

# COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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## *President's Message*

### **BCTF Media**

The BCTF has put out a television ad in support of bargaining this week. It is a little different in that it uses a high school setting instead of the usual elementary cuties. The ad contains powerful messages, similar to some of the advertising put out by the nurses in their recent bargaining. The ads will feature prominently on Global and on social media platforms. Congratulations to Coquitlam teacher, Natalee Fera, from Pinetree Secondary, who is the science teacher in the ad! See the ad at the links. Click here: [Facebook](#) Click here for: [Twitter](#)  
Click here for: [YouTube](#)

### **CUPE 15 and the Vancouver Art Gallery**

Picket lines have gone up around the Vancouver Art Gallery. According to CUPE 15 leadership, after months of negotiations, gallery managers are still pursuing a concessionary bargaining strategy involving two-tier working conditions, scheduling models and rejected several reasonable counter-proposals from the union. Teachers are advised to reschedule any planned field trips to the VAG in support of CUPE 15. A visit to a picket line, if you find yourself in the area is also always welcomed by people standing out in the cold.

### **Immigrant Link Centre Society**

At the school board meeting this week, this small volunteer organization set forth for the board their work on controlling food waste locally. The organization stated that there is an enormous amount of food waste in Canada and that it is having a very detrimental effect on the environment, as this food rots in landfills and produces greenhouse gasses. ILCS takes the perfectly good food and distributes it to the needy, including at least one school in SD43. Here their website so you can learn more and see some of their good work in action.

<http://ilcs.ca/>

# CTA UPDATES

## Bargaining Update:

The provincial parties have met and signed off on a protocol agreement. For more updates you can check out the BCTF portal which will be updated as bargaining progresses. [www.bctf.ca](http://www.bctf.ca)

Locally we have our first meeting with the employer scheduled for later this month and hope to sign off on a protocol agreement to commence bargaining. The negotiations committee has met to research and prepare for bargaining the local objectives ratified by the Rep Assembly in November. Stay tuned for updates as things progress via the CTA portal [www.coquitlamteachers.com](http://www.coquitlamteachers.com) and via Bulletins to your school site Staff Reps.

### It's time to Register for the Day of Mourning BC Schools Project!

The Day of Mourning (DOM) for workers killed or injured on the job, began in Canada and is now observed around the world every year on April 28.

The Day of Mourning BC Schools Project began in 2016 and has reached hundreds of schools and classrooms each year.



#### Our goals:

- encourage schools to participate in the Day of Mourning
- teach students and young workers about their rights in the workplace
- reduce the number of deaths and injuries among young workers

April 28, 2019 falls on a Sunday; BC schools will be honouring the National Day of Mourning on Friday, April 26, 2019.

Sign up (**click here**) your school or class to be entered to win one of ten \$200 Apple gift cards. Participation prizes and certificates will be also be awarded. Winners must complete a short post-project survey.

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN INSPIRING EVENT

## TEACHING FOR JOY AND JUSTICE

2ND CROSS BORDER SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE FOR BC, WASHINGTON & OREGON TEACHERS

**MERCEDES MARTINEZ**

**QUEEN AS FUNK**

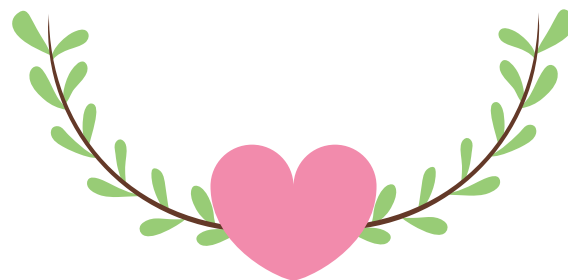
SOCIAL JUSTICE WORKSHOPS, DELICIOUS MEAL, KEYNOTE AND PLAYNOTE!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019 • 12 PM - 8 PM**

NORTH SURREY SECONDARY  
15945 96 AVENUE (CORNER OF 160 STREET)  
SURREY, BC

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

[WWW.CROSSBORDERCONFERENCE.COM](http://WWW.CROSSBORDERCONFERENCE.COM)



### February

18-24:	BC Heritage Week
20:	United Nations Social Justice Day
24-March 2:	Freedom to Read Week
27:	Pink Shirt Day

**Black History Month**

**Save the date!**

BCTF New Teachers' Conference 2019

**April 5**  
Vernon

**May 10**  
Nanaimo

GAINING GROUND : NEW TEACHERS TOGETHER  
LEADING THE WAY!



## Exploring The First Peoples Principles of

### Learning in our Classrooms

#### Learning Forward BC Spring Network Dinner

Learning Forward BC invites cross-role educational teams to an inspiring evening exploring *The First Peoples Principles of Learning*. Participants will have ideas to implement in a classroom setting at any grade level.

