

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Hate Crimes

In the wake of the terrible tragedy uncovered at the Kamloops Indian Residential School, we are all hearing about the murder of a Muslim family walking on the street in Ontario. This appears to be a hate crime and that this family was targeted because they were Muslim. The CTA stands with the victims here and abhors any hate directed at anyone, whether it's based in religious bigotry or any other form of prejudice.

In looking at ways we can support our friends and colleagues of the Muslim faith, here is a list of Muslim help lines that can assist people in this community. Thank you to Ana Linares at Port Moody Secondary for compiling this list.

<https://naseeha.org/> Mainly for youth but also for any age. 1-866-627-3342

<https://amala.mas-ssf.org/> Mainly for youth, but also for any age. 1-855-95-AMALA

<https://nisahelpline.com/> For Muslim women, but also open to any gender. 1-888-315-6472

Anti-Oppression Educators Collective

The CTA supports work done by this group, which is a Provincial Specialist Association devoted to ending systemic oppression in education. One of their current initiatives is creating petition to push government to put two days of in-service into the calendar next year to read in their entirety the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report and the Universal Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, debrief the content collectively as educators and then establish goals for the implementation of the calls to action. People are encouraged to add their name to this petition.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSegNs4wRqFOsXHgZLCw9Ixl9i6lhf1dMUD6N5ccTcOm3xUCQ/viewform>

In Solidarity,
Ken

2021-2022 Staff and PD

Rep Names Needed

In order to plan for Training Sessions we will need to know who your PD and Staff Reps AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

School staffs should be selecting their CTA Staff Reps and PD Reps for the upcoming 2021 - 2022 school year.

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

Information to Support Indigenous Causes



Teachers right now are at a bit of a loss as to what to do to support Indigenous causes that would be useful and impactful. Teacher Ana Linares of Port Moody Secondary has created a Google doc with a list of Indigenous-led charitable organizations people can donate to. We invite teachers to look at this list and see what organizations interest them. Indigenous Ed has been consulted on sharing this document with you and they have approved it.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/12o3jhY9IXYqtUtTvwyReWmu2lpqrzje4MH_uuvEGvCw/edit?usp=sharing

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, 2021

Applications are available on our website under "Member Resources"; "CTA Forms"

Please send your application by email to Pat at padolf@cta43.org

District School District Naming Committee (1 CTA Member)

The district is seeking one CTA rep to help with naming the future elementary school on Burke Mountain. The committee will undergo a shortlisting process of suggested school names and then the shortlisted names for the new school will be forward to the SBO for the official name selection. The committee work will likely take place in mid to late September 2021. There will be approximately 1-2 meetings in total and they will be held weekdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Submit a CV form, to the CTA office padolf@cta43.org before 4 pm, Wednesday, June 30th, 2021.

When they buried the children
What they didn't know
They were lovingly embraced
By the land
Held and cradled in a mother's heart
The trees wept for them, with the wind
they sang mourning songs their mother's
didn't know to sing
bending branches to touch the earth
around them. The Creator cried for them
the tears falling like rain.

Mother Earth held them
until they could be found.
Now our voices sing the mourning songs.
with the trees. the wind. light sacred fire
ensure they are never forgotten as we sing
JUSTICE

-abigail echo-hawk

Interested in being a Mentor?

Do you often find yourself offering support to colleagues?

Do you reach out to TTOCs or new teachers on staff?

Do you want to feel connected to a community of learners?

The mentoring network might be for you!

[Click here to register](#) or [contact Tamara Sengotta](#) for more information.

Some of the benefits of mentoring include;

- Opportunity to have lasting impact and give back
- Learning with and from your mentee
- Teacher Leadership
- Learning opportunities to develop effective mentoring skills that are transferrable to teaching and leadership.
- Release time for Mentor Learning and for meeting with your mentee

Mentoring is a two (2) year commitment involving monthly Mentoring Network meetings, Mentoring Monday events, retreat opportunities and release time through the year to co-plan, co-teach or observe your mentee. The Mentor Learning opportunities will include how to attend fully, paraphrase, question, pause, offer support, create challenge, and facilitate professional vision.

