



# COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

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## **REMEDY BANK Update**

The district will be putting the promised Remedy Bank on the pay stub for the first time on this paycheque. The bank will contain only the October minutes accrued by the teacher, to make this test run more understandable to the teachers in receipt of these minutes. This does NOT mean the district is quite ready for teachers to access the remedy minutes. They are still confident they can have that up and running in December and we await that announcement eagerly. Please look and verify the remedy bank information is consistent with your submission on October minutes and contact us here at the CTA if you find any problems.



## **CUPE 561 & Non-Teaching Pension Plan**

You may have seen CUPE's bus shelter ads and heard about the removal of post-retiree benefits from CUPE members under SD43's Non-teaching Pension Plan. What you may not know is we have a small number of specialized-skill members affected by this decision as well. CUPE mounted a significant protest at the School Board meeting this last Tuesday. Approximately 200 members showed up to demonstrate CUPE unity on the issue for the School Board. We support our CUPE brothers and sisters in their attempt to get these benefits restored.

## **REMEDY, Part Deux**

Are you seeing a cosmically cool workshop offering happening on a workday in the school year and wondering if you could use remedy minutes you've accrued to call in a TTOC so you can go to that workshop? The answer is YES. While the intention of the prep time option is to allow the teacher to adequately prepare for kids with needs in the school, there is nothing that prevents this kind of preparation. Knowledge is the basis of adequate preparation for special needs kids.



## **Jim Iker to run for Pacific Blue Cross Board of Directors**

Former BCTF President Jim Iker is one of seven people running on a slate of [progressive candidates](#) for the Pacific Blue Cross Board of Directors. Following the protracted lockout of Pacific Blue Cross employees that affected their well-being and damaged services to plan members like BC teachers, this group is committed to returning the non-profit extended health benefits provider to its progressive roots. The slate is committed to leadership that respects both plan members and employees.

BCTF members who are primary beneficiaries of Pacific Blue Cross are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting **on Wednesday, December 13, at 6:00 pm at the Westin Bayshore Hotel in Vancouver**. Please bring your Pacific Blue Cross card. Shuttle buses will be running continuously from Waterfront SkyTrain Station and SeaBus Terminal to the AGM from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will also be free parking available at the PNE, with buses transporting voters to the meeting. Following the meeting, voters will be returned to their point of pickup. To arrange transportation, please contact Tina Meadows via email at [tmeadows@cupe.ca](mailto:tmeadows@cupe.ca)

## **ERIN WESTPHAL (HARDY)**

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Erin Westphal (Hardy) (March 2, 1972 – November 25, 2017). Erin was a teacher in SD43 for 20 years and worked at Moody Middle (1998-2002), Terry Fox Secondary (2002-2004) and Scott Creek Middle (2004-2017).

After bravely fighting cancer for the past four years Erin passed away peacefully, with loved ones at her side. She was a committed teacher, a great colleague and a true friend. She will be missed by many.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm - Henderson's Langley Funeral Home - [20786 Fraser Highway, Langley, BC](#)

Interment: 3:00 pm - Fort Langley Cemetery - [23105 St. Andrews Avenue, Fort Langley](#)  
Reception: 3:30 - 5:30 pm – Jimmy Mac's Pub - [19935 96 Ave, Langley](#)

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Erin's memory to ovarian cancer research at [http://donate.bccancerfoundation.com/goto/Erin\\_Westphal](http://donate.bccancerfoundation.com/goto/Erin_Westphal)

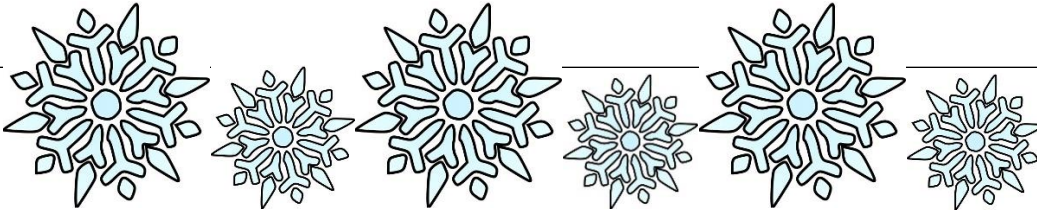
# PD Power

"It is through science that we prove, but through intuition that we discover" ~Henri Poincaré

