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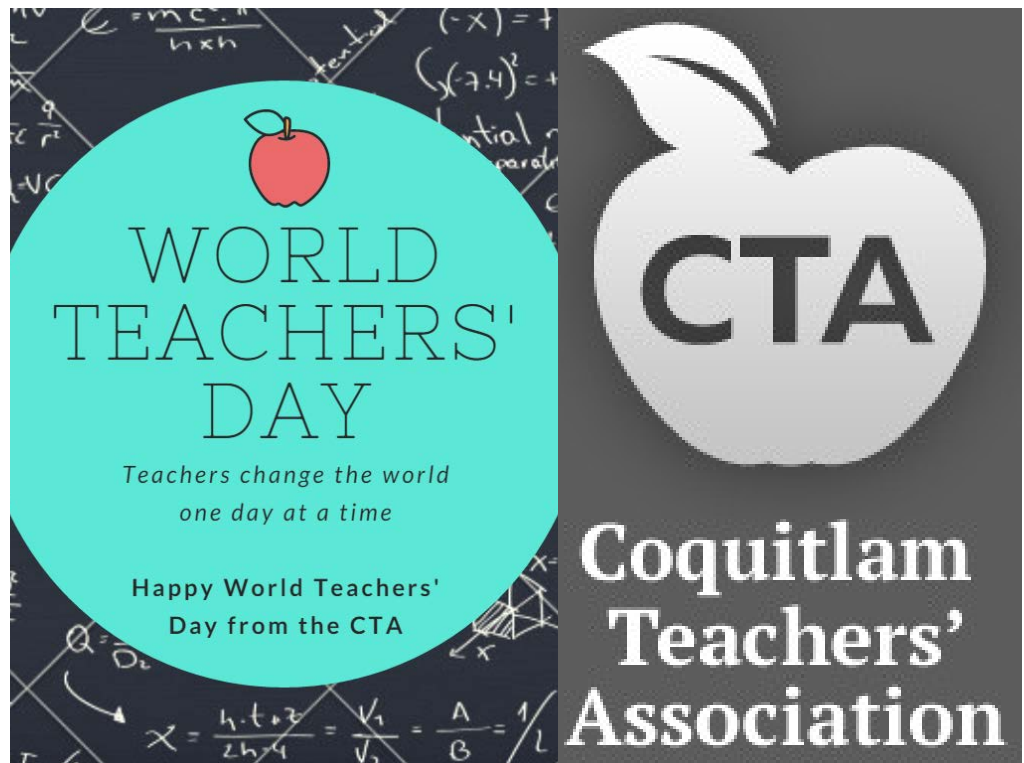
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President's Message

Municipal Elections

Oct 20 is Election Day for local government. There are advanced polls opening from the 10th to the 19th of October. Our focus has been on electing school trustees that support public education but, it is important to consider the other races, for council and mayoralty as well. There is actually a race for Coquitlam mayor between incumbent Richard Stewart and Adel Gamar, a candidate supported by New Westminster and District Labour Council (<http://www.nwdlc.ca/>). It's been a while since there was a serious race for that top job so that is something interesting to take part in for residents of Coquitlam.

Similarly, there is a race in Port Moody, between Mike Clay and Rob Vagramov, also a candidate supported by the Labour Council. There is a four-way race in Port Coquitlam between Brad West, Robin Smith, Eric Hirvonen and Patrick Alambets. Brad West is endorsed by the Labour Council.

There are races for councillor as well, too many to list here. **See all the upcoming all-candidates meetings listed on page 2 of this newsletter.**

We encourage our members to participate fully in the local election process.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018
(Mayor and Councillor candidates only)

Host: Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce
Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm
Location: Evergreen Cultural Centre
Contact: Phone: 604-464-2716 Email: info@tricitiechamber.com

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2018
(All candidates)

Host: Tri-City Daycare Group
Time: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Location: #307 – 3007 Glen Drive
Contact: Aimee King
Phone: 778-668-4171 Email: Aimeejewell@shaw.ca

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018
(All candidates)

Host: CIVIC Association of Iranian-Canadians
Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Location: Coquitlam Library – City Centre Branch (Combined Room 136 & 137)
Contact: Ali Tootian
Phone: 604-809-2294 Email: atootian@yahoo.com

