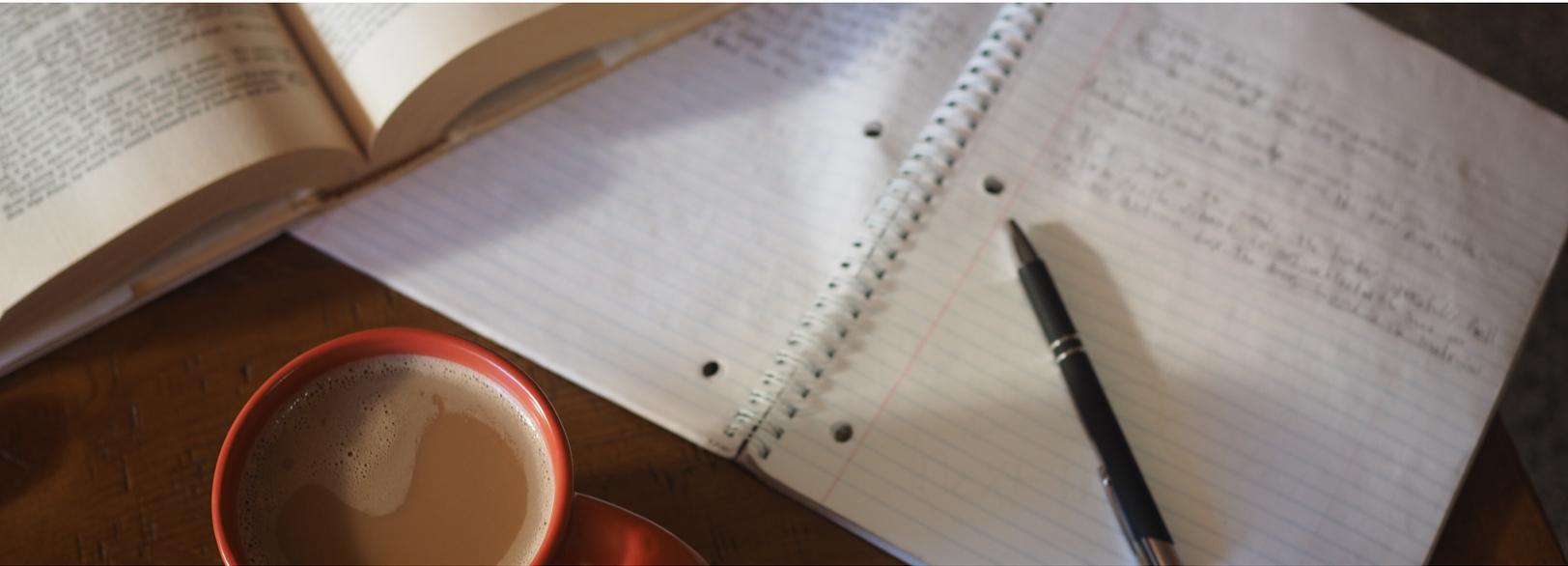


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President's Message

Remedy Use

The CTA is again advocating for its members to use their Remedy time. We are closing in on reporting and Remedy time can help with that. We are also (hopefully) coming out of the worst of the cold and flu season and so, access to TTOCs may be better than the typical seasonal hot spot that occurs between the end of October and January. Remedy time can also be used for co-teaching, small group work or other readjustments in class, if the teacher doesn't want to be away or take the risk of a failure to fill.

Provincial Budget

The Provincial Budget has just been released and while there are some positive changes in high income taxation, Indigenous support and support for youth in care, it's pretty much wings level on education funding, with only minimal increases and a reiteration that the mandate is the mandate.

This is a disappointment as the budget in no way deals with income inequity for teachers in BC compared to the rest of Canada or deals with the teacher shortage partly driven by that lack of a competitive salary. The budget is balanced, which is a political imperative and contains small surpluses for the next three years. These and a contingency fund of \$750 million is there to deal with "unanticipated costs" like forest fires or other natural disasters or lower than expected revenue. We certainly hoped to have education addressed with more vigour in the budget, as it remains a pitifully low percentage of GDP in BC (about 2.7%) and our per student funding remains at \$1800 below the national average.

In solidarity,
Ken

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Staff Rep Training

February 25, 26 and 27, 2020

If you are a staff rep and have not received information regarding these dates please contact Pat Adolf padolf@cta43.org

If you have not booked your leave for these dates please do so as soon as possible!

SERVICE LOSS SURVEY FAILURE TO FILL

The CTA continues to gather information on service loss when there are TTOC shortages. We are looking to document any service lost through TTOC shortages, as well as unfilled remedy requests. We have received hundreds of responses to date. We are hoping that every teacher who encounters service loss will fill in this very brief survey. Please fill out the survey for each loss. This information will help us understand the impact of the teacher shortage better here in Coquitlam.

Mark In for BCEd

On Thursday, February 20th, teachers from both the Coquitlam Teachers' Association and the Burnaby Teachers' Association hosted a mark in at the Lougheed Mall Food Court to draw attention to the importance of public education. Teachers dressed in red and sat down to mark and plan lessons. This political action was meant to draw attention, and make visible, the numerous tasks teachers do outside of instructional time. Mark in signs, listing a long and diverse range of these tasks, were displayed on tables so that members of the public could read them and engage in conversations with teachers. Many thanks goes out to the BTA for the invitation to co-host this event, as well as to teachers who came out to take part in this political action. Teachers from different locals are always welcome!



