

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Good Thoughts and Best Wishes

There are always lots of things I can talk about in any President's Message. However, I think, out of consideration for everyone's mental health and the place in the year we are at, with an imminent break, I'll just wish everyone a restful, hopeful and positive Spring Break and leave it at that. Please focus on family, friends and any significant activities that bring you joy. Myself and the officers and staff here will try to follow our own advice on this, for a change.

**In Solidarity,
Ken**

INTERESTED IN WORKING with the CTA?

Labour Relations Officer

The CTA Labour Relations Officer position is filled on an annual basis. The CTA is now seeking members interested in the position for 2022-23.

Release time for this position is currently 1.0 and the responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- dealing with member problems and issues
- researching, preparing and presenting grievances
- collaborating with Table Officers
- maintaining confidentiality

The successful candidate will have excellent presentation skills and the ability to deal effectively with confrontational and stressful situations.

Members interested in either of these positions should go to our website for a curriculum vitae form (Member Resources/Forms), which must be submitted to Kelly Stewart kstewart@cta43.org by Wednesday, April 6, 2022 4:30 p.m.

PD Chairperson

The CTA Professional Development Chair position is filled on an annual basis. The CTA is now seeking members interested in the position of Professional Development Chair for 2022-23.

Release time for this position is currently 0.4 and the responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- chairing the PD Committee, the CTA PD Day Committee and LSA Council
- planning, developing, organizing and implementing professional development activities for the CTA Professional Development Day
- processing applications for PD assistance and course fee assistance
- maintaining a liaison between the CTA and the BCTF in matters of Professional Development

The successful candidate will have a sound knowledge of and be highly committed to, professional development; be well organized and support a collaborative and collegial office atmosphere.

LOCAL REP TO THE BCTF ONE (1) POSITION OPEN

Local Reps to the BCTF represent CTA members at 3 BCTF Representative Assemblies (Fri/Sat) throughout the year as well as the BCTF Annual General Meeting. Some of the duties include scrutinizing minutes of the BCTF executive meetings and reporting back at CTA Executive Committee meetings and supporting the Executive Committee with getting information out to the broader membership. They will also attend CTA Executive Committee meetings, Representative Assemblies and General Meetings held Wednesdays throughout the year and be an active voice at the local level.

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 by April 11, 2022



Rapid Antigen Tests for TTOC's

Kits made up of 2 tests will be made available for pick-up on a first come-first serve basis at the following four locations:

- Gleneagle Secondary: Monday, March 7 - Friday, March 11, 8am-4pm
- Terry Fox Secondary: Monday, March 7 - Friday, March 11, 8am-4pm
- Riverside Secondary: Monday, March 7 - Friday, March 11, 8am-4pm
- School District Office: Monday, March 7 - Friday, March 25, 8am-4:30pm

Tests are available while supplies last.

Individuals should check the My43 website to ensure tests are still available at that site.

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 by April 11, 2022

Spring Break hours at the CTA Office



CTA Office Staff will be available

March 14 - 18, 2022

The office will be closed

March 21 - 25, 2022

CTA Officers will be on break
March 14 to 25, 2022

CTA MASK



PICK UP



The CTA/VITACORE masks are ready for pickup by Staff Reps and TTOCs (CTA Office, 8:45 am – 4:30 pm).

- These are ear loop masks vs head strap masks.
- Every teacher will receive two additional masks of this type.

There are a number of schools that have yet to pick up the first batch of masks, if you are a teacher at one of these schools please arrange someone to pick up

Change to EFAP Provider

Effective March 1, 2022 under the Homewood EFAP, employees and their eligible dependents will have access to a full range of health and wellness services. **If you or a member of your family is currently seeing a counsellor through Morneau Shepell (Lifeworks) you may continue to see that counsellor until resolution.**



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Congratulations to the following teachers, prize winners at our PD Day February 25, your prizes will be in next week's mailbag, delivered after Spring Break.

Rocky Point Ice Cream Gift Card

Valerie Felix, Mountain View Elementary - Alana Kripps, Ranch Park Elementary - Sarah Lowther, Leigh Elementary - Sonya McIntyre, Aspenwood Elementary - Luke Modder, Heritage Woods Secondary - Tania Pettenon, Minnekhada Middle - Christopher Cathcart, Terry Fox Secondary - Carolynn Chan, Alderson

GardenWorks Gift Card

Wendy Griffiths, Lord Baden-Powell - Charlotte Hasebe, Summit Middle - Lawrence Holbrook, Hillcrest Middle - Emily Khong, Pinetree Way Elementary

Coastal Bookstore Gift Card

Jamie Koebel, Kilmer - Tanu Sahota, Scott Creek Middle - Nancy Tang, Glen Elementary - Brie Wish, Gleneagle Secondary

Native Northwest Puzzle

Christine Pain, Port Moody Secondary - Reesa Wright, RC Macdonald - Douglas Au-Lange, Heritage Woods Secondary - Bethony Buckle, Pitt River Middle - Jin Young Byun, Blackburn - Rahima Damji, Mary Hill Elementary - Reena Grewal, Irvine