Our first afterschool workshop in our PD Connections series co-facilitated with Learning Services was a great success! "WE Schools Professional Learning" with facilitator Maureen Dockendorf introduced teachers to the free resources available to help create positive change in our schools, but more importantly began the powerful conversation of how to engage students in their own learning. The resources available align with core and curricular competencies in meaningful ways. We know there is more WE Schools than WE-day, and this session helped expand our awareness. Check it out at <https://www.we.org/we-schools/program/educator-resources/>

You can register for our second workshop which focusses on differentiated on the school district website <https://my43.sd43.bc.ca/departments/student-services/PD/default.aspx>

Take care  
Holly



## Wondering about Retirement Options? Read on!

BC Retired Teachers' Association and local Coquitlam Branch (CRTA) invite both retired and active teachers to test drive membership and associate membership for a year, for free! As a BCRTA member/ associate member, you will have access to a wide range of extended health plan benefits, travel insurance, consumer and travel discounts, and many retirement resources. You will be part of an organization that stands up for education, for seniors, and for pension rights. You will also find great opportunities for learning experiences and new personal connections. It only takes five minutes to join. Check us out at [BCRTA.ca](http://BCRTA.ca).

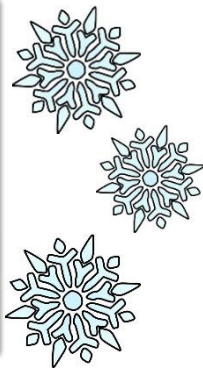
## Upcoming TPP Seminars

Interested in your pension? You can choose from several dates, locations and times. Please go to [www.tpp.pensionsbc.ca](http://www.tpp.pensionsbc.ca) and click onto "Resources" and "Near Retirement" and then "Learn More" link. Pre-registration is required

## How your EFAP can help

- ✓ Confidential services
  - ✓ Information to help with work and life
  - ✓ Immediate assistance 24/7/365
- To access Employee Family Assistance Program services, just call

**Morneau Shepell**  
1.844.880.9142 / TTY 1.877.338.0275



**National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women is December 6.** The resources [What can you do?](#) and the back of the [Wear White for Women](#) poster on the BCTF [Status of Women](#) web pages include classroom

## 1969 – 2018 Moody REUNION

Inviting all  
Staff, Students, Parents from all eras:  
Port Moody Secondary 8-12 Moody Junior Moody Middle



Friday, January 12, 2018  
4:30 to 8:30



École Moody Middle School of the Arts  
3115 St. Johns Street, Port Moody

Social in the gym! food and beverages available for purchase

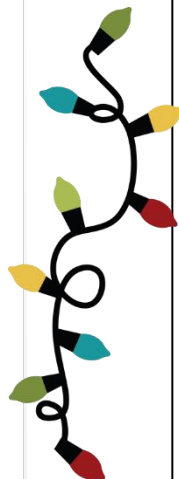
Tour the old buildings  
Photo Booths

Memorabilia Displays



Questions? Contact:  
carynelson@shaw.ca

Help us celebrate and reminisce before the old buildings are gone!



## Updating NonSD43 Email Addresses

The CTA is collecting personal emails for the purpose of communicating union business such as bargaining, implementation work, strike support, etc. Due to District policy's and further to privacy regulations we would like to contact members regarding specific information through personal not employer-based email addresses.

We will not share your personal information with any third party.

Please complete the survey on our [website](#) or send your information directly to [membership@cta43.org](mailto:membership@cta43.org) (First name, Last name, Employee number, nonSD43 email address).