BURNABY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Next Mark In

Thursday, March 5th, 2020
Metrotown Centre Food Court 4 - 6 PM



British Columbia Retired Teachers' Association Golden Star Awards 2020

Are you offering a program that involves interaction between students and seniors Has your program been in place for at least one full school year or one full semester?
Could you use \$1500 to enhance your program?

If you answered 'yes' to these questions, you can apply for one of five BCRTA Golden Star Awards. One BCRTA/Legion Golden Star Award is also offered for a program that involves student interaction with veterans.

Deadline for applications is April 15th each year.

To access the Golden Star Awards application forms and a video featuring winners in 2019, please go to <https://bcrtc.ca/bcrtc-golden-star-awards/>

Youth Engagement Surrey (Y.E.S.)

A spring break camp facilitated by SFU Social Ecology and Environmental Diversity in partnership with the City of Surrey that focuses on environmental activism and social justice.

Workshops, speakers and activities emphasize; climate change, youth leadership and environmental advocacy, waste management and waste reduction, community and mentorship, local and global communities, physical and mental health and wellness

**This is a FREE opportunity for teens during spring break
March 17th to March 20th, 2020.**

Drop in or register in advance below

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K3FH8VP>

Wear #RedforBCEd Campaign

CTA members are encouraged to wear red shirts on Wednesdays and Fridays to show their support for public education and the adequate funding of public education. Join teachers across the province who are also participating in this collective action. Remember to take photos of yourself and willing colleagues, post them on social media and send them to the CTA for posting on our social sites and news letters. Let's all help keep education issues in the news and on peoples' minds.

PD Power

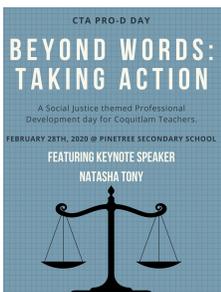
Just one more week and we will be spending a day of learning together at Pinetree Secondary!
Here's some important information as we approach the day:

- **Parking is very limited** – consider carpooling or taking transit (the skytrain is close by)
- **The Pinetree staff lot is reserved for presenters and volunteers**
Parking is available in Lot E, at Walton Elementary, or on side streets (you will be emailed a map) – read signage carefully Pay parking is available on Pinetree Way and at Douglas College
- Our **student volunteers are giving up their own time** to be there – please be extra kind to them
- **A light lunch will be provided** – if you need more than this please bring your own snacks
- **Bring your own travel mug and/or water bottle** to cut down on waste

You will receive an email today with more information and room numbers.

The shape of our day:

7:45 Coffee, Mingle, & Publishers
8:30 Welcome and Opening (Gym)
8:45 Keynote: Natasha Tony (Gym)
10:00 Session A, Session C Starts
11:30 Snack
12:15 Session B, Session C Continues
2:00 Collegial Conversations



**Some sessions are full,
others will be cancelled
soon, register TODAY!!**



Click here to register now!



Saturday February 29th, 2020

Cross Border Conference

Kwantlen Park Sec.
10441 132nd Street
Surrey, BC

Leaping Into Action Teachers Rise for Climate Justice

A Social Justice Conference for BC, Washington and Oregon Teachers

The CTA's Committee for Action on Social Justice (CASJ) is coordinating Teachers to attend the Crossborder Conference on Feb 29th in Surrey very very near to the Surrey Central Skytrain Station.

This is a unique conference that offers the opportunity to connect with teachers from Oregon and Washington as well as from across BC. Registration is \$50 and several great workshops and presenters will be there.

[This year's theme is "Leaping into Action: Teachers rise for climate justice"](#)

This event is organized by the Surrey Teachers' Association and is supported by many locals in the province as well as the BCTF.

Please forward any questions to Diether Malakoff (dmalakoff@cta43.org)

BCATML and MyPITA present:

Grade 5-7 Core French

Support and Sharing Sessions

Two available March meeting days:

Tues., March 10th:
Surrey (Mary-Jane Shannon Elementary/10682 - 144 St.)

Wed., March 11th: Burnaby
(Chaffey-Burke Elementary/
4404 Sardis St.)



3:30-5:00pm

Come when you can!

All teachers welcome!

For more info, email:

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Topic 1:

My name is _____

Topic 2:

Weather

Holiday/Event:

Spring

Grammar:

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Has anything changed?

Did you move? Get married?

If you have changed your name, address or email please make sure you tell us and remember to

- Notify the CTA email kstewart@cta43.org
- Notify SD43
- Notify BCTF via your [BCTF Portal](#)

Questions about your pension?

Go straight to the source for answers.

<https://tpp.pensionsbc.ca/pension-basics>

Online workshops and learning

<https://tpp.pensionsbc.ca/learning-resources>

Retirement Health Coverage

<https://tpp.pensionsbc.ca/retirement-health-coverage>

Committee Vacancies

District Student Services Advisory Committee

- 2 CTA reps

District Student Achievement Advisory Committee

- 4 CTA reps

District Review Panel Committee

- 1 CTA rep

District Student Wellness & Safety Committee

- 3 CTA reps

District Aboriginal Ed Advisory Committee

- 1 CTA rep

District French Advisory Committee

- 2 CTA reps

New Westminster & District Labour Council

- 5 CTA reps

CTA PD Committee

- 1 Middle, 1 LSA Council Rep, 1 TTOC Rep, 1 Adult Ed Rep

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

- 4 members-at-large

CTA Committee - Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

- 2 Secondary reps, 2 Middle reps, 2 Elementary reps,
1 member-at-large

CTA Negotiations Committee

- 1 member-at-large

Teachers interested in any of these committees should go onto our website or click here for a curriculum vitae form and submit it to the CTA Office (padolf@cta43.org).

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