Native Northwest Notebook

Monika Kraemer, Mundy Road - Zeljka Medan, Mary Hill Elementary - Marina Mehari, Port Moody Secondary - Scott Romano, Vanier/Encompass/Apex

Native Northwest Pencil Case

Marina Todorova, Nestor Elementary - Justin Wico, Summit Middle - Robin Purdy, Dr. Charles Best Secondary - Shaun Rensen, Centennial - Nurdeep Maghera, Walton - Catherine Ford, Pleasantside - Wendy Swalwell, Continuing Ed. - Erica Hiebert, Dr. Charles Best Secondary



PD POWER

As we head into the final few days before Spring Break (yay!) you will notice that the recordings we have received from presenters at our February 25th PD Day are now posted and available for viewing! To find the sessions, please visit the PD Day Page of the CTA website. You can then follow the link to the video, where you will be prompted to sign in using your SD43 login information (the same login you use for email) and can then view the videos. Please note that we are only able to share the recordings we have – if a presenter was unable to record for some reason and there is no recording available there is nothing we can do. I understand that can be frustrating, but when you're dealing with the stress of presenting sometimes you forget to click that record button, so please be kind! The recordings will remain available until the end of March of this year. Visit CTA PD Day - Coquitlam Teachers Association to view the available recordings now! If any more are received they will be added to that page. **Meggan Crawford PD Chair**



HOPE'N'ACTION
IN COLLABORATION
WITH
KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
DR. JODY CARRINGTON
APRIL 8TH, 2022

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

OVER 25 WORKSHOPS TO CHOOSE FROM

RICHARD VAN CAMP
CREATIVE WRITING FOR STUDENTS WITH BEST SELLING AUTHOR RICHARD VAN CAMP
VIRTUAL - 1:30-2:30PM

SHELDON FRANKEN
THE BEAUTY OF COPING & SERIOUS PLAY (BUILDING YOUR SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING TOOLBOX)
IN-PERSON - SESSION 1 & 2

TAN HUYNH
ELL - NURTURING NEWCOMERS
VIRTUAL - SESSION 2

FREE for SD62 Employees **\$50** for Out of District Attendees



The New Teacher's Conference is a professional development

opportunity designed specifically for early career teachers with less than five year of teaching experience and teacher candidates.

This year's virtual conference will take place on the evening of May 13, 2022 and all day on May 14, 2022.

To learn more about the wide variety of workshop topics, keynote speakers, and guest presenters joining the New Teachers' Conference, visit the conference webpage.

Register now while \$25 tickets are still available, and tell your early career colleagues about this great opportunity.



Whistler
2022 **MAY 20** HILTON WHISTLER RESORT

MORNING SESSIONS 9:30-11:45

- Sound Assessment Design
Aligning Assessment with Learning Goals
- Smarter Science Inquiry Design
- The Strategy is YOU!
Empowering Approaches for Challenging Behaviours

AFTERNOON SESSIONS 1:15-3:30

- Using Assessment to Communicate and Report Student Learning
- Science is a Verb
Demos and Discrepant Events to Generate Inquiry
- Building a Kinder Class

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FREE WORKSHOP

#HaveTheTalk

How to talk to children and youth about online sexual exploitation

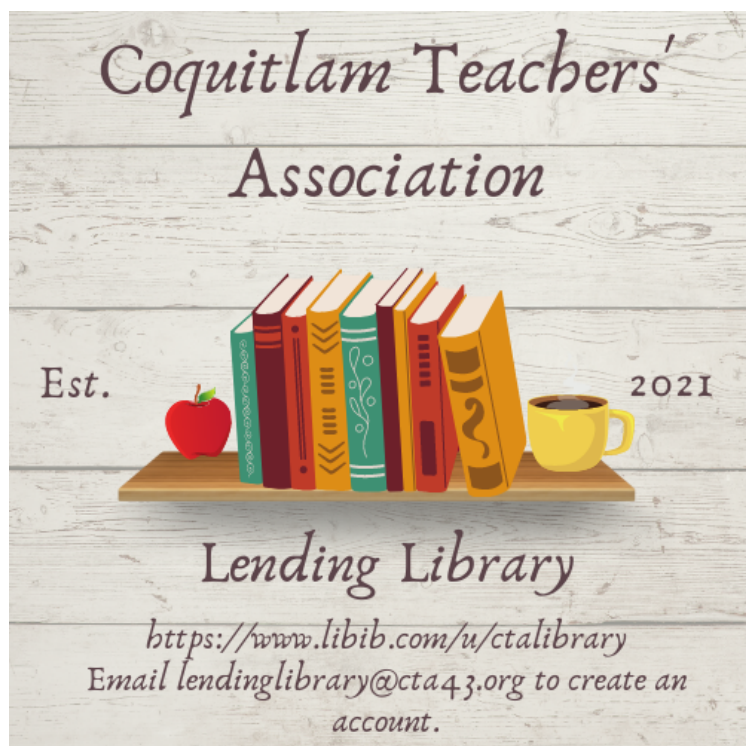
March 11th, 12-12:30pm
Via Zoom



Courtney Liem, Program Facilitator



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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

CTA Policy and Procedure Committee

2 Member at large reps

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
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

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, please continue to liaise with that officer.



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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](#)

www.coquitlamteachers.com

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