

BPTA Newsletter

Summer Countdown



BPTA AGM

When: Tuesday May 31
4:30pm

Where: Brookdale

It's All About BALANCE

Balance is a MTS program dedicated to providing wellness resources to MTS members. Programs and Professional Development topics include; finances, fitness and nutrition, professional organization, and stress reduction. Please visit the website for further information.

<http://mbteach.org/balance/index.html>

BPTA Website

BPTA has a new and improved website.
Please visit
<http://bpta.weebly.com/>
to retrieve information such as executive member contact information, forms, executive meeting minutes, previous newsletters etc.

- Thank you Royce for constructing this.



Did You Know...

- * The Beautiful Plains Teachers' Association budgets \$1200.00 each year to provide education bursaries for teachers who participate in professional development activities to improve classroom skills and knowledge or lead to improved performance of school duties. The bursaries shall be awarded to teachers who have had to pay part or all of the costs of attending the activity.

The application form and expense voucher form can be found on the BPTA website.

- ♦ There is a new tax credit for classroom supplies that you purchase with your own money. The federal budget includes a teacher and early educational supply tax credit. It will allow an eligible educator to claim a 15 per cent refundable tax credit based on up to \$1,000 in expenditures made by an employee for eligible supplies. Supplies that qualify include; bulletin board borders, posters, flash cards, science experiment supplies etc. See the link for a complete list.

<http://mbteach.org/news/news.html#supplies>

- * Reminder of the new Manitoba School Employees Benefit Plans website. The website provides information regarding all divisions' extended health plans, as well as retiree health plans, dental health, and group life. The website can be viewed at <http://mpsebp.ca/>