PD POWER

Despite February 25th, 2022 being 260 days away (yes, I checked) myself and the PD Committee are hard at work planning for our next CTA PD Day. As we consider keynote speakers, workshop facilitators, the theme for the day, and even the schedule, we are hoping for your input! Recommendations for speakers are always welcome – I am more than happy to enquire as to a speaker's interest, availability, and cost for being a part of our day. While I can't guarantee that we will be able to bring every recommended speaker to our day, we are still grateful for your suggestions! With that in mind, we are currently hoping for your suggestions for keynote speakers and workshop facilitators: who have you seen (or heard, or read) recently who inspired you or lit a spark? If you had any choice of speaker, who would you like to learn from? Please send your recommendations to mcrawford@cta43.org!



Quiz night

7 pm via Zoom, June 25th.

In teams of no more than 5 your challenge is to answer a series of questions on various general knowledge topics. For quiz nights, make sure each of your team members register so they receive the link to the Zoom.

To register email Meggan Crawford.

Let's Take It SLO...

Summer Learning Opportunities

Mentoring has some great summer learning sessions planned so please SIGN UP NOW to make sure you get a spot. Zoom links will be sent in August.

For more info contact dhughes@sd43.bc.ca

Registration information can be found here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/czRKKzwpiQ>.

August 31st, 2021

9:00 - 11:00 - So you have a contract... Now what?

11:00 - 12:00 - New to ELL K-12 or

Classroom Management Strategies K-12

1:00 - 2:00 - TTOC Tips and Tricks or

Classroom Design K-12

September 1, 2021

9:00 - 11:00 - New to Student Services K-12 or

Collaborative Mindset K-12

11:00 - 12:00 - Math Routines 3-5 or Math Routines 6-8 or

Primary Classroom Routines that Make a Difference

1:00 - 2:00 - Math Routines K-3 or

Restorative Classrooms 4-8

September 2, 2021

9:00 - 11:00 - Design a Comprehensive Literacy Program K-5

11:00 - 12:00 - Outdoor Learning K-5 or

New to Gifted K-12

1:00 - 2:00 - Technology and Pedagogy: The Art of Differentiation or Executive Functioning Strategies for All Classrooms K-12

Summer PD

What are your summer PD plans? I will be taking a book or two from the CTA Lending Library to dig into over the summer (email mcrawford@cta43.org if you'd like to create a lending library account and start borrowing books!).

If you are planning to attend a workshop that has a cost please remember that summer pd is still eligible for yellow form reimbursement!

The CTA office closes for part of the summer the dates for submitting your form are a little different:

- Workshop between now and July 14th: Yellow form due in no later than June 30th
- Workshop between July 15th and September 24th: Yellow form due in no later than September 10th.

Conference reports and receipts for summer PD: due in to pd@cta43.org no later than October 10th



**FACING
HISTORY &
OURSELVES**

Stolen Lives: The Indigenous Peoples of Canada and the Residential Schools

In this online course, we will explore the history of Canada's Residential Schools through primary source texts and survivors' personal testimonies to better understand the devastating history and long-lasting impact on former students, their families, and entire Indigenous communities. We will also look at their historical roots and the legacies that followed while examining the apologies given by government and churches, the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and the charge of genocide. We will use all these elements to help students connect this history to their own lives and the choices they make.

July 8th - August 9th, 2021

Online - \$150

[Click here to register or more information](#)

— HAPPY — Retirement

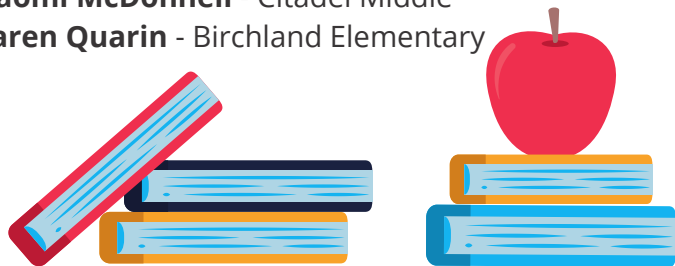
The following names are just a few of our current retirees, for more information please check the Community Relations page on the School District website.

The CTA sends Retirement congratulations to all of our 2021 retirees. It's time to follow dreams long set aside and enjoy the rewards of work done well.

