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# *RTU-SER Newsletter*

## • CONVENTION TIME

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This year QPAT has invited David Bouchard as a keynote speaker at Le Palais des congrès de Montreal on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 8:00 pm. Mr. Bouchard will be speaking on the roles and responsibilities of educators and parents in providing children with the gift of reading. It will be an interesting session, and I would like to see a strong RTU turn out!!!

By now, tickets should be in all our schools and looking forward to seeing you all there!

## • DELEGATES WORKSHOP

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I would like to thank Frank White for all his help in organizing our Delegate's Workshop in Magog at the Manoir des Sables, and to all our delegates who attended, as well as Terri Ann Pine and her team for a great evening on the Friday Night social.

As well, there were a few interesting topics from our workshop, one being GREEN Schools! Here is an important website dealing with Green Schools: [www.evb.csq.qc.net](http://www.evb.csq.qc.net). For more information you can contact Sarah Adair at QPAT at 514-694-9777 or toll free at 1-800-361-9870.

## • PENSION BUY BACK

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There was an important notice from QPAT dealing with the buy-back of service for pensions. If you were thinking about it, now is the time to do the buy back. It looks like the rates will increase as of January 2011.

### 'NEW TEACHERS' HANDBOOK

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There is a 'New Teachers' Handbook being launched by QPAT at this year's convention. It will be Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of November From 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in room 520-A, and I hear that there will be a few surprises!

### TRAVEL EXPENSES

There was some bad news at the October's Council of Commissioners meeting where travel expenses were reduced from .48 cents per km

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to .43 cents per km. Just the same, when you are travelling at the request of the board, make sure to charge your mileage.

• REMINDERS

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Don't forget our Centraide Campaign! This is a worthwhile cause and helps many people in our communities.

As well our School Board is giving first-aid training. For more information contact Lorraine Bouchard at the Board. If interested, there is still space available for upcoming workshops and seminars for December 2010,

Distinguished Educators, for more information contact Donna Wilkinson at McGill at 514-398-6961

I would also like to remind everyone to send your teacher Council Minutes as well as your school level Special Needs Committee minutes to the Union office. And don't forget to check out our website at [www.rtu-ser.ca](http://www.rtu-ser.ca) you never know what you might find!!!

## GREAT CANADIAN MATH CHALLENGE

Tina Morrotti, our Math Consultant at the Board, shared our students success story and

I want to send out my congratulations to the RSB teachers and classes who participated in the Great Canadian Math Challenge this year!!

Kaitlyn D., from St-Lambert elementary, was the only Quebec student to place in the top 100!

Anna Pamel's grade 5 class (GPI) ranked 22nd, Elizabeth Ramsahoye's grade 5 (GPI) ranked 23rd, and Christina Croce's grade 5 class (St. Lambert elementary) ranked 39th.

Riverside is the only school board in Quebec that placed in the top 100!

## VARIA

Laurie Bedard, a teacher at St John's, will be travelling to Tanzania, Africa to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in March as part of a fundraising campaign for CARE Canada. All money raised goes directly to CARE. CARE is dedicated to educating young girls and children and helping them to be self-sustaining. For more information or to donate, please contact Laurie at [laurie.bedard@rsb.qc.ca](mailto:laurie.bedard@rsb.qc.ca).

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