*The purpose of the evening is to engage in the indigenous pedagogy of storytelling.*

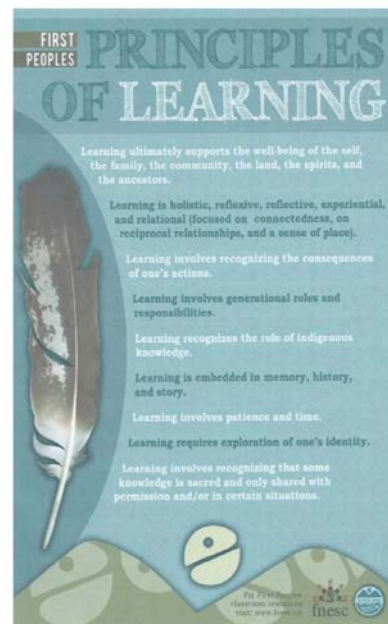
Join Coquitlam School District to:

- 4:00 - 4:30 Tour our numeracy & literacy labs (Our Mentor Teachers will host)
- 4:30 Traditional Welcome
- 4:55 Listen to an Aboriginal Storyteller & learn about Trickster Symbolism
- Engage in Story Workshop to create your own legend

#### TO REGISTER:

- Visit: [www.learningforwardbc.ca](http://www.learningforwardbc.ca)
- Location: Parkland Elementary School  
1563 Regan Ave., Coquitlam, BC
- Cost: \$55 (student teacher rate: \$30)  
Includes snacks served at 4:00 and a light dinner

Thursday,  
March 7, 2019  
4:00 - 7:30 pm



Hosted by Coquitlam School District and Learning Forward BC



We wanted to let you know about a cool nation - wide opportunity for educators to discuss 21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act on Twitter. Every Wednesday in the month of February (starting Wednesday, February 6th) you can join the conversation on Twitter by following #21Things.

#### Twitter Chat Dates & Time

- Wednesday February 6th  
8PM EST (Pages 1-30)
- Wednesday February 13th  
8PM EST (Pages 31-63)
- Wednesday February 20th  
8PM EST (Pages 64-92)
- Wednesday February 27th  
8PM EST (Pages 93-105)

\*Questions will be linked to the pages listed beside each chat. Appendices 1-5 (the second half of the book) will be referenced throughout the chats.

#### Format

Chats will last one hour and four questions will be asked with a slow chat question at the end (a slow chat is a question that you can think about for the week and respond in-between chats).

The organizers are using the Q1/A1 format. If you miss a chat feel free to follow #21Things and contribute when you can.

#### New to Twitter and/or Twitter Chats?

Some basic tips:

- whenever you tweet, use #21Things (this will allow others following the hashtag to see your post)
- if using a mobile phone, type #21Things in the search bar to find all of the latest tweets
- if you are using a computer/tablet, try out Tweetdeck. This free app allows you to follow the chat by viewing it as a live feed.

Scared? Don't be! E-mail Brandon.pachan@peelsb.com if you have any questions about the chat and he will help you.

We look forward to watching the twitter chatter!





# 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, February 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**

- 6 members-at-large

## **CTA Policies & Procedures Committee**

- 2 member-at-large

## **CTA Committee of Action on Social Justice (CASJ)**

- 8 CTA 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



## **NEW! School Moves Working Group - Members needed! - 3 CTA reps**

This working group will have discussions with the school board to improve processes around school moves. Meetings TBD, but will likely be just a few in total.

Please go to our website for a curriculum vitae. <http://www.coquitlamteachers.com> and submit it to Pat Adolf, padolf@cta43.org ASAP.



**UPCOMING EVENTS:** submit your details to [kstewart@cta43.org](mailto:kstewart@cta43.org) for posting.

## Emerging Talent Art Show

From **January 19th-February 17th** artwork from some of district 43's talented art students is on display at **Evergreen Cultural Centre**. This free exhibition showcases the work of graduating students who are pursuing visual arts in a variety of ways, whether they hope to be a storyboard artist, fashion designer, 3D animator, or game designer. With pieces from five different high schools, the show brings together a diversity of individual expressions, but encourages the question of what greater meaning the pieces have when showcased together. Whether you are an artist yourself, or are new to gallery exhibits, the Emerging Talent Showcase is worth a visit! Evergreen Cultural Centre is located at 1205 Pinetree Way in Coquitlam and is open Wed-Sat 12pm-5pm and Sun 12pm-4pm.

## FEBRUARY

BCTF Representative Assembly Fri-Sat, **February 1 & 2**  
CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, **February 13**  
School Not in Session Friday, **February 15**  
BC Family Day Stat Monday, **February 18**  
CTA Representative Assembly, Winslow Gallery Wednesday, **February 20**  
CTA District PD Day Friday, **February 22**  
CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, **February 27**  
Staff Rep Training (Session 2) Tues-Thurs, **February 26, 27, 28**

\*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](http://www.coquitlamteachers.com)

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