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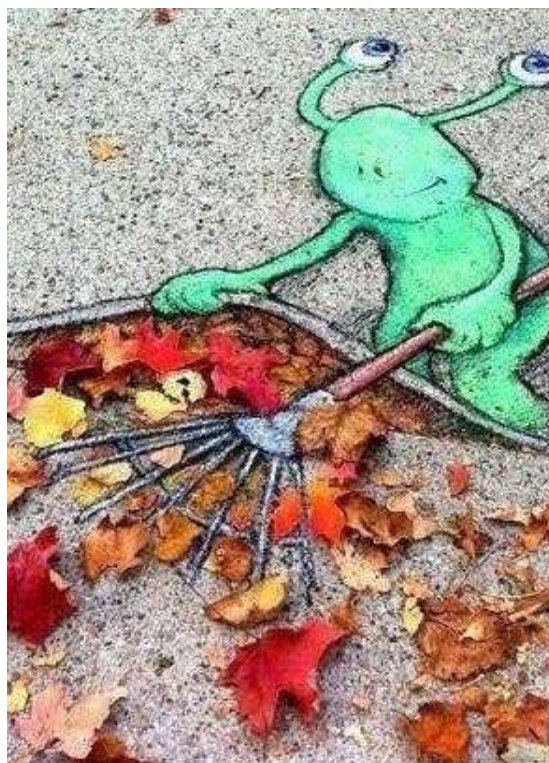
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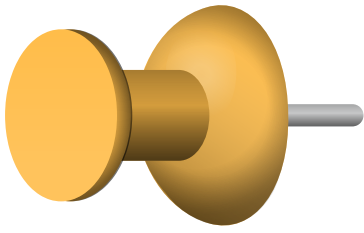
President's Message

Bargaining Momentum

Things are starting to build towards what we hope is an early opening to Bargaining. Officially, our contract expires in June. We have had meetings with our local negotiations committee, set provincial objectives, made some decisions on how we'll develop local objectives and communicate with members, We have a Zone Meeting coming up soon which will have Bargaining elements, we have a Bargaining Conference coming up in October with strong interest from our Executive Committee and we have Amanda Long in the chair at the Working and Learning Conditions/Bargaining Advisory Committee meeting today.

All in all, increasing interest is expected from the membership on matters related to Bargaining as we move towards opening locally and provincially. It's an exciting time for those of us involved in union work, because decisions made here have a significant impact on our profession.

We will be keeping staff reps and the rest of the membership informed of all developments in Bargaining.



CTA REP ASSEMBLY Agenda

Wednesday, September 26 @Winslow Gallery Room

1. Call to Order
2. President's Report
3. Ratification of Committee Appointments
4. CTA Budget 2018-19
5. School Concerns
6. Prize Draw
7. Adjournment

BCTF's TERI MOORING to attend the CTA AGM October 3rd!

CTA AGM Agenda

Wednesday, October 3rd @Winslow Gym

1. Call to Order
2. BCTF 1st Vice President, Teri Mooring
3. President's Report
4. Election of BCFED Convention Delegates
5. Financial Reports
6. BCTF Rep Assembly (Nov.2-3) CTA Resolutions
7. Other Business
8. Prize Draws (must be in attendance)
9. Adjournment



Congratulations to Nitasha Rajoo who was appointed to the BCTF Teacher Teaching on Call Advisory Committee for a three-year term..

WANTED: CTA Delegates to BC Federation of Labour Convention

The 58th BC Federation of Labour Convention will be held November 26-30. As in the past, the CTA is sending three (3) delegates to the convention. The CTA covers the costs of attending the convention (leave, meals, mileage, registration) but does not cover hotel costs, given that the convention is held in Vancouver.

Dates: Monday, November 26 to Friday, November 30, 2018

Location: Vancouver Convention Centre

Teachers interested in attending the BC Federation of Labour Convention as delegates should fill out a CV, (<http://www.coquitlamteachers.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/CV-1.pdf>) which is **due in the CTA office by Monday, September 24, 2018**. Delegates to the convention will be acclaimed or elected at the upcoming CTA General Meeting on Wednesday, October 3, 2018.



CASJ Meeting - Committee of Action on Social Justice

Join us to discuss social justice initiatives for the 2018/2019 school year

Thursday Oct 4 CTA Office 4pm

First meeting of the year!



ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Saturday, September 30, 2017

A day to listen, learn, and celebrate Aboriginal culture

Why Orange Shirts?

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in May 2013. It grew out of [Phyllis' story](#) of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. Hear Phyllis' story [here](#). (3 minute video).

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It also gives teachers time to plan events that will include children, as we want to ensure that we are passing the story and learning on to the next generations.

[Orange Shirt Day](#) is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

Aboriginal Peoples and Culture

The Canadian constitution recognizes three distinct groups of Aboriginal peoples, [First Nation](#), [Métis](#), and [Inuit](#) with unique histories, languages, cultural practices, and spiritual beliefs. More than 1.4 million people in Canada identify themselves as an Aboriginal person. Learn about the Aboriginal arts, history and heritage that are woven into the fabric of our country... [more](#)

See what people are doing to celebrate Orange Shirt Day:

<https://www.facebook.com/orangeshirtdayeverychildmatters>

Let's listen, learn, and celebrate Aboriginal culture together on [Orange Shirt Day](#)
Share your photos

Learn more: [Orange Shirt Day](#) • [Reconciliation of Canada](#) • [Gord Downey's Article](#)
[Canadian History and the Indian Residential School System Video](#)

10 Ways to Grow Professionally

- o Attend a conference/workshop
- o Be a sponsor teacher for a student teacher
- o Become active in your local association as a member of the PD committee
- o Join a PSA <https://bctf.ca/PSAs.aspx>
- o Join #BCEdchat on Sundays at 7 p.m.
- o Mentor a colleague
- <https://my432016.sd43.bc.ca/departments/studentservices/Pages/Mentoring.aspx>
- o Join an LSA <http://www.coquitlamteachers.com/professional-development/lisa-info/>
- o Read professional literature
- o Share with colleagues what you learned at a conference/workshop
- o Serve as your school's PD representative

School-based PD Rep

Please make sure your school's PD Rep name has been forwarded to CTA. Article F.22 of our collective agreement encourages schools to establish a PD committee by September 30th each year. Your school-based professional development committee is an advisory body that is involved with school-based staff development and the use of non-instructional days. Staffs are also asked to have a site-based PD rep to receive information from CTA about upcoming PD opportunities, advise your PD Chair on school-based issues, and among other things, sign those yellow forms for PD assistance.

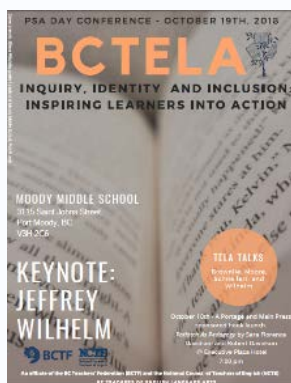
Remember this is a volunteer position. Be sure to take a moment to extend your thanks to your rep for accepting this role!

Take care, Holly Stibbs, PD Chairperson



PD IS A PROCESS OF ONGOING GROWTH, THROUGH INVOLVEMENT IN PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO ENABLE TEACHERS, BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY, TO ENHANCE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE - BCTF MEMBERS' GUIDE

October 19th – PSA Day! PSA conferences The October PSA day is especially for, and organized by, PSAs. We have three PSA conferences hosted right here in Coquitlam!



Check out the full list of PSA Conferences here:

<https://bctf.ca/uploadedFiles/Public/PSAs/conferences.pdf>



Many of us just attended our first PD day of the year which can be a great way to

bring staffs together but also signals that it's time to plan ahead with regards to setting your own professional learning goals for the year (and beyond). What's your plan? What will you do to enhance your professional practice within the context of your school community?



Applying for PD Assistance for the upcoming October PSA Day?

Hard copies of your yellow form are **due before 4:30 p.m. on October 5th.**

There are two parts to the PD Assistance application:

- 1) Pre-approval** – yellow forms are due a minimum two weeks in advance
- 2) Post-conference** – submit your conference report and receipts within 30 days

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.

CTA Rep Assembly.... Winslow Gallery Room Wednesday, September 26

OCTOBER

CTA Annual General Meeting (Budget/Financials)...Winslow GYM Wednesday, October 3

PD Rep Training (afternoon only) Tues/Wed/Thurs, October 2/3/4

World Teachers' Day Friday, October 5

Thanksgiving Day Stat Monday, October 8

CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, October 10

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

CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, October 24

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