

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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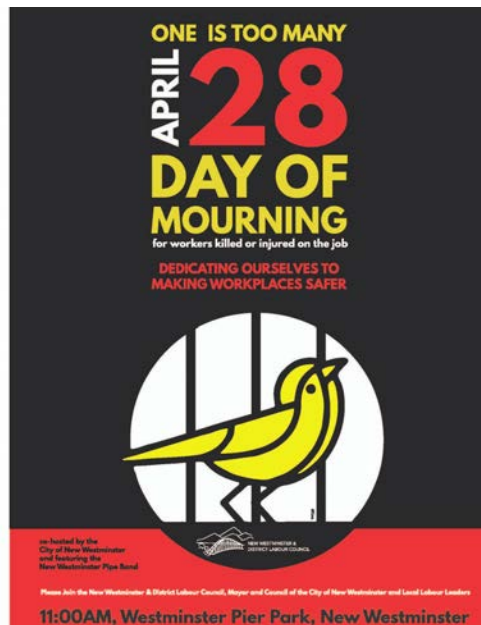
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President's Message

Budget Outcome

The CTA presented an ask to the School Board to increase staffing for the Inclusion Support Team. Unfortunately, the Board passed a \$390,008,354.00 budget but could not agree to our request to add staffing to these critical supports for teachers encountering an increasing number of serious behaviour events in schools. The arguments the CTA made included the cost in lost time, replacement workers and increased Worksafe costs far outstrip the cost of hiring the few additional staff we requested. It is honestly not difficult, given the number of incidents, to see that those costs far outstrip the salary and benefits of the small additional ask in staffing here. If the time loss alone could be avoided, that would probably pay for these people. The CTA will continue to press for additional supports in this and other areas of need throughout the 2019-20 school year.

Day of Mourning

A few newsletters back, we reminded teachers about the Day of Mourning on April 28th. There will be a ceremony honouring fallen workers at New West's Pier Park at 11 am Sunday, for those interested in showing support for fallen workers. The District has chosen to fly flags at half mast this Thursday just past and honour workers with a moment of silence at 11 am. Recent data provided by the BC Federation of labour shows 131 deaths in 2018, including 4 in Education. One is too many.

CTA Year End General Meeting

Just a reminder to mark your calendar for the CTA Year End General meeting, to be held May 15th at the Winslow Centre Gym. There will be Executive Committee elections, ratification of committee appointments, a discussion of the year in review and important bargaining updates. Please plan to attend and bring a friend. There are lots of cool prizes in the prize draw this year. The Agenda will be emailed out next week.

CTA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Winslow Centre – Gallery Room, 4:00 p.m.

Recorder: K. Roberts

Chairs: S. Cowan/A. Roberts

Agenda

Recognition of First Nations Territory Greeting

1. Call to Order
 - Adoption of the agenda
 - Adoption of the minutes of the Representative Assembly held January 23, 2019.
2. Ratification of Committee Appointments
3. President's Report
4. CTA Finance Update
5. Bargaining [*In-Committee*] A. Long, Bargaining Chairperson
 - Provincial Bargaining Update
 - Local Bargaining Update
6. Labour Relations Report [A. Gilligan, Labour Relations Officer/*In-Committee*]
7. School Concerns
8. Prize Draw
9. Adjournment

***IMPORTANT BARGAINING UPDATES WILL BE GIVEN. Please ensure at least 1 (one) Rep per school is in attendance!**



ELECTION OF THE 2019-2020 CTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following CTA Executive Committee positions will be filled at the CTA Year End General Meeting on **Wednesday, May 15, 2019**.

- PRESIDENT

- 1st VICE-PRESIDENT

- 2nd VICE-PRESIDENT

- Local Reps to the BCTF (2)

- Members-at-Large (5-6)

Those interested in running for any of these positions should go to coquitlamteachers.com for a CV form. Email it to padolf@cta43.org. The **deadline** for receipt of the CV form into the CTA office is **Monday, April 29, 2019 at 4:00 pm**.

Met the Deadline? Candidates will have a write-up in the Year End General Bulletin.

Missed the Deadline? Candidates can be nominated from the floor of the May 15th Year End General Meeting.

