon held on Thursday May 7th at the University as well as attend a performance during Provincial Festival. Registration information can be found on our website.

SDA also held its first Student Playwriting Competition last year. The selected plays will be published in our new magazine *My Lines* that will be distributed to members by the end of September. Please take advantage of this opportunity for your students.

This year, SDA is holding its Provincial Development Conference November 20 - 22 in Regina. Information regarding the conference has been sent to you but keep watching our website for updated information on sessions and to fill out the conference registration. Just a quick note: The banquet and entertainment will be held on Friday night not Saturday.

I invite you all to take advantage of SDA's Drama Workshop Grant initiative this year and celebrate your school's drama events or club by doing a poster session at Conference. More information is included in this mailing.

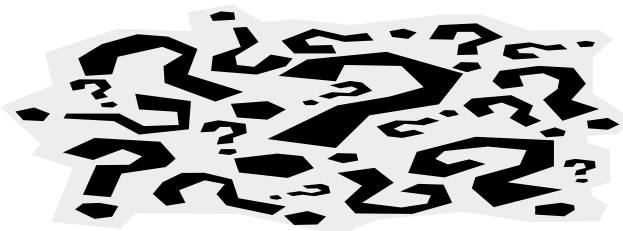
As always, Intent to Enter forms in by October 15th (Regional) and December 15th (Middle Years). If the region of your choice is full you may be asked to attend a different festival.

Remember: All registration and application forms and information as well as the Mary Ellen Burgess Library are available through our website.

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.

Tabitha Booth, SDA President

**GOT
QUESTIONS? AN-**



**WE'VE GOT
SWERS!**

Everything you ever wanted to

know and more!

Visit our frequently asked question page (FAQ) on our website.

Still can't find the answer?? Please contact the Provincial Office by phone, fax or e-mail for help.

Drama Checklist

The following Deadlines for Intent to Enter and

Renewal of Membership

are fast approaching:

- **October 15th, 2008** - Intent to Enter for Regional Festival
- **October 31st, 2008** - Membership Renewal
- **December 15th, 2008** - Intent to Enter for Middle Years



We have been very busy at the office preparing for the upcoming Festival season , the Professional Development Conference : *Arts Connect* and the first publication of SDA 's magazine *My Lines*.

Ms. Jennifer Yee has joined our staff this fall on a part time basis. Ms. Yee is currently studying at the University of Regina pursuing a career as an elementary teacher.

I encourage you to visit SDA 's website to peruse the *Links* and the *FAQ* pages. This year, SDA is offering Drama workshop grants on a first come, first served basis . There is limited funding for this program so get your applications in early to

take advantage of this initiative.

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

Need A Drama Workshop?

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.

About the SDA

SDA was incorporated under the Non-Profits Act in 1977. It is a Provincial Cultural Organization and a Special Subject Council of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation. SDA became a Canadian Registered Charity in 2005.

Carlyle- R1
Gordon F. Kells, Carlyle
Dates: April 2 - 4, 2009
Contact: **Darcy Howe**
Work: 453-2500 • Fax: 453-2283
E-mail:
darcy.howe@cornerstonesd.ca

Moose Jaw - R2
A.E. Peacock Collegiate
Dates: April 2 - 4, 2009
Contact: **Karrie Ritchie and Tanya Johnson**
Work: 693-4626/693-2937
Fax: 693-5330/694-1880
Email: ritchie.karrie@prairiesouth.ca
or johnson.tayna@ccsmj.ca

Rosetown- R3
Rosetown Central High School
Dates: April 2 - 4, 2009
Contact: **David Robertson**
Work: 882-2655 • Fax: 882-3889
E-mail:
david.robertson@sunwestsd.ca

Yorkton - R4
Sacred Heart High School
Dates: April 2 - 4, 2009
Contact: **Greg Digout**
Work: 783-3128 • Fax: 783-8406
Email: gregoryd@sasktel.net



Wolseley - R5
Wolseley High School
Dates: April 3 - 4, 2009
Contact: **Crystal Hrbachek and Melissa Hansford**
Work: 698-2591 • Fax: 698-2693

TBA - R6

Shellbrook - R7
W. P. Sandin Composite High School
Dates: March 27 - 28 2009
Contact: **Wade Reddekopp**
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E-mail: wreddekopp@srsd119.ca

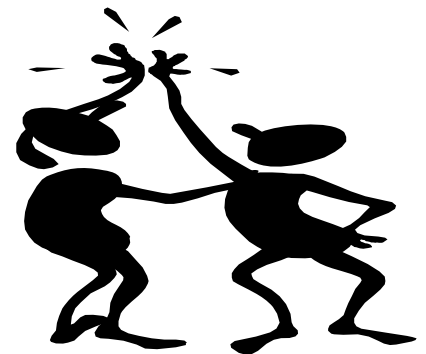
Meadow Lake- R8
Carpenter High School
Dates: March 26 - 28, 2009.(date unconfirmed)
Contact: **Todd Handspiker**
Work: 236-5236 • Fax: 236-4294
Email: handspiker71@hotmail.com

Regina - R9
Regina Auditorium (WCCHS)
Dates: March 26 - 28, 2009
Contact: **Tabitha Booth, Winston Knoll Collegiate**
Work: 791-8696 • Fax: 751-4831
Email: tabitha.booth@rbe.sk.ca

Regina - R10
Campbell Collegiate
Dates: April 2 - 4, 2009
Contact: Michel Chammartin
Work: 791-7380 • Fax: 584-5995
Email: mchammartin@rbe.sk.ca

Saskatoon - R11
Walter Murray Collegiate
Dates: April 3 - 4, 2009
Contact: **Wendy James**
Work: 683-7850 • Fax: 657-3953
Email: jamesl@spsd.sk.ca

Provincial Festival
University of Regina, Riddell Center
Dates: May 7 - 9, 2009
Contact: Darlene Briere
Work: 585-0151 • Fax: 525-6277
Email: sda@sasktel.net



The SDA is pleased to Announce our

Third Annual Middle Years Drama Festival!!!

SDA's Middle Years Drama Festival, May 5 - 6, 2009.
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.

Our Board bids farewell to Sherron Burns, Karrie Ritchie and Melissa Hansford.

Sherron has served on the Board of Directors for a number of years. She served as President-Elect, President and Immediate Past President over the past 6 years.

Karrie served on the Board as Education Chair and Member-at-Large. Melissa served on the Board as Member-at-Large last year.

We will miss all of you on the Board.

Welcome back to returning Board members and a special welcome to new Board members Brent Castle, Sophia Yannitsos, Lyndsay Briere and Kathleen Woodhouse.

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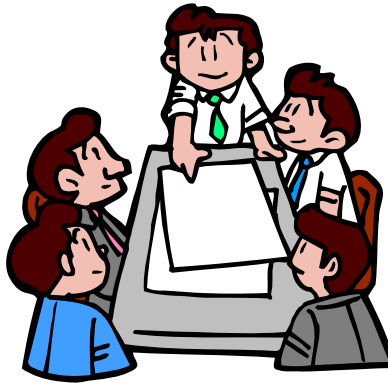
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