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President's Message

Final Newsletter and Best Wishes

This year has been the longest ten years in public education.....I am grateful we are nearing the end of instruction here and members will have the opportunity to take some well-earned rest over the summer. Ongoing issues will continue to be addressed in the office here through the summer so, if any help or advice is needed, we are here to support you in whatever way you need. This has been a non-pareil year in terms of stress, fear, anxiety and complexity but, some hope for a "near-normal" return next year is realistic, at this stage. Thanks and recognition go out to everyone who served on a committee, who held roles in the association, who aided colleagues informally with all the adjustments and to every single member of the CTA who gave their all this year to students and colleagues. Get your shots, take your rest, reconnect with absent friends and family and we will all see and hear you soon!

Provincial Bargaining Objectives

The emergency Rep Assembly held Wednesday this week was well attended. The pressure put upon us by the very tight bargaining timeline and our democratic obligations to pass bargaining objectives through the RA made the meeting necessary. We need to have the objectives submitted to the BCTF by Sept. 15th, at midnight, for inclusion and discussion at the Bargaining Conference in October. The objectives come from two local surveys and the work of the Negotiations Committee so, members have had considerable input on all Provincial bargaining objectives. As such, the motion to send these to the Bargaining Conference passed quickly and handily. Thanks to all who attended and to those who provided their feedback on the surveys.

In Solidarity,

Ken

CTA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Friday, July 2nd, 2021

General Meeting

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 ZOOM - 4:00 PM

All CTA members are invited to our CTA General Meeting on September 15th 2021 to talk about provincial bargaining priorities.

The meeting agenda and zoom link will be sent out a week before the meeting. Please bookmark the date in order to participate!

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 <u>padolf@cta43.org</u> before 4 pm, Wednesday, June 30th, 2021.

Summer Hours

During the summer months the CTA office will be closed between

July 17th and August 30th

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

2021-2022 Staff and PD Reps

Send your 2021-22 Staff and PD Rep names to the CTA office as soon as possible. Email to Pat, padolf@cta43.org

Opportunities for BCTF Members

Provincial Bargaining Team

The BCTF is seeking applications from members who are interested in serving as members of the provincial bargaining team for the upcoming round of provincial bargaining. If you are interested, please apply by accessing the application here:

<u>https://www.bctf.ca/OpportunitiesforMembers.aspx</u>. Application deadline is July 15, 2021.

Committee Vacancies

The BCTF has vacancies on the Committee for Action on Social Justice—Disability Justice Action Group, and the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee. For more details and application instructions, visit the <u>BCTF</u> <u>Committee Postings webpage</u>.

Advisory panel to address racially discriminatory actions

The BCTF is convening a five-person advisory panel to investigate options to address racially discriminatory actions by and between members and/or groups of members that occur within Federation spaces. For more information and application instructions, <u>click here</u>. The deadline to apply is 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

Advisory Committee Reps Needed

School District 43 is committed to fostering a collaborative atmosphere through Advisory Committees (Administrative Procedure112). The District is currently inviting members of the Coquitlam Teacher's Association to participate in these advisory committees for the 2021-2022 school year.

At this time, meetings will be virtual but may switch to in-person meetings if circumstances permit. Meetings are generally held in the early evenings but a more detailed agenda will be sent afterwards.

If you are interested in joining an advisory committee please submit a CV, found on our website, Member Resources, CTA Forms, to Pat Adolf at the CTA Office, padolf@cta43.org

Committee Name	Proposed Meeting Dates	Proposed Meeting Time	
French Immersion	October 20, 2021	6:30 - 8:00 PM	
Advisory Committee	March 2, 2022	6:30 - 8:00 PM	
3 CTA Reps	May 18, 2022	6:30 - 8:00 PM	
Student Achievement	October 6, 2021	6:30 - 8:00 PM	
Advisory Committee	February 16, 2022	6:30 - 8:00 PM	
4 CTA Reps	May 16, 2022	6:30 - 8:00 PM	

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 <u>dhughes@sd43.bc.ca</u>**

Registration information can be found here: https://forms.office.com/r/czRKKzwpiQ

August	31st,	2021	

9:00 - 10:00

	11.00 - 12.00	1.00 - 2.00
9:00 - 10:00	New to ELL K-12	TTOC Tips and Tricks
So you have a contract Now what?	Classroom Management Strategies	Classroom Design K-12

September 1, 2021	11:00 - 12:00
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Matri Routines 3-5	
Math Routines 6-8	

