

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

So long and, thanks for all the fish!

Douglas Adams

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As the school year of doom closes down and we begin to assess the impact of Covid 19, "Emergency Remote Teaching", Essential Service Workers and Vulnerable Learners support and our more wide return at June 1, we are left to consider what we will be facing come September. It's a reasonable assumption to make that it will be different again than this year and probably not a return to full normal service.

The BCTF and the CTA will be working through the summer to deal with local issues like recall, and the operation of provincial plans for the resumption of studies in the new year. Please take time to gather your strength, re-establish your connections with friends and family and look to other uplifting pursuits. You have all done an incredible job here of adapting a brick-and-mortar system into one that fit with current COVID reality. It's not sustainable long term but, your efforts are noticed and appreciated by parents, the union, the employer and, most importantly, your students.

We hope to be able to see more of you live next year. Have a great summer!

Yours In Solidarity,
Ken

Summer Hours

During the summer months
the CTA office will be
closed between

July 11th and August 31st

If you require assistance during the
office closure please reach out,
messages are retrieved regularly
to enable us to assist you.

20/21 STAFF REP & PD REP NAMES NEEDED

In order to plan for Training Sessions we
will need the names and member counts
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

School staffs should be selecting
their CTA Staff Reps and PD Reps for the
upcoming 2020 -2021 school year.

Please forward those names to the CTA
office by emailing padolf@cta43.org.
Thank you!

TTOC PORTING OF SENIORITY

DEADLINE June 30th, 2020

Seniority is stored in two separate accounts or
'silos'. One silo is for tracking seniority accrued from
TTOC work, the other silo is for contract work. There
are two times a year when a teacher can transfer
seniority from the TTOC silo into the Contract work
silo and the next deadline for that is June 30th.
Application received by that deadline will take effect
Aug 31st. Further details on this process are
available in the collective agreement on page 169
"Letter of understanding No.16c". If you're interested
in doing this or if you have further questions, please
contact your CTA officer.

Share Your Stories

Feel passionate about TTOCing and would like to share
your story? We would love to hear it!
Please send in your comments about TTOCing,
anecdotes, or inspiring TTOC quotes to Diether
(dmalakoff@cta43.org). The TTOC Committee will be
reviewing all submissions. Selected submissions will
be published in the CTA newsletter or possibly other
CTA publications that are currently in development.
We will gladly accept these over the summer as well for
publication in the fall!



CRTA MESSAGE FOR NEW RETIREES

Congratulations on your retirement! We would like to welcome you to this exciting
time in your life, with many opportunities ahead. Although in person activities are
currently affected by COVID-19 restrictions, we know that this is for now and not
forever. BCRTA and CRTA continue to work on behalf of members via Zoom
meetings, email and telephone. Social events and other gatherings will resume
when it is safe to hold them.

I encourage you to join the British Columbia Retired Teachers' Association (BCRTA)
and the local Branch (CRTA). This organization is for all retired educators. The
BCRTA is very active in lobbying governments for the protection of your pension
and other seniors' issues. As well, when it is once again appropriate to do so, you
will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of local activities: social
functions, information sessions, workshops, activity groups and great group travel
opportunities.

As a member you will receive helpful publications: BCRTA's quarterly lifestyle
magazine "PostScript", and the CRTA Newsletter. These publications provide
information on our pension plan, our travel extended health care plans, articles
from committees and members along with many items of interest.

You can also choose to receive BCRTA Connections by email. This informative
newsletter is published six times a year with current announcements, helpful
information such as tax tips and the latest exclusive opportunities from our travel
partners.

One of the most significant benefits of the BCRTA is membership in the Members'
Advantage Program. You will have access to Johnson Group Insurance plans, travel
offers, discounts on retail products and services, and other benefits. The complete
list of our partners is at bcrtca.ca/members-advantage-program/

The BCRTA and all branches are offering new members a free year of membership
for 2020-2021. It takes just two minutes to join. You can print and mail in your
application or complete it online at bcrtca.ca/join/

When we resume in person activities, you will be among the first to know!
We warmly welcome you!

Caroline Malm

CRTA President caroline@malm.ca



**The CTA sends
Congratulations to
Carlo Muro and all of
our members that have
chosen to retire this
year!**

**We are so proud of the
collective wisdom and
support provided to
students by every
retiree. Enjoy your
time outside of the
classroom!**

PD Power

As June and the school year wrap up, it's hard to believe that another school year is behind us. This one was definitely one for the record books, but through it all teachers went above and beyond to make remote learning, vulnerable learner support, and a hybrid face to face/remote model work. The amount of professional development that happened out of necessity is outstanding. I hope that this summer will give you some time to choose what you focus on! Here's some of what's on my professional reading list for this summer: *Onward: Cultivating Emotional Resilience in Educators* by Elena Aguilar; *Seven Fallen Feathers* by Tanya Talaga; *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X Kendi, and *Dare to Lead* by Brené Brown. We have lots of plans for the fall already taking shape including book clubs, a new CTA lending library, and some creative online PD options so stay tuned come September! Have a wonderful, relaxing, and rejuvenating summer break!

