

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

TTOC 5 Days Paid Sick Leave

Members should be aware that there are complexities that have emerged in the application of this Employment Standards Act leave. The Union, both BCTF and CTA, definitely has a different view of how this leave should be applied than the employer and BC Public School Employers' Association do. We remain concerned about the impact on TTOCs who struggle to achieve consistent work and can't afford to lose out on pay due to sickness. What we are asking for is for TTOCs encountering problems accessing this leave to please contact us so we can look at advocacy from the lens of solving live problems for TTOCs. Please contact Diether Malakoff (DMalakoff@cta43.org) with any concerns you may have about this leave or its application.

In Solidarity,
Ken

CTA Support Position

The CTA is seeking members interested in joining our team in office.

This position will be seconded to the CTA Office.

Release time will be **one (1) day a week** running for the 2022/2023 school year.

Office hours are **8:30 am – 4:30 pm (please note, your day may need to extend beyond that occasionally).**

The requirements of the Support Position include:

- Local union involvement
- Familiarity with CTA Bylaws & Policies and Collective Agreement

The responsibilities of the Support Position include:

- Maintaining confidentiality
- Assisting the Released Officers & Executive Director

The successful candidate will have a high degree of interpersonal skills and the ability to deal effectively with confrontational and stressful situations.

Interested members should **submit a CV to kstewart@cta43.org at the CTA Office by Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**



CTA Scholarship, Awards and Bursary Committee

This committee provides an opportunity for members to get involved in helping to approve or select recipients of CTA scholarships – Roy Krutow, Cam McKenzie, CTA Student Assistance Bursary, Barbara Vengshoel, Trades & Arts, and Equity scholarships. The committee will meet in the Fall and again in June, at minimum, but may meet at other times throughout the year. This policy has recently been revised to change the composition of the committee and the scholarships were updated and will be in effect for the 2022-2023 school year.

There are several positions available on the committee if you or someone you know is interested in becoming involved:

- Alternate Education representative
- Continuing Education representative
- Member who identifies as Indigenous
- Member who identifies as Black or a person of colour
- Three (3) additional CTA members

The CTA President and our TFEU Finance Administrator also sit on this committee.

If you have any questions, please contact Kara Obojski, 1st Vice-President (kobojski@cta43.org).

If you are interested in the committee please submit a CV to Kelly S. at kstewart@cta43.org.

BCTF Pension Seminars

The BCTF will be presenting virtual pension seminars on **Tuesdays in June** available to all members via Zoom.

The content of the seminars will be valuable for all members, especially for those considering retirement in the near future.

The seminars are intended to help members learn about: how their pension plan works, factors to consider and pension options when planning for retirement, who to contact for information and advice.

Here is the Zoom link to attend one of these sessions <https://www.bctf.ca/whats-happening/event-calendar>.

If members are not able to attend these sessions, they may contact Sarbrinder Singh Lalli directly at slalli@bctf.ca.



Moments of Joy

A sea lion decided they deserved a vacation of their own – so they went for a swim in the pool and ‘borrowed’ a lounge chair for a rest: *Sea lion swims in hotel pool and steals man's chair | Watch (msn.com)*

Betty Sandison got to cross ‘get a university degree’ off of her bucket list at 84 years old – after starting her degree 67 years ago: ‘Pure Joy’: *Grandma Earns College Degree At Age 84 (sunnyskyz.com)*

When a baby giraffe was born with front legs that bent the wrong way, this orthotics expert made a giraffe-print custom brace for his first ever non-human patient and now Msituni (the giraffe) is healthy and happy: *Baby giraffe is born with disorder that caused legs to bend the wrong way (cnn.com)*

PD POWER

Do you have your summer reading stack planned out in advance?

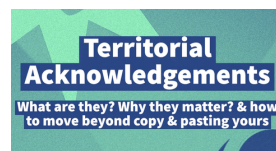
If you're still searching for the perfect book to dive into during the summer, check out the CTA Lending Library!