- Event is open to the public and invites Mayor, City Councillor, and School Trustee candidates

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018
(Mayor and Councillor candidates only)

Host: Maillardville Residents' Association
Time: 7:00 – 10:00pm
Location: Place Maillardville Community Centre
Contact: Al Boire
Phone: 604-931-5650 Email: maillardvilleresidents@gmail.com

- The panel will consist of Mayoral and Council candidates
- Candidates will be given tables to display their campaign materials
- School Trustee candidates will be given tables but not an opportunity to speak as part of the panel

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018
(Mayor and Councillor candidates only)

Host: Burquitlam Community Association
Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm
Location: Banting Middle School (gymnasium)
Contact: Graham Hill
Phone: 604-937-7458 Email: hill7458@gmail.com

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018
(School Trustee SD43 candidates only)

Host: District 43 Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)
Time: 6:30 – 8:00pm
Location: Winslow Centre – Gym (110 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam)
Contact: office@dpac43.org

- No registration required.
- The evening will be structured as a "meet & greet" style event.
- Drop in anytime from 6:30-8:00pm.
- Meet and talk to the candidates vying for a position as School Trustee for your city.

Other Opportunities for Candidates

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018
(Mayor and Councillor candidates only)

Host: Coquitlam Public Library
Time: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Coquitlam Public Library – City Centre Branch (1169 Pinetree Way)
Contact: Anthea Goffe
Phone: 604-554-7347 Email: agoffe@coqlibrary.ca

- Library All-Candidate Meet & Greet
- This will be an informal drop-in program at the Library, where residents can talk to individual candidates one on one

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018
(All candidates)

Host: Coquitlam Farmers Market Society
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Location: Coquitlam Farmers Market
Contact: Sarah Kinsman
Email: events@makebakegrow.com

- This will be an informal event, giving residents a chance to meet the Mayor, Councillor, and School Trustee candidates face to face prior to the election

*Please note that this list may be updated between now and October 20th, for the latest schedule of meetings please refer to Coquitlam.ca/elections.

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The CTA sent questionnaires to school board trustee candidates and we have posted their responses on our website. Please visit www.coquitlamteachers.com and click on your city to read responses in order to make an educated choice on election day. Remember to get out and VOTE on October 20 for progressive trustees who will support our students, teachers and education system!



2018 Referendum: Voting Systems

A voting system is how we elect representatives to a legislature. In provincial elections, the voting system elects Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs). The Legislative Assembly (legislature) is where provincial laws are made.

There are many different voting systems. Each one has different rules about how voters cast their ballot, how votes are counted, and how votes translate into seats in the legislature.

The voting systems on the referendum ballot are:

- ❖ **First Past the Post (FPTP)**
- ❖ **Dual Member Proportional (DMP)**
- ❖ **Mixed Member Proportional (MMP)**
- ❖ **Rural-Urban Proportional (RUP)**

For more information visit:

<https://elections.bc.ca/referendum/voting-systems/voting-systems/>

From Glen Hansman BCTF via:

<https://www.bctf.ca/publications/NewsMagArticle.aspx?id=51135>

It's time to vote!

This fall British Columbians will vote in two important elections. First, on October 20, we will vote for city councillors and school trustees. With bargaining in mind, it's more important than ever to elect progressive school trustees who will push the employer and government to improve working and learning conditions in our schools. Read on pages 18 and 19 about how some candidates decided to run for office after participating in a BCTF public education conference, Advocacy Works.

The second vote is the mail-in referendum on whether to keep BC's current first-past-the-post system or to adopt proportional representation (PR). The BCTF is in favour of proportional representation. We believe it's not right, or fair, that a government with only 40% of the vote should get 100% of the power.

Have a great start to a new school year and remember to vote on October 20 and to mail in your ballot on electoral reform.

For more information visit:
<https://elections.bc.ca/referendum/voting-systems/voting-systems/>

What is Proportional Representation?

Learn more at:

<https://www.fairvote.ca/proportional-representation/>

The **NWDLC (New Westminster & District Labour Council)** is planning to canvass the West Coast Express, Port Coquitlam station on Wednesday, October 10 and Thursday, October 12 and October 18th. We would also like to canvass stations in Maple Ridge, Coquitlam and Port Moody but need you to volunteer.

