

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

International Women's Day

As the child of a feminist activist, International Women's Day is a day I always want to acknowledge and celebrate. The day is always March 8th and is a lot older than people think. It has been around since the early 20th century and was primarily brought about by union/labour activism.

The theme this year is gender balance. It's a day to celebrate the accomplishments of women around the world, in politics, education, medicine, motherhood and many other endeavours. It is also a reminder that much work still remains to be done here and around the world in gender equity, pay equity, women's rights and treatment around the world. You can learn more by visiting <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>.

Snow, Snow, Snow!

In the immortal words of Lord Eddard Stark in Game of Thrones...winter is coming. Well, in this case, it seems more that winter is here and just refuses to leave, like a bad houseguest. Anyway, watch yourself on the roads, on the steps and parking lots of SD43. Please wear appropriate footwear and use handrails to avoid a nasty tumble.

Inevitably at this time of year, we see a spike in slips/trips and some of the injuries that come from these seemingly minor occurrences have been life-changing. Please speak to your health and safety reps and your Principal if you see a risky situation in your school environment.



Teachers reluctant to report violence over 'fear of repercussions,' Canadian Teachers' Federation says CBC Radio · February 17

Educators say incidents of verbal and physical violence by students targeting staff and fellow classmates are leaving them exhausted. (Ben Shannon/CBC)

Listen 29:40

Last fall, a Grade 2 teacher was with her class when a student planted himself in front of the doorway.

The seven-year-old boy yelled, "No one's gonna leave the classroom!"

"It was a hostage situation," the Ontario teacher recalled.

I felt helpless': Teachers call for support amid 'escalating crisis' of classroom violence

Educators say incidents of verbal and physical violence by students targeting staff and fellow classmates are leaving them exhausted — and they're calling on governments and school boards to provide more support.

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/thesundayedition/the-sunday-edition-for-february-17-2019-1.5017616/i-felt-helpless-teachers-call-for-support-amid-escalating-crisis-of-classroom-violence-1.5017623>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CHAIR

2019-20

The CTA Professional Development Chair position is filled on an annual basis. As such, the CTA is seeking members interested in the position of Professional Development Chair for 2019-20.

Release time for this position is currently 0.4 and the responsibilities include (but are not limited to):

- chairing the PD Committee, the CTA PD Day Committee and LSA Council
- planning, developing, organizing and implementing professional development activities for the CTA Professional Development Day
- processing applications for PD assistance and course fee assistance
- maintaining a liaison between the CTA and the BCTF in matters of Professional Development

The successful candidate will have a sound knowledge of and be highly committed to, professional development; will be well organized and will support a collaborative and collegial office atmosphere.

Interested members should go to our website for a curriculum vitae form, which must be submitted to the CTA by **Wednesday, April 10, 2019 4:30 p.m.**

LABOUR RELATIONS OFFICER

2019-20

The CTA Labour Relations Officer position is filled on annual basis. As such, the CTA is seeking members interested in the position of Labour Relations Officer for 2019-20.

Release time for this position is 1.0 and the responsibilities include (but are not limited to):

- Dealing with members' problems and inquiries
- Researching, preparing and presenting grievances
- Collaborating with the Table Officers
- Maintaining confidentiality

The successful candidate will have excellent presentation skills and the ability to deal effectively with confrontation and stressful situations.

Interested members should go to our website for a curriculum vitae form, which must be submitted to the CTA by **Wednesday, April 10, 2019 4:30 p.m.**



What are you doing this summer break? Volunteer at Camp Goodtimes!

Every year over 200 volunteers help create a magical summer camp experience for kids diagnosed with cancer and their families. We need Kid Experts; Teachers, ECEs, Teaching Assistants to nurture, encourage, and cheerlead our kids!

- **Short-term commitment:** volunteer for 4+ days
- **Use your super power:** we know that no one knows kids like teachers and people who work in schools. Your experience will make a huge impact on giving kids and families the best experience possible.
- **Work with kids of any age:** We have programs for kids aged 0-18.

Kids Camp in Maple Ridge, BC July 7 – July 12, 2019 July 22 – August 3, 2019	Teen Camp at Shawnigan Lake, BC August 18 – August 23, 2019
Family Camp in Maple Ridge, BC July 2 – July 5, 2019 July 14 – July 20, 2019	Family Camp at Shawnigan Lake, BC August 25 – August 28, 2019



Apply at campgoodtimes.org/volunteer
Questions? Contact our office at gotcamp@cancer.ca

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Canadian
Cancer
Society



Terry Fox Secondary is hosting our 3rd annual Power of Ideas Open House Event on Wednesday April 24th from 4-8pm.

All ages welcome to come and celebrate an evening of Science and Innovation. Fascinating, interactive exhibits are presented by BC's top science institutions like Science World, Triumph, UBC, SFU, Douglas College, Science Alive, Geering Up, Mad Science, BC Hydro and more. Play with Robots, make your own Ice Cream, weave your own Aboriginal Cedar Bracelet, vote our Fox Science Fair Finalists to victory and much more!