While books are normally on loan for six weeks at a time, over the summer while the office is closed you can borrow them for a bit longer. Any book that is borrowed from now through June 21 (for delivery in the June 29 mailbag) will not be due back in to the CTA until September 14. Take a moment to browse through more than 100 books related to teaching, education, learning, and ourselves by virtually visiting the library at Libib | Coquitlam Teachers' Association. To create an account and start taking out books, please email lendinglibrary@cta43.org and we will help you get started! All books are sent to teachers via the school mailbag.



Nahane Creative

Check out these links to some of the on demand mini-courses currently offered. Please check [Nahane Creative's website](https://www.nahanecreative.com) for more offerings and information.



Nahane Creative Inc. is a Squamish-owned social change agency operating on the unceded, shared territory of the xwməθkwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) also known as Vancouver, BC, Canada.

EVERGREEN CULTURAL CENTRE

School Programs May 7, 2022 to June 17, 2022

Inspired by our exhibition Semá:th Xo:tsa: Sts'ólemeqwelh Sxó:tsa / Great Gramma's Lake. Learn, explore, and create through art! Led by our artist Educators, your visit includes a tour of our Art Gallery exhibition for inspiration and conversation, followed by hands-on art making in the studio.

SCHOOL PROGRAM OPTIONS

Sketch-in (sketching and colouring) Grades K-12

Available Mondays and Tuesdays from May 7th to June 17th, 2022 Cost: \$120

Following a gallery tour of the new exhibition, Semá:th Xo:tsa: Sts'ólemeqwelh Sxó:tsa / Great Gramma's Lake, students will have a chance to sketch in the gallery, inspired by the masks of Stó:lō master carver E'yies'lek Rocky LaRock or the large-scale puppets on display. Students will then head to our studio to add colour to their composition and create a finished artwork.

BOOKING DETAILS

SD43 teachers contact the box office to inquire about free workshops!

K-2 max class size: 24 students + 3 adult chaperons

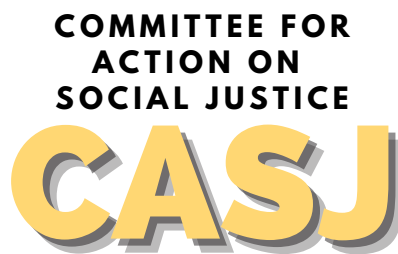
Grades 3+ max class size: 30 students + 3 adult chaperons

Mornings: 9-11 a.m. | Afternoons: 12:30-2:30 p.m. Contact the box office for booking: 604-927-6552

Make a Face (Clay Masks) Grades K-12

Available Wednesdays - Fridays from May 7th to June 3rd, 2022 Cost: \$135

Tour the new exhibition, Semá:th Xo:tsa: Sts'ólemeqwelh Sxó:tsa / Great Gramma's Lake and find inspiration from the forms and expressions of the masks created by Stó:lō master carver E'yies'lek Rocky LaRock. In the studio, students will use slab hand-building techniques to create a mini clay mask character of their own. Masks will be glazed and fired. Clay processing takes four weeks and teachers will receive an email when it is time to pick up the art.



CASJ BOOKCLUB

Meets the first Thursday of every month.

Thurs June 2, 2022 (4pm on Teams)

We will be continuing our "No Gods, No Monsters" discussion. We are working towards finishing the book by June. New members welcome!

CASJ COMMITTEE

Meets the 3rd Thursday of every Month

Thurs June 16, 2022 CTA Conference Room

This will be our year-end meeting and social. It will be face to face. We'll be discussing how this year went and ideas for next year as well as other items of business. Upon conclusion of the formal part of the meeting, we will transition to a social that may be off-site, details TBA. All CTA members welcome. Please contact Diether Malakoff with any questions (dmalakoff@cta43.org).

CTA CASJ is now on Instagram! Find us at [socialjusticecta](https://www.instagram.com/socialjusticecta). We're also on FB at [CTA CASJ](https://www.facebook.com/CTA.CASJ).

No experience necessary, new members welcome!! Please contact CTA liaison [Diether Malakoff](mailto:Diether.Malakoff@cta43.org) with any questions.

TTOCs & New Teachers

TTOC COMMITTEE