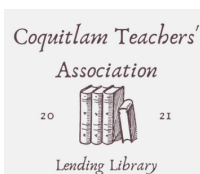
Jay Krahn - Port Moody Secondary

Naomi McDonnell - Citadel Middle

Karen Quarin - Birchland Elementary



Looking for a good read?



The CTA Lending Library is a collection of books meant to help teachers with their PD. Starting with the published works of speakers from our February PD days, this collection is available for teachers to borrow for six week periods to dig deeper into many current educational topics.

Email mcrawford@cta43.org to get your account set up.

Moments of Joy

Let's get back to celebrating the moments that make us smile, laugh, and enjoy our days - send Moments of Joy to mcrawford@cta43.org and they might be shared in our next newsletter!

Lin-Manuel Miranda and Jimmy Fallon celebrate the upcoming return of Broadway:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bx8RKOSLjYI>

Love found a way through covid for these two recently married 95 year olds:

<https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/95-year-olds-covid-19-married/>

Thanks to Kara Obojski for sharing these adorable videos (a whole series) to help us understand what cats are truly thinking: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G4Sn91t1V4g&list=PLjOOOimqrP11G5-fkPctDoQZvFQluhHIq&index=1>

CASJ COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

CASJ committee meeting (3rd Thurs of each month)
Thur., Jun 17, 2021 3:45 pm via Teams

This will be our final meeting of the year. We'll be reflecting on the progress we've made this year and putting our minds to confirming goals for next year. If PHO orders and weather permit, we have the intention to have this be an outdoor gathering, this decision will be made closer to the date. New members welcome!

CASJ book club (2nd and 4th Thurs of each month)
Thur., June 24, 2021 4pm via Teams

We'll be discussing Chapters 2 (Slavery, racial capitalism and the making of contemporary Black poverty) and 3 (Arrested (IN)justice, from streets to the prison) in Robyn Maynard's 'Policing Black Lives'. Come out and join the conversation.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!!

Watch a presentation at UBC with Robyn Maynard from March 2021 here.

Please contact Committee Chair Karen Learmonth or CTA liaison Diether Malakoff with any questions.

TTOC Committee

TTOC Committee Meeting (2nd Tues of the month)

The TTOC committee is adjourned for the year, keep in touch with us on FB or reach out to Morgan McKee (chair.ttoc@gmail.com) or Diether Malakoff (dmalakoff@cta43.org) with any ideas for next year or any other queries.

The **TTOC Hardship Fund** \$50 grocery store gift cards are still available to qualified TTOCs. The application form can be found on our website, member resources/covid page. Please submit your completed application to Heidi hdavis@cta43.org

CADS Login Change

With a recent update to the CADS portal staff only need to use their username and not their full email address to log in. Example Username would be jsmith
If you use your email address jsmith@sd43.bc.ca you will see a log in error

For full details, please see the information posted on the my43 Information Services site.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

CTA PD Committee

2 Middle Reps,
1 Adult Ed Rep, 2 Elementary Reps

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

5 members-at-large

CTA Committee of Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

2 Middle reps

New Westminster & District Labour Council

5 CTA reps

District Student Services Advisory Committee

2 CTA reps

District Student Achievement Advisory Committee

4 CTA reps

District Student Wellness & Safety Committee

Currently Full

District Aboriginal Ed Advisory Committee

Currently Full

District French Advisory Committee

Currently Full

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
dmalakoff@cta43.org

(Last names S-Z) Andy Gilligan, Labour Relations Officer
agilligan@cta43.org

PD related questions
Meggan Crawford, PD Chairperson - mcrawford@cta43.org

CTA Administration

Kelly Roberts, Executive Director - kroberts@cta43.org

Accounting/Finance

Reimbursements, scholarship payments & CTA newsletter
Heidi Davis, Finance Administrator - hdavis@cta43.org

Scholarships, Committees, CTA PD Day

Pat Adolf, Administrative Associate - padolf@cta43.org

Membership Database & Website Access

Kelly Stewart, Office Clerk - kstewart@cta43.org

Office Clerk

Corbey Heyes-Jones, Office Clerk

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



How EFAP Can Help

Information to help with work and life
Confidential · Immediate Assistance · 24/7/365
Morneau Shepell · 1-844-880-9142
workhealthlife.com

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>

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](mailto:kstewart@cta43.org)

www.coquitlamteachers.com

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