CTA UPDATES



GAINING GROUND
NEW TEACHERS TOGETHER, LEADING THE WAY



May 10 in Nanaimo



BCTF New Teachers' Conferences
New Teachers, New TTOCs, and Teacher Candidates

There are still a lot of spaces left for the **NTC 2019** in Nanaimo. The event will gather hundreds of new teachers in the spectacular Vancouver Island Conference Center.

There will be a panel of teachers presenting on how to infuse Aboriginal ways of being, learning and teaching in the classroom, a renowned keynote speaker, Tracy Myers, will address new teachers and, for the first time we will offer an offsite workshop on Aboriginal Education. Vendors will display up to date and freshly developed teaching material aligned with the new curriculum. Finally, there will be delicious food for breakfast and lunch!

The registration fee of only \$60 includes the reception at the Museum attached to the Conference Center on May 9 from 5pm to 9pm, this will allow new teachers to mingle with the Keynote speaker, the Elder and colleagues from all over the province. **CLICK HERE.**

WANTED: Local Returning Officer !

Are you interested in being involved with the CTA and already attend Rep Assemblies and General Meetings? This job does not involve extra meetings, just the ones you already attend. For the job it would be helpful to have someone who is already committed to the CTA, is interested and does attend meetings regularly. Also someone who is able to ask people to help count (sometimes they say no). Some familiarity with Robert's Rules of Order and our CTA Policies and Procedures, but not essential, as you learn on the job. This gets you moving about during meetings, great for most teachers who are used to spending the day on their feet.

Interested members should go on our website for a curriculum vitae form, which must be submitted to the **CTA (padolf@cta43.org) by Monday, April 29, 2019, 4:00 p.m.**

Application deadline extended: April 30, 2019!

Applications are still being accepted for the 23rd edition of the **Teachers Institute on Canadian Parliamentary Democracy**, to be held in Ottawa from February 23rd to February 28th, 2020. Apply now to experience a week at Parliament!

Program highlights include:

- 70 participants selected from across Canada
- Available for teachers from all grade levels
- Opportunity to meet both Speakers, parliamentarians and senior officials
- Most costs covered
- Bursaries available

Apply online today!



The Teachers Institute brings together 85 educators from across Canada for an engaging and informative week in February to learn about Parliament, governance, and citizenship.

Benefits for Participants	Program Highlights	Eligibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop strategies for teaching about Parliament, democracy, governance and citizenship. Learn from political, procedural and pedagogical experts. Discuss key issues in citizenship and parliamentary democracy. Forge contacts with dynamic teacher colleagues from across the country, and. Take what you learn back to your classroom. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet the Speakers of the Senate and the House of Commons and other parliamentarians. Observe Question Period, parliamentary debates and committee meetings. Analyze critical issues with parliamentary experts. Receive important resource materials that support civics teaching, and. Celebrate excellence in teaching about Parliament, governance, democracy and citizenship. 	<p>We welcome applications from educators who...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> currently work in the field of education in Canada (Kindergarten to Grade 12 / CECEP) currently teach in a subject area related to citizenship, civics or social studies. are prepared to undertake a follow-up activity to extend the impact of the Teachers Institute, and. have not previously participated.

The Teachers Institute is hosted by the Speakers of the Senate and the House of Commons and is organized by the Library of Parliament.

Program Fee:
If selected there is a \$500 registration fee. (Travel to Ottawa, accommodation and most meals are covered)

Apply by April 15
www.parl.gc.ca/teachers

Contact Us:
education@parl.gc.ca

IGNITE43

We are still looking for 3-4 more presenters for our upcoming Ignite43 tentatively scheduled for May 22nd, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Samz Neighbourhood Pub in Port Coquitlam.

What is an Ignite?

"Ignite" is a PD evening event hosted at a local venue with amazing presenters, lively conversation and great food. Presenters are given 5 minutes to present their idea, with a maximum 20 slides rotating automatically every 15 seconds. The intention is to spark or 'ignite' an idea and allow time to discuss and share ideas between presentations.