2.00		
New to Student Services K-12	Primary Classroom Routines that	Math Routines K-3

11.00 12.00

Collaborative Mindset K-12 Make a Difference Restorative Classrooms 4-8

September 2, 2021 1:00 - 2:00

-		Technology and Pedagogy:
9:00 - 10:00	11:00 - 12:00	The Art of Differentiation

Design a Comprehensive Literacy Outdoor Learning K-5 Executive Functioning Strategies for

Program K-5 New to Gifted K-12 All Classrooms K-12

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

1.00 2.00

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PD POWER

Are you looking for some PD for your summer? Check out these free options:

UBC offers free self-paced online courses on mental health literacy, autism and neurodiversity in the workplace, and reconciliation through indigenous education (currently does not have dates scheduled): https://pdce.educ.ubc.ca/open-learning/

Class Central is a great option to search through thousands of free courses available online from schools all around the world: https://www.classcentral.com/subject/education

The University of Alberta's Indigenous Canada course is available free online and offers introductory material to better understand the country's history. Courses start every few weeks. https://www.coursera.org/learn/indigenous-canada?

- Meggan Crawford PD Chairperson



LIVE VIRTUAL Anxiety in Children and Youth Practical Intervention Strategies
Jul 07, 2021 (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Central Time)
Link for more information or registration

LIVE VIRTUAL Autism Strategies for Self-Regulation, Learning, and Challenging Behaviours

Jul 14 - Jul 15, 2021 (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Central Time) <u>Link for more information or registration</u>

LIVE VIRTUAL

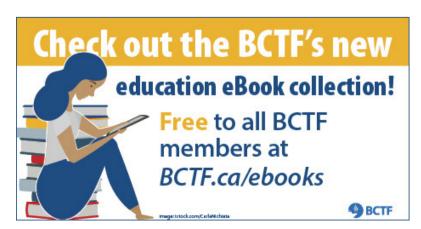
Gender and Sexual Diversity in Youth

Jul 21 - Jul 22, 2021 (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Central Time) <u>Link for more information or registration</u>



BC Inclusive Education Virtual Conference August 23-25

This 3-day event is designed to provide a robust learning environment that will facilitate strategic approaches to inclusion and belonging for all students in B.C.'s elementary and secondary schools.



Summer PD

My form is due when?

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 so 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



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

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!

<u>Click here to register</u> or <u>contact Deanna Hughes</u> for more information.

Some of the benefits of mentoring include;

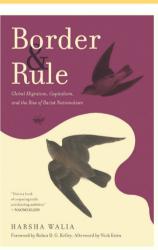
- Opportunity to have lasting impact and give back
- Learning with and from your mentee
- Teacher Leadership
- Learning opportunities to develop effective mentoring skills that are transferrable to teaching and leadership.
- Release time for Mentor Learning and for meeting with your mentee

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.

Want to be a Mentee?

Are you interested in partnering with a mentor? Please join the Mentoring Network! Early career and new to role teachers are welcome. You are invited to complete this form! https://forms.office.com/r/Jx9FXJawZX





July 14, 7-8 PM Ch 4-6 Aug 14, 7-8 PM Ch 7-9 REGISTER NOW!



COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

CASJ book club (Summer Reading)

Things got busy in the waning days of June! We're looking to discuss the first half of Policing Black Lives in our first session in the fall which will likely be in the second or fourth Thursday of Sept with the second half of the book discussed two weeks after that first session. Check out the first newsletter in the fall for more specifics. We will also be choosing the next book to consider during that time. Happy reading and have a restful summer.

<u>CASJ committee meeting (3rd Thurs of each month)</u>

The CASJ Committee is adjourned for this year. If you have any questions or ideas for next year please feel free to reach out in the meantime.

Please contact Committee Chair <u>Karen Learmonth</u> or CTA liaison <u>Diether Malakoff</u> with any questions.

Retirement

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.

For more information or to see other retirees please check the Community Relations page on the School District website.

Carol Baker - Centennial James Goddard - Eagle Ridge

Moments of Toy 🏉

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!

A beaver took a moment to admire the Canadian flag, then ran away with the flag pole!

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/saskatoo n-beaver-takes-down-canadian-flag-makes-off-withflagpole-1.6074802

Takoda the black bear enjoys some play time in his tubs... this is what relaxation looks like!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0ukDAMgGQE

A 90 year old woman has knit 11,000 hats for newborns over the last fifteen years and has no plan to stop! https://www.goodmorningamerica.com/wellness/video/90-year-knit-11000-hats-15-years-newborn-78409136



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.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 <u>Kelly Stewart</u>

www.coquitlamteachers.com CTA Office: 604-936-9971

