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UPDATE ON THE CURRENT ACTIVITIES OF THE CHRISTIAN PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION OF BC

AND A NEW YEAR BEGINS...

Welcome to a new school year...one filled with passion, purpose and possibility! Hopefully you've all had some amount of rest and renewal through the summer break and are looking forward to a new year of leading in the schools in which you work. Some of you have been in a position of leadership for years; for others, you are in a new position. Some of you may have been in the same school for years; for others, you are learning the ropes of a new school. Regardless of the length of time you've been in leadership, or in your school, I pray that the year ahead will be joy-filled and that you will be a blessing to those with whom you work – staff, students, parents, board, various committees and your broader communities.

If your year has begun anything like mine, you've already been at it and in the midst of planning and problem-solving for a few weeks already. You've been interrupted many times and wonder when you'll ever get your list done (well...it's never actually done, is it!). However, I hope that it's also been a good time of reflection and preparation for the year ahead.

I pray that you will be filled with God's wisdom and grace as you go into this new year. Take comfort and encouragement in these verses from Deuteronomy 31. Moses is talking to Joshua on the cusp of a huge task and most certainly a terrifying prospect... leading the Israelites into the Promised Land. Sometimes, our work can seem like an overwhelming task. Thankfully, none of it happens without God's presence and guidance.

"Be strong. Take courage. Don't be intimidated. Don't give them a second thought because GOD, your God, is striding ahead of you. He's right there with you. He won't let you down; he won't leave you." (Deuteronomy 31:6, The Message)

May you daily experience God going before you and surrounding you with His presence. Have a great year!

Jeanette Berkenbosch
For the CPABC Executive

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CPABC FALL CONFERENCE – OCTOBER 5, 2011

The principal's conference will be held on October 5 at TWU. Working within the theme, *Painting the Beautiful Picture*, we look forward to a time of envisioning Christian education through the leadership of Mark Nill (Surrey Christian), Jenny DeGroot (Langley Christian), and Henry Au (Richmond Christian) using the medium of TED.com.

We look forward to their leadership on this day and a time of fellowship for all principals. Ensure that you book October 5 into your calendar and watch for a conference brochure with times and details.

CPABC MEMBERSHIP

If you are receiving this, you are already a CPA member or are on our radar as a newly appointed principal or vice principal! Part of the mission of the CPA is to promote, encourage and develop servant leaders in Christian education as well as to have fellowship among educational leaders. The CPA would love it if you could take some time to renew your CPABC membership, or to register as a member for the first time! We also welcome you sharing this information with any other Christian administrators who you think will benefit from being part of a group of dedicated Christian school leaders.

To this end, we ask that you fill out the attached membership form and send it in to the CPABC office or go to our website at www.cpabc.ca and follow the links to the membership page to fill in your membership form. Dues are \$105 and are payable to the CPABC at the address listed on the membership form or website.

Thanks for taking the time to register with CPABC and we look forward to seeing many of you at our October 5th conference at TWU.

WELCOME NEW CPABC MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to our new members of the CPABC. We look forward to interacting with you and supporting you in your challenging task of leadership in our schools across BC.