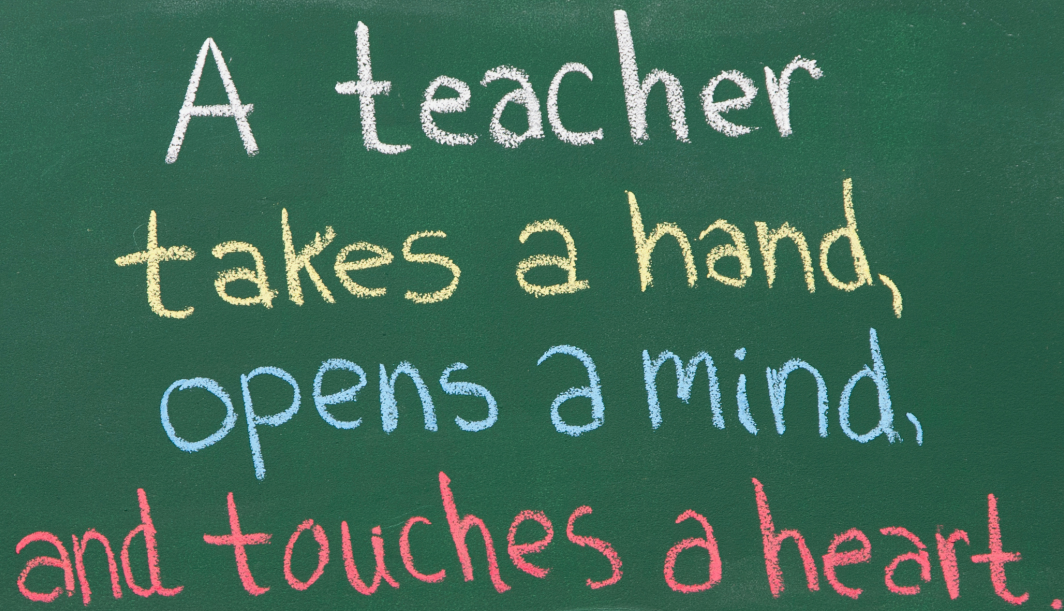


COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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A teacher
takes a hand,
opens a mind,
and touches a heart.

President's Message

Extreme Weather

Again, we are facing an extreme weather event in BC. We've had heat domes, fires, tornados and, now, massive flooding. While we seem generally spared the worst of it here in the Tri Cities, many teachers who live or work in the Valley are having their lives turned upside down right now. I've been checking in with my friends who live out there and what they are reporting is pretty harrowing stuff. You have all no doubt seen the pictures and video out there in the media. Fortunately, there have thus far been only reports of a few deaths and we hope that continues.

We have had reports of some school damage here locally, mostly flooding that resulted in a couple early releases. Something to be aware of from the collective agreement is a local provision that covers teacher personal property loss. The provisions of this article require that each personal item be registered at the office and that the teacher carry a personal homeowner insurance policy and the item is not covered by that policy. The maximum compensation is \$500. This language is really old, dating back the late 1980s, as you can tell from some of the language and numbers here. It's an example of another local provision frozen in time due to the split of issues.

We hope everyone in our community is safe and their families too, as we continue to deal with these unprecedented problems. Our door is always open to discuss options with anyone from our community that is affected.

In Solidarity,
Ken

CTA REP ASSEMBLY AND GENERAL MEETING TONIGHT

Wednesday November 17, 2021

Rep Assembly start 4:00 PM via Zoom

General Meeting start 4:10 PM via Zoom

All members are welcome to join us!

Meeting link can be found on the Member Resources page of our website, General Information tab

<https://www.coquitlamteachers.com/portal/portal-page/general-information/>

You must login to access these links.

PSA Day Reimbursement

Receipts and conference reports for the October 22nd PSA Day can **NO LONGER BE SENT VIA SCHOOL MAIL!!**

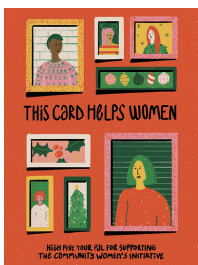
All receipts and conference reports are due at the **CTA OFFICE before 4:30 PM, NOVEMBER 22, 2021**

Email to pd@cta43.org

NO JPEGS NO SHAREPOINT LINKS

YES! You do need to send your receipt in again
(Conference report and receipt must arrive together)

Community Women's Initiative Holiday Fundraiser



Holiday Cards

Community Women's Initiative is selling holiday cards to raise money for women's shelters in the Lower Mainland.

Holiday cards are available for shipping Canada-wide and can be purchased through our website:

communitywomensinitiative.com

Winter Item Drive

CWI is looking for both new items and monetary donations to help support women's shelters and transition houses in the Lower Mainland.

Some of the most requested items are:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Razors
- New Underwear
- Pyjamas
- Socks
- Grocery Giftcards
- Towels/Facecloths



Interested members can contact [Diether Malakoff](mailto:Diether.Malakoff@cta43.org) at the CTA Office for more information on drop off.