As a canvasser you would greet morning and afternoon commuters by asking them if they have a plan to vote, and handing them a leaflet we have prepared. **Please contact the office at (604) 291-9306 or email nwdlc@shawcable.com** if you are available on these dates or would like to arrange to canvass a different day.

We are also looking for people to canvass at Sky Trains and major bus loops in New Westminster, Surrey, Langley and Delta. In local elections every vote counts and your efforts could make the difference for working people.



A big shout out to PD Reps who joined us for an afternoon training session this week! Some topics of conversation were balancing individual autonomy with the collective responsibility, the “nuts and bolts” of PD including yellow forms, group applications and school-based PD. Thoughtful discussions through group activities made the afternoon fly by! Please find a moment to touch base with your PD Rep and thank them for volunteering to take on this very important responsibility.



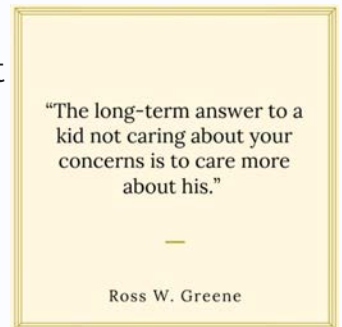
Learning Specialist Associations

Local Specialist Association Council met this past week to go over the application process and discuss upcoming events this year. It's not too late to apply!

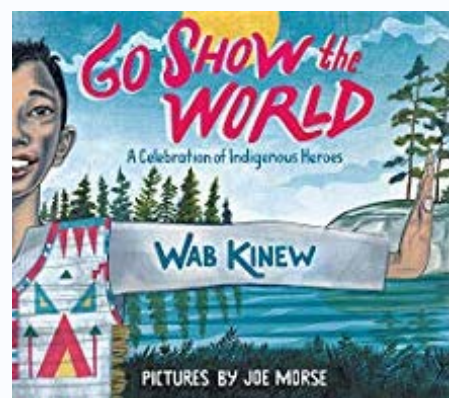
What is an LSA?

A Learning Specialist Association or LSA is a group of teachers interested in promotion and advocacy of professional development in the specialist area. Last year, we had 13 LSAs working to bring meaningful professional development opportunities to teachers in a variety of ways.

NOTE: If you are passionate about teaching and learning, and looking for a group of teachers to make sense of the new curriculum through rich discussions and practical ideas, consider joining an LSA. LSAs do need to complete the required grant application by October 30th to receive funding from CTA. Meggan Crawford, mcrawford@sd43.bc.ca



Go Show the World by Wab Kinew
<https://www.cbc.ca/books/go-show-the-world-1.4794542>



COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Teachers interested in the following committees should go onto our website for a curriculum vitae form and submit it to the CTA Office by: **Monday, October 8, 2018.**



If you have questions, call the CTA Office at 604-936-9971.

New Westminster & District Labour Council

- 8 CTA reps

CTA PD Committee

- 1 elem. rep, 1 secondary reps

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

- 5 members-at-large

CTA Policies & Procedures Committee

- 1 member-at-large

District Student Services Advisory Committee

- 2 CTA reps

District French Advisory Committee

- 2 CTA reps

District Student Achievement Advisory Committee

- 4 CTA reps

District Review Panel Committee

- 1 CTA rep

District Technology Advisory Committee

- 1 CTA reps

District Student Wellness & Safety Committee

- 3 CTA reps

District Aboriginal Ed Advisory Committee

- 1 CTA rep



UPCOMING EVENTS: submit your details to kstewart@cta43.org for posting.

OCTOBER

World Teachers' Day Friday, October 5

Thanksgiving Day Stat Monday, October 8

CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, October 10

Elementary Music Sharing Session

– Blakeburn Elementary, Wednesday, October 10 3:45 pm

Provincial PD Day (Provincial PSA Day) Friday, October 19

CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, October 24

*Back issues of the previous school year CTA Newsletters can be found on our website.



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The CTA can be found on Facebook and Twitter. You can also email us or check out the website

www.coquitlamteachers.com

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