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Masks, Rapid Tests and Shields

I am intending here to give an update on all these things via this article.

We have received the masks from the BCTF. We are currently packaging what we received into school counts. We have asked Staff Reps or designates to come and pick them up in order to get them to teachers' hands as quickly as possible. We also have prepared masks for TTOCs and they have been invited to pick theirs up at the CTA Office as well. All masks are available for pick up anytime after 845 am on Friday, February 4, 2022.

We have ordered our own masks for members, to supplement the BCTF allocation. Keep listening for announcements here as, we are affected by supply chain issues, like everyone else.

The employer received their allotment of rapid tests on last Friday. They are currently doing what we are doing with the masks, breaking them up into school sized individual packets. They will be going out starting some time this week, according to the employer.

For anyone that wants one, we still have a large number of shields provide to us by the BCTF last year. We are more than willing to provide them to any member who wants one for their classroom work. Please contact us if you are interested.

In Solidarity, Ken

Thank you and
congratulations to
ROB DALMANN
(JAMES PARK)

our newest Executive
Committee Member



Executive Committee

There is currently one
Member at Large position open

If you are interested in running for this
position please go to the
[website to get and submit a CV to](#)
Kelly Stewart kstewart@cta43.org

Thank You! AGM Delegates

Thank you to the following members who have
volunteered a portion of their Spring Break to
attend the BCTF AGM on behalf of SD43 teachers.

Akselin, Janine (Blakeburn Elementary – 74)

Cholewka, Sheena (Learning Services – 94)

Christensen, Ken (CTA Office)

Gavrilesco, Dana (Learning Services - 94)

Humeniuk, Sarah (Meadowbrook Elementary – 37)

Illing, Melissa (Centennial Secondary – 76)

Kehrig, Geoffery (Miller Park Elementary – 38)

Kwok, Jeff (Maple Creek Middle – 91)

LeBlanc, Karine (Porter Elementary – 53)

MacMillan, Kayleigh (Mary Hill Elementary – 36)

Malakoff, Diether (CTA Office)

Pahlevanlu, Ronak (Riverside – 132)

Paquette, Carole (Moody Middle 86)

Russell, Kate (Summit Middle – 114)

Local Reps

Cowan, Sandra (Seaview Elementary– 58)

Crawford, Meggan (CTA Office)

Gilligan, Andy (CTA Office)

Roberts, Amanda (Port Moody Secondary – 88)

Spotlight On Committees



CTA Committees are a great way for those interested in
starting to become more active with their union to dip a
toe in the water without making a huge commitment.

You can find a CV to apply to a committee on our
website, if you have questions about a committee please
call the office and we can help you out.

CTA Anti Racism Working Group

The CTA is seeking 2 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.

PD Committee

The Professional Development Committee is a group of
teachers that meet once a month to discuss PD
challenges and goals within our district.

The Committee reviews appeals for PD reimbursement,
collaborates with learning services, and supports
colleagues to find PD options or plan activities for
school-based PD days.

One of the main jobs of the PD Committee is to plan and
organize our February CTA PD Day. This small group
organizes everything for that day, from keynote to
catering to which sessions we think will provide the best
learning opportunities for our colleagues.

The Committee currently has openings for Reps for
Learning Services, Elementary, Middle, LSA, TTOC and
Adult Ed.

Adult Education Committee (AEC)

The Adult Education Committee is a group of teachers
that meet once every two months to address issues
specific to Adult Educators. The Committee will work
toward increased awareness and respect for Adult
Educators in SD43, by liaising with the CTA, SD43 and
community groups concerned with Adult Education
issues. They will encourage and promote
professionalism, autonomy within Continuing Education,
through mentorship, inservice and other resources.
The Committee currently has openings for a Learning
Centre Rep.