More info:

<http://csukainnovation.com/csukapage/power-of-ideas/>

TTOC CORNER: BOARDGAMES & PIZZA SOCIAL

The TTOC Committee invites you to our first ever Board Game Social! Please bring a game or two and it's an extra bonus if it could be used in a classroom setting to connect to skills and/or curriculum. We have limited space so please RSVP to secure your spot. It's an opportunity to connect, make new friendships, ask questions, and have fun.

Pizza will be provided and the evening will also include a raffle draw.

WHEN: Thursday, April 11th from 4-6pm

WHERE: CTA Office, Large Conference Room

RSVP: email Geoffrey at gkehrig@sd43.bc.ca by April 5th. Please advise of any food allergies.



TTOC Committee Meeting

Our next TTOC Committee meeting is Thursday, March 7th at the CTA Office starting at 4:15pm. If you are a TTOC and would like to come see what we're about please come by. Email Kara at kobojski@cta43.org or Geoffrey at gkehrig@sd43.bc.ca



Congratulations to the following prize draw winners from our **PD Day Publisher Display Contest** at Pinetree Secondary! *Prizes will be sent out through the district mailbag.

Julie Eastman - Leigh Elementary

Alphabet Learning Stones (Sticks & Stones Childhood Learning)

Christine Pain – Port Moody Secondary

Earrings (Elise Lew Designs)

Stephanie Duncan – Pinetree Secondary

The Big Six: Historical Thinking Concepts by Peter Seixas and Tom Morton (Nelson Publishers)

Lisa Jeans – Maple Creek

Engaging Readers & Writers with Inquiry by Jeffrey D. Welhelm (Scholastic Books)

Jessica Rowe – Rochester Elementary

Reading Unbound by Jeffrey D. Welhelm and Michael W. Smith (Scholastic Books)

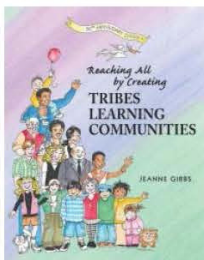
Angela Jimenez – Leigh Elementary

Cloudwalker by Roy Henry Vickers and Robert Budd (Kinder Books)

Christine Meroniuk – Anmore Elementary

Misunderstood Shark: Friends Don't Eat Friends by Ame Dyckman (Kidsbooks)

- Holly



New Tribes TLC® Training Opportunity!

Tribes TLC Training is now being offered on-line. For more information, go to <https://tribes.com/courses/boc/>

The next on-line session starts March 30th.

PD Assistance is available. Remember to complete your yellow form and **drop it off at the CTA office on or before 4:30 p.m. on March 15th.** For more information about PD Assistance, contact hstibbs@cta43.org

What is Tribes TLC® Certified Training?

Tribes Learning Communities (Tribes TLC®) is a research-based elementary, middle and high school program that promotes academic social and emotional development by creating a positive learning environment. The Tribes group development process focuses on resiliency and the stages of human development. The Mission of Tribes is to assure the healthy development of every child so that each has the knowledge, competency and resilience to be successful in today's rapidly changing world. Tribes is a community building process—a culture and active learning pedagogy best learned by experiencing it. The purpose of the 24-hour experiential training is to prepare teachers, administrators and support staff personnel to develop a caring school and classroom environment, and to reach and teach students through an active learning approach that promotes student development, motivation and academic achievement. <https://tribes.com/about/>

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 (padolf@cta43.org) by:

Monday, March 11, 2019.

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

CTA PD Committee

- 1 elem. rep

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

- 4 members-at-large

CTA Policies & Procedures Committee

- 2 member-at-large

CTA Committee of Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

- 2 Secondary reps, 2 Middle reps, 3 Elementary reps

District Student Services Advisory Committee

- 2 CTA reps

District French Advisory Committee

- 3 CTA reps

District Student Achievement Advisory Committee

- 4 CTA reps

District Review Panel Committee

- 1 CTA rep

District Technology Advisory Committee

- 4 CTA reps

District Student Wellness & Safety Committee

- 2 CTA reps

District Aboriginal Ed Advisory Committee

- 1 CTA rep

New Westminster & District Labour Council

- 5 CTA reps





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

MARCH

CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, **March 13**

Schools Close for Spring Break (last day in session) Friday, **March 15**

BCTF Annual General Meeting [Victoria] Sat –Tuesday, **March 16-19**

APRIL

Schools re-open from Spring Vacation Monday, **April 1**

CTA General Meeting - Winslow Gallery Room Wednesday, **April 10**

CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, **April 17**

Good Friday Stat Friday, **April 19**

Easter Monday Stat Monday, **April 22**

District PD Day Friday, **April 26**

March

- 3–9: International Women’s Week
- 8: International Women’s Day
- 18: National Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day
- 21: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 21–27: Week of Solidarity with People Struggling Against Racism and Racial Discrimination
- 22: World Water Day
- 31: Transgender Day of Visibility



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



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