If you are interested in joining us as a presenter, please contact Holly at hstibbs@cta43.org



Announcing the First Ever **Science Camp for Teachers on Galiano Island August 16-18, 2019**

Galiano Conservancy Association is excited to announce a one-of-a-kind professional development opportunity at the Millard Learning Centre here on Galiano Island. Science Camp for Teachers is a three-day workshop in which we gather as educators to share techniques and principles of science education in a beautiful, sustainable outdoor environment.

CLICK HERE and don't hesitate to get in touch if you have questions.

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The PD Committee is already brainstorming and researching potential speakers for **PD Day February 2020**. If you have any suggestions, this is the time to share! Member input is important. Your ideas help us create the PD experiences you value most. hstibbs@cta43.org



**ADULT CENTRED
EDUCATION CONFERENCE**
MAY 16 & 17, 2019 COQUITLAM, B.C.
WWW.ACECONFERENCE.NET

Join us for an engaging two-day conference focused on instruction for adult learners in a range of educational settings.

LINDEN MACINTYRE – KEYNOTE SPEAKER – AWARD-WINNING JOURNALIST AND BEST-SELLING AUTHOR



Linden MacIntyre is best known as the award-winning former host of Canada's premiere investigative television show, CBC's the fifth estate, as well as an internationally bestselling novelist. MacIntyre was the host of the fifth estate for 24 years, ending his tenure in 2014. His work for the program garnered him an International Emmy, ten Gemini Awards, and the Gordon Sinclair Award for Best Overall Broadcast Journalist and Best Anchor or Interviewer. Speaking on topics ranging from mass media and democracy to justice and public policy, MacIntyre brings provocative points and impeccable analysis to every stage he graces. We look forward to hosting, "Mass Media: A Pillar of Democracy" at ACE 2019.

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, April 29, 2019.**

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

CTA PD Committee

- 1 elementary rep

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

- 4 members-at-large

CTA Policies & Procedures Committee

- 2 members-at-large

CTA Committee of Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

- 2 Secondary reps, 2 Middle reps, 2 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

- 1 CTA rep

District Student Wellness & Safety Committee

- 2 CTA reps

District Aboriginal Ed Advisory Committee

- 1 CTA rep

New Westminster & District Labour Council

- 5 CTA reps



Opportunities for Members: BCTF advisory committees

The BCTF has several advisory committees that meet throughout the year to discuss current topics affecting teachers, make recommendations to the BCTF Executive Committee, design resources, and plan training events. They are an important part of the Federation's overall engagement with members and cover such topics as bargaining, pensions, health and safety, and social justice. Learn more about the various committees and **apply online by May 24, 2019.**



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

MAY

- CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, **May 1**
- CTA Representative Assembly Winslow Gallery Wednesday, **May 8**
- CTA Year End Meeting (Elections) Winslow GYM Wednesday, **May 15**
- Victoria Day Stat Monday, **May 20**
- CTA Old/New Executive Committee Wednesday, **May 29**
- BCTF Representative Assembly Fri -Sat, **May 31 & June 1**

JUNE

- CTA Old/New Executive Committee Wednesday, **June 5**
- CTA Old/New Executive Committee Wednesday, **June 12**
- School Year Ends – Administrative Day Friday, **June 28**

CMTA - Around the District

- District Elementary Honour Choir at Cape Horn Elementary - **April 26**
- District Junior Jazz Band Day at Maillard Middle School – **May 1**
- Music Monday – National event – **May 6**
- Elementary Choral Jamboree at Aspenwood Elementary – **May 8**
- Beginning Band Day at Moody Middle School – **May 10**
- Rock the Fox at Terry Fox Secondary – **May 14, 15, 16**
- Big Band Night at Heritage Woods Secondary - **May 31**

May

- 3: World Press Freedom Day
- 5: International Family Equality Day
- 11: World Fair Trade Day
- 15: International Day of Families
- 17: International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia
- 21–25: Aboriginal Awareness Week

Asian Heritage Month

June

- 1: Injured Workers' Day
- 2–8: Canadian Environment Week
- 5: World Environment Day
- 9: Canadian Rivers Day
- 12: World Day Against Child Labour
- 20: World Refugee Day
- 21: National Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 27: Canadian Multiculturalism Day

Aboriginal History Month

LGBTQ Pride Month

*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

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