Monetary donations can be made through GoFundMe: gofundme.com/f/community-womens-initiative-fund

CTA Anti Racism Working Group

The CTA is seeking 3 more BIPOC CTA members to form a working group to inform the Committee for Action on Social Justice's (CASJ) ongoing anti-racism policy work. This working group shall continue until a CTA standing committee on anti-racism is established. Meeting dates/times will be established once the working group is formed. If you have any questions about the working group please contact Diether Malakoff, 2nd Vice President at dmalakoff@cta43.org.

Please submit a CV form to the CTA office (padolf@cta43.org) before 4 pm, Wednesday, November 30, 2021.

Executive Committee Openings

There are currently two vacant

Member at Large

positions open on the CTA Executive Committee.

If you are interested in running for one of these positions please go to our [website to get and submit a CV](https://www.coquitlamteachers.com/portal/portal-page/general-information/) to Pat Adolf padolf@cta43.org by Nov. 30, 2021.

Opportunity for Members: BCTF Reps to the Mental Health Regional Listening Sessions

The BCTF is seeking 65 teachers to work with the Ministry of Education to enhance mental health in schools through participation in six regional listening sessions. These sessions will explore learnings regarding mental health and well-being promotion from the COVID-19 pandemic and related response measures. [For more information and to apply, visit the BCTF website.](https://www.bctf.ca/) **Applications are due November 22, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.**

Congrats and Thank You!

The following members have appointed to positions and committees from the CTA;

Meggan Crawford (Suwa'lkh/CTA Office)

CTA Support Position

Lena Da Costa (Citadel)

District Reporting 2022 Reporting Group

Ronak Pahlevanlu (Riverside), Ryan Cho (Terry Fox),
Melissa Illing (Centennial)

CTA Anti-Racism Working Group

PD POWER

There are only a few days left to submit a proposal for a workshop at our February 25th, 2022 PD day! If you or someone you know would like to offer a 90 minute virtual workshop please take a few minutes to fill in the form so the PD Committee can review your proposal. Reviewing and sorting workshop proposals is one of many things that the PD Committee is responsible for. Made up of CTA members, this committee meets an average of once a month to review PD policy, consider appeals from members (about their yellow forms), plan the February CTA day, and organize other PD events throughout the year. The PD Committee is a wonderful space to become more involved and contribute your thoughts to what our February day should look like. On the February PD day the PD committee is working behind the scenes to keep everything organized and running smoothly for attendees and presenters. If PD is of interest to you and you are looking for a good place to become more involved with the work of your local, we would love to have you join the PD committee! You can find the CV form to apply, along with information on other committee vacancies at: Committee Vacancies - Coquitlam Teachers Association. - **Meggan Crawford PD Chair**

Coquitlam Teachers' Association



Lending Library
<https://ctalibrary.libib.com>
Email lendinglibrary@cta43.org to create an account.

TTOC COMMITTEE

Next committee meeting will be Tues January 11, 2022 at 4pm via zoom.

Connect with us on Facebook to join our community at 'CTA TTOCs'.

We need more members to get involved.

If you or anyone you know would like to get involved, please do reach out.

Anyone working as a TTOC, even a part-time contract, are eligible for membership in the TTOC committee.

Please contact committee chair Morgan McKee (chair.ttoc@gmail.com) or Diether Malakoff (dmalakoff@cta43.org) with any inquiries.



COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

CASJ Bookclub will be meeting on the first Thursday of each month this year.

On **Thurs Dec 2 (at 4pm on Teams)** we will be discussing Part II and III of Mariame Kaba's "We Do This 'Til We Free Us".

Meetings will run online via Teams while also having the option to meet in-person at a site that has yet to be determined.

Next committee meeting will be Thursday Nov 18 at 4pm on Teams.

We are moving forward with hosting a virtual/hybrid movie night, finishing touches on details to be done at this meeting. The committee will have received feedback from CTA regarding ongoing work on the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee by this time and work will continue there as well. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!! Come on out and bring a friend!!

You can connect with us on Facebook at 'CTA CASJ' group as well as joining our group on Teams.

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

CTA PD DAY 2022

Presenter Registration is OPEN!!

If you know someone that would be a great presenter for our February 2022 PD Day let us know or encourage them to offer a workshop. Get more information or register [here](#)

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!

A deer had a great visit to a local store in Colorado, so she brought the whole family back with her shortly after: Deer Walks Into Store To Check Their Goods, Comes Back Later With Her Kids | Bored Panda

These students brought talent and creativity to their drumming performance in a Tennessee high school: Tennessee High School Band Shows Amazing Drum Skills (sunnyskyz.com)

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

CTA PD Committee

2 Middle Reps, 1 Secondary Rep, 1 LSA Rep
2 Elementary Reps, 1 Adult Ed Rep, 1 TTOC Rep

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

CTA Adult Educators

1 Learning Centre Rep, 1 High School Completion Rep

District Student Services Advisory Committee

2 CTA reps

District Student Achievement Advisory Committee

1 CTA rep

District Student Wellness & Safety Committee

1 CTA Rep

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.



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<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](#)

www.coquitlamteachers.com

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