

Vernon Teachers' Association

# VOICES

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## What's New

### Website Updates

Our new and improved website features a private member-to-member forum. Contact [communication@vernonta.com](mailto:communication@vernonta.com) if you are unable to log in.

### VTA Office Extension

Shovels hit the ground in July and we are seeing fantastic progress. Completion estimated October 2022.

### Civic & School Trustee Election

Scheduled for October 15th. Stay tuned for information about Trustee Candidates and important dates.

### Interested in Joining the EC?

We have three vacant positions on the Executive Committee: Bargaining Chair and Local Aboriginal Education Contact.

## Upcoming Events

Sept **School Visits**

Sept 21 **School Board Meeting**

Sept 26 **Non-Instructional Day**

Sept 27 **VTA GM**

Sept 29 **Orange Shirt Day**

Sept 30 **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation**

Oct 5 **World Teachers Day**

Oct 10 **Thanksgiving**

## Welcome Back

September is a beautiful month filled with excitement. For some of you, it will be your first year welcoming students into your classrooms, and I'm sure you might be a bit nervous, enthusiastic, uncertain, and hopeful. These feelings don't ever really go away. Use this energy to meet and greet your fellow colleagues and the other employees in your building(s)! We are here for the same reason: to create a positive environment for students to be successful.

I hope your first weeks with your colleagues, your students, and whomever you come across in your days are wonderful. With warmth and gratitude,

**Cori Huizer, VTA President**

## Know Your Collective Agreement

### **ARTICLE E.27 Staff Orientation**

If you're a newly hired teacher, congratulations and welcome! We are so glad you're here. You are entitled to receive a health and safety orientation in compliance with OH & S regulations. New teachers were invited to a district orientation session in September. Cori Huizer was there to welcome new VTA members. Please contact Cori if you missed the orientation and would like to participate in the next one. ([president@vernonta.com](mailto:president@vernonta.com))

## Staying Connected

We know our teachers have a lot to offer each other and our schools. We also know our teachers work hard and we want to know how we can support you. Please watch for upcoming opportunities to tell your EC what kind of information you need and how often you want to hear from us. Or reach out to us at your convenience.

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