PD POWER

Registration for our February 25th, 2022 PD Day: Transforming Perspectives is officially open! The shape of the day is very similar to the last few years – you have a choice of four keynotes, followed by two sessions to make up your day of learning. Something new this year is that after that learning there are a few optional wellness sessions that you may choose to participate in. Remember that since we are collaborating with the Burnaby school district again this year there are a lot of teachers trying to register – it's important that you register quickly to make sure you get into the workshops of your choice. We are not able to run waitlists as we have over 100 workshops! Yes, there are still capacity limits for these workshops based on presenter comfort, limits of technology, and cost per person. The workshop booklet is available on the CTA website **Final Workshop Booklet** and registration is live at <https://cvent.me/EzENqg> - **Meggan Crawford PD Chair**

A blue poster with a water splash graphic in the center. The text reads: "TRANSFORMING Perspectives" in large white letters, "FEBRUARY 25, 2022 VIRTUAL PD DAY" in smaller white letters, and "REGISTRATION IS OPEN: [HTTPS://CVENT.ME/EZENQG](https://cvent.me/EzENqg)" in large white letters at the bottom.

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Looking for up to date information about the latest supports for teachers?

Consider following our private Twitter Account:

Learning Services SD43

@SD43Learning

A screenshot of a Twitter post from the account @SD43Learning. The post includes a profile picture of a group of people, a bio that says "Learning for a Lifetime", and a link to a SharePoint site: "sd43bcca.sharepoint.com/sites/SD43LS".

← Learning Services SD43 5 Tweets
Learning for a Lifetime
Learning Services SD43
@SD43Learning
Links and resources for classroom teachers and those who support them
Coquitlam, BC sd43bcca.sharepoint.com/sites/SD43LS
Joined October 2021

Moments of Joy

This Dad made a memory with his family...by trying to catch an egg yolk in his mouth: [Dad Attempts To Catch Egg In His Mouth \(sunnyskyz.com\)](http://sunnyskyz.com)

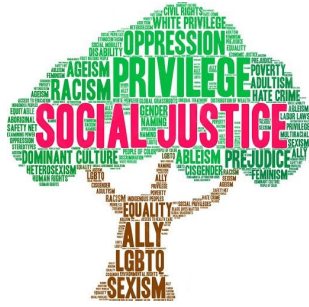
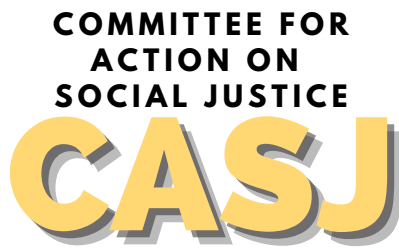
A beautiful display of lanterns lights up the Kennedy Center in Washington until February 6th to celebrate Lunar New Year (Happy New Year!!): [Lanterns light up Kennedy Center gardens in Washington to mark Lunar New Year \(yahoo.com\)](http://yahoo.com)

If anyone is heading to the Yukon, add a visit to the Takhini Hot Springs to your agenda – this annual hair freezing competition runs until March: [Hair Freezing Contest](#)

Coquitlam Teachers' Association



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



CASJ BOOKCLUB

Meets the first Thursday of every month.

Thursday Feb 3rd, 2022 (4pm on teams) we will be

discussing Parts VI and VII of *We Do This 'Till We Free Us* by Mariame Kaba. This will be the last session with Kaba's book. We will also be discussing what book to move to next.

Preliminary discussions are showing interest in discussing a work of fiction that touches on the themes we've encountered in earlier books we've been reading.

CASJ COMMITTEE

Meets the 3rd Thursday of every Month

Thursday Feb 17, 2022 (4pm on Teams)

Work is ongoing including planning activities for the spring.

We're looking for ideas, new folks welcome!

CTA CASJ is now on Instagram! Find us at [socialjusticecta](#).

We're also on FB at CTA CASJ.

No experience necessary, new members welcome!!

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.

TTOC COVID SUPPORT FUND

The CTA is committed to continuing support for our TTOC's during these unprecedented times. A fund was established last school year and grocery store gift cards are still available to our TTOC Community.

For an application or if you have any questions please contact Diether Malakoff dmalakoff@cta43.org or Heidi Davis hdavis@cta43.org

TTOCs & New Teachers

TTOC COMMITTEE

Meets the second Tuesday of every month

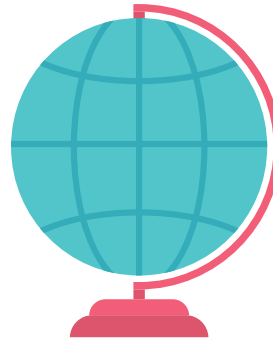
Tues February 8th, 2022 at 4pm via zoom.