Meggan Crawford - CTA PD Chairperson

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Summer PD Funding

Yellow forms are due before 4:30 on Friday, September 11th, 2020 for all PD workshops and conferences between July 24th and September 25th, 2020



Forms outside of these dates are due as per CTA policy

ROY KRUTOW SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year the CTA awards two Roy Krutow Scholarships of \$1250.00 to the graduating child of a teacher employed by School District #43 or to the child of a retired or deceased teacher employed by School District #43 at the time of retirement or death. Eligible candidates can attend ANY public school in British Columbia.

Criteria: Academic achievement (in case of a tie, school involvement will be considered).

Application Deadline: July 1, 2020

Applications are available on our website under "Member Resources"; "CTA Forms" Please send your application by email to Pat at padolf@cta43.org

MOMENTS OF JOY

Since visiting Stonehenge wasn't an option for this year's Summer Solstice, English Heritage livestreamed the sunrise <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxfiRpb9iil> and sunset <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2EZ5cLVOako> at this World Heritage site!

The theme parks may be closed to humans, but teddy bears are free to ride the coaster and the swings at Walibi Holland in the Netherlands https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/teddy-bear-theme-park-swing_n_5ee9c5e4c5b6475fc47e5265?ri18n=true

I know they say that talking to your plants helps them grow, but at Barcelona's Liceu Opera House, Puccini's *Chrisantemi* concerto will be performed next Monday for an audience of 2,200 potted plants. <https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/string-quartet-performing-puccini-for-plants/>

Do you have a video or news story that made you smile? Send it to mcrawford@cta43.org

Celebrations

Huge thanks go to the PD Committee for another great year: Holly Stibbs, Ron Morwick, Jacqueline Favelle, Stephanie Duncan, Amanda Roberts, Greg Sutherland, and Michelle Ciolfitto! Another round of applause for all those who volunteered their time to work with our CTA committees: the TTOC committee, CASJ, Adult Education, and the Executive, as well as the many other local and provincial learning groups, design teams, and other groups working to enhance our profession.

Summer Learning Opportunities

Mentoring has some great summer learning sessions planned

SIGN UP NOW to make sure you get a spot, Zoom links will be sent in August

More information on sessions can be found here; [SLO Flyer](#) Registration information can be found here; [REGISTER NOW](#)

Time	August 31, 2020	Sept. 1		Sept. 2		September 3, 2020
9:30 to 10:30	Faye Brownlie Getting to Know Your Learners: Planning for Instruction Grades K-3	So, You Have a Contract...Now What? Early Career Teachers Grades K-12		New to Student Services Grades K-12	Leveraging your Classroom Library Grades K-5	Carole Fullerton Changing Times: Planning for Balanced Numeracy Grades 4-8 9:30-11:00
11:00 to 12:00	Faye Brownlie Getting to Know Your Learners: Planning for Instruction Grades 4 - 8	TTOC Strategies for Success TTOCs	Starting with Charters and Co-Creating Restorative Classrooms Grades K-12	A Practical Guide to Building Relationships and Managing Classrooms Grades K-12		Gifted: Survive and Thrive! Grades K-12 11:00-12:00
1:00 to 2:00	Faye Brownlie Planning for Success in All Contexts Grades 9-12	New to ELL Grades K-12		Outdoor Learning Grades K-5		New to Montessori and Montessori Curious Grades K-8



How EFAP Can Help

Information to help with work and life

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CTA Website Login

Information is posted on our website as quickly as we have it. Please make sure you are able to access the site. If you have any questions about login please contact Kelly Stewart kstewart@cta43.org

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 Secondary Rep, 1 Middle Rep, 1 LSA Council Rep, 1 TTOC Rep,
1 Adult Ed Rep, 1 Elementary Rep

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

- 6 members-at-large

CTA Committee of 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).

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

Contact Us:

Please see the list below for the officer or staff member best able to help you.

(Last names A-F) Ken Christensen, President

kchristensen@cta43.org

(Last names G-L) Kara Obojski, 1st Vice-President

kobojski@cta43.org

(Last names M-R) Diether Malakoff, 2nd Vice-President

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(Last names S-Z) Andy Gilligan, Labour Relations Officer

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PD related questions

Meggan Crawford, PD Chairperson - mcrawford@cta43.org

CTA Administration

(anything not covered by anyone in the list below)

Kelly Roberts, Executive Coordinator - kroberts@cta43.org

Accounting/Finance

(reimbursements, scholarship payment) & CTA newsletter

Heidi Davis, Finance Administrator - hdavis@cta43.org

Scholarships, Committees, CTA PD Day

Pat Adolf, Administrative Associate - padolf@cta43.org

Membership info & website access

Kelly Stewart, Office Clerk - kstewart@cta43.org

If your situation is already being handled by an officer not matching your alpha assignment, then please continue to liaise with that officer.

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