

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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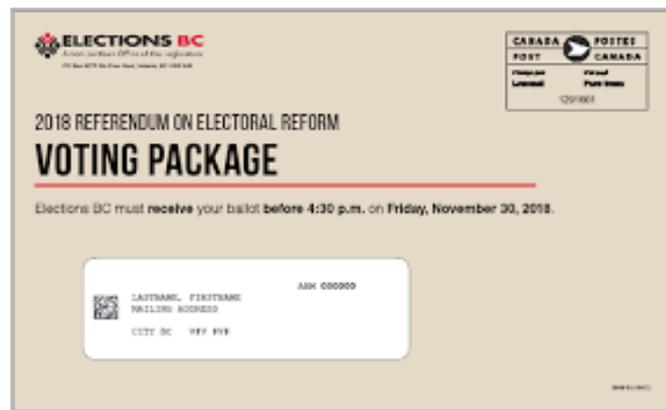
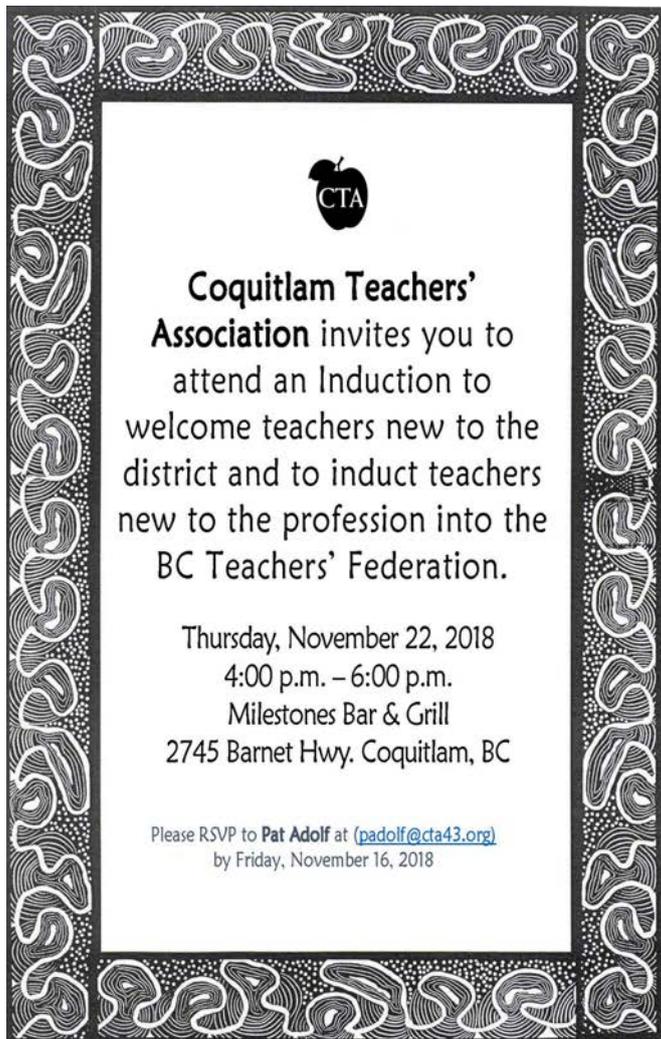
President's Message

Exciting Classrooms

We know there are many fantastic things going on daily in classrooms across this District but, these great things often go unheralded or unrecognized outside the school community. Diane Strandberg, from the Tri City News loves to cover neat stuff as a part of her beat as education reporter. If you've got something really cool happening, contact us at the CTA (Kelly Stewart kstewart@cta43.org) and maybe we can give the event or activity a little bit of a public profile. As we head into bargaining, it's good to show the positive side of what's going on in public education as widely as possible.

School Moves

We have witnessed a few school moves in the recent years (e.g. Eagle Mountain, Centennial and now Banting) and an unfortunate pattern continues to emerge. Lots of extra teacher work, stress and lost effective instructional time as people try to juggle the competing responsibilities of teaching with packing up classrooms, inventory of resources and moving stuff. We cannot just continue to beat our heads against the wall and hope that the pain will stop. We have two more upcoming moves at Minnehada and at Irvine and thus, the CTA is thinking how we could help make these moves less painful. We are considering, if there is interest, in forming a committee of people who've been through moves and invite ourselves and management to consult on how these moves can be made better. We have not proposed this to management yet but, we would like to test the water here a little with our own membership first. If this interests you, please email Kelly Roberts at kroberts@cta43.org.



Teacher Qualification Service

The TQS has updated policies. Any teachers who feel that the updated policies may affect their category placement are encouraged to request a Director's Review of their file through the TQS website. <https://www.tqs.bc.ca/upgrade/>



Classism is defined as prejudice against, or in favour of, people belonging to a different social class. Visit the Raising Awareness page on the **BCTF Equity and Inclusion web pages** (<https://bctf.ca/EquityAndInclusion.aspx>) for links to several antipoverty videos and Poverty Myth busters from the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition. These resources address the underlying causes of poverty, and in doing so, help dispel stereotypes leading to classism.