Further details on the meeting including link to access the meeting is available in the [TTOC FB Group](#) under 'events'. Although TTOC committee meetings do have some structure and business, there is also plenty of time to chat and discuss concerns, ask questions, and otherwise connect with folks. All CTA members welcome, no experience necessary ☺ Come on out and bring a friend!

TTOC BOOKCLUB

The TTOC Committee is looking to start a book club for TTOCs and other early career teachers.

As an introduction to union oriented work and opportunities, we are considering Jane McAlevey's *No Shortcuts: Organizing for Power In The New Guilded Age*. McAlevey is a union organizer from the US that has international renown in her work. She has worked extensively with nurses' unions as well as other groups. If you're interested in participating in this discussion, please contact TTOC committee chair Morgan McKee (chair.ttoc@gmail.com) or Diether Malakoff (dmalakoff@cta43.org). We are checking on interest at this point and are considering holding the first session sometime in February.



In Crisis? Need Help?

1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433) to speak with crisis line workers anytime of the day or night.

Call 310-6789 You will receive emotional support, and information on appropriate referral options and a wide range of support relating to mental health concerns province wide.



Trans Lifeline – 1-877-330-6366
www.translifeline.org

Trans Lifeline is a non-profit dedicated to the well being of transgender people.



heretohelp

Mental health and substance use information you can trust



KUUS Crisis Line Society
First Nations and Aboriginal specific 24/7 crisis line serving the entire province.

Toll-free: 1-800-588-8717
Youth Line: 250-723-2040
Adult Line: 250-723-4050.

Black History Month 2022

Facing Facts and Finding Feelings

Through the presentations and resources, we hope to encourage you to look for the truths, find the facts and face the feelings. We have the opportunity to recognize history and work towards a more diverse and inclusive society.



VANCOUVER & DISTRICT
LABOUR COUNCIL



Part 1 – February 9, 2022 – 7:00PM

Join moderator Alicia Fahrner and speakers Candace Knoll (Racism is a Virus), and Parker Johnson (Anti-Racism, Respect and Inclusion at Work) for an insightful discussion as we honour Black History Month.

REGISTER HERE

Part 2 – February 16, 2022

Join moderator Alicia Fahrner and speakers Parker Johnson (Systemic Racism and Intersectionality) and Candace Knoll (Dismantling and Challenging Racism) for an insightful discussion as we honour Black History Month.

REGISTER HERE



Real Acts of Caring Week

February 13 - 19, 2022

This year the focus of RAC Week is Climate Change and Covid Caring and we are encouraging as many students as possible all over BC to get involved in supporting this goal in a safe Covid way. Please see our RAC website for more information about RAC at: <http://www.realactsofcaring.org>

Check out the RAC Educator's Manual which has 25 Covid friendly RAC lesson plans and ideas which also support the New BC Curriculum (contact Harriette Chang at hchang@sd43.bc.ca for information).

RAC is a fantastic student initiative which has been around for 16 years and is listed as a resource on the provincial ERASE website which advocates that we erase bullying by embracing kindness. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase/bullying>

RAC was created by grade 4 and 5 students in SD43 in 2005 and is doing something caring and kind and not expecting anything back. Coquitlam leadership students have just been successful in convincing the provincial government to have a proclamation passed again which recognizes RAC Week, our seventh one!



COMMITTEE VACANCIES

CTA PD Committee

2 Middle Reps, 1 LSA Rep, 1 TTOC Rep
2 Elementary Reps, 1 Adult Ed Rep, 1 Learning Services Rep

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

7 members-at-large

CTA Committee of Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

2 Middle Reps, 1 member at large rep, 1 Elementary Rep

New Westminster & District Labour Council

5 CTA reps

CTA Adult Educators

1 Learning Centre 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

1 CTA Rep

District Technology Advisory Committee

2 CTA Reps

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

Kelly Roberts, Executive Director - kroberts@cta43.org

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

Membership Database, Website Access, Committees, Scholarships

Kelly Stewart, Office Clerk - kstewart@cta43.org

Office Clerk, CTA PD Day

Corbey Heyes-Jones, Office Clerk corbeyhj@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.



How EFAP Can Help

Information to help with work and life

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Morneau Shepell · 1-844-880-9142

workhealthlife.com



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:kelly.stewart@cta43.org)

www.coquitlamteachers.com

CTA Office: 604-936-9971