The Ministry of Education has been working on an updated version of the Early Learning Framework. The scope of this document has been expanded to include K-3, with the intention of creating a more seamless transition from Early Childhood Education to the K-12 system. The Ministry has just released a draft version of the framework and is seeking feedback via a survey on their website:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/early-learning/teach/early-learning-framework>.

BCTF members are encouraged to provide feedback by*December 7, 2018. Feedback can also be sent to the BC Primary Teachers' Association at psac55@bctf.ca. (*revised)

New!

CTA SOCIAL Committee of Action on Social Justice

The CTA warmly invites all interested teachers to a social evening to learn about our **new CASJ model** that has replaced our Social Justice, Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism, and Status of Women Committees. We'll be sharing information about this exciting new committee and how to apply. There will be a range of social justice resources available to use in your classroom, time to mingle, and food to snack on.

Looking forward to seeing all of you!

When: Thursday, November 29, 2018 from 4-5pm

Where: CTA Office, conference room

RSVP: Kelly Stewart at kstewart@cta43.org by Friday, November 23rd

November

- 5-11: Veteran's Week
- 11: Remembrance Day
- 11-17: BC Multiculturalism Week
- 20: National Child Day
- 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance
- 23: Buy Nothing Day
- 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women—16 days of action begins



Antipoverty Month

In Memoriam

Anna Driedger: Anna passed away on October 31, 2018. She was a long-serving Coquitlam teacher and we offer our condolences to her family and friends. Some information provided by her husband, Jeff, on Anna's interests and her preferred charity for anyone looking to acknowledge her passing.

*In recent years Anna wanted to go on a woman's mission trip to help an orphanage located in the Copper Canyon in Mexico. She reluctantly admitted that she was not healthy enough to go. We are setting up a bursary to help women who want to go on this trip but cannot for financial reasons. Please consider supporting this cause. Details on how to donate can be found here <http://www.wearecachurch.com/donate/> Please indicate Copper Canyon Missions Bursary when making a donation.

Jean Fraser: Jean passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on November 12, 2018. The celebration of life has already passed but, we want to acknowledge the passing of a colleague nonetheless. Please see her obituary, here <https://www.mccallgardens.com/obituaries/jean-fraser>. Our condolences to the family and friends of Jean, at this difficult time.

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, December 3, 2018.** If you have questions, call the CTA Office at 604-936-9971.

New Westminster & District Labour Council

- 5 CTA reps

CTA PD Committee

- 1 elem. rep

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

- 7 members-at-large

CTA Policies & Procedures Committee

- 2 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

- 4 CTA reps

District Student Wellness & Safety Committee

- 2 CTA reps

District Aboriginal Ed Advisory Committee

- 1 CTA rep



WANTED: District seeking 2 CTA members to serve on the Burke Mountain Secondary Visioning Committee.

The Visioning Committee will include a variety of stakeholders and members will be asked to discuss and provide feedback on educational guiding principles that will help to frame the vision for the new secondary school on Burke Mountain. The committee will meet from 4-6 pm on November 19, December 12, and January 21 at the School Board Office. Please email Kelly Roberts, kroberts@cta43.org if you are interested.

WANTED: District Learning Resource Working Group (2 CTA members)

The District Learning Resource Working Group will work on revising Administrative Procedures 213 & 265 to ensure compliance with the new Ministry Policy for Learning Resources

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/learning-resources>

This working group is project-specific and will help produce supporting materials to assist teachers. Release time will be provided as necessary. The working group will meet periodically between November and January. Ideally candidates should have familiarity with the use of a broad variety of learning resource categories, including books, textbooks, digital and physical manipulatives. Knowledge of ERAC offerings is also an asset. Please go to our website for a curriculum vitae.

<http://www.coquitlamteachers.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/eccv.pdf> and submit it to Pat Adolf, padolf@cta43.org.



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

NOVEMBER

BCTF Representative Assembly Fri-Sat, **November 2 & 3**

CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, **November 7**

Curriculum Implementation Day Friday, **November 9**

Remembrance Day Stat Monday, **November 12**

CTA Rep Assembly/General Meeting-Winslow Gallery Room Wed, **November 14**

CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, **November 21**

New Teacher SURT Training Tues/Wed/Thur **November 20/21/22**

CTA New Teacher Induction Thursday, **November 22**

BC Federation of Labour Convention Mon-Fri, **November 26-30**

CTA CASJ Social Thursday, **November 29**

DECEMBER

CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, **December 5**

Deadline for local resolutions to BCTF AGM Saturday, **December 15**

Schools close for Winter Break (last day in session) Friday, **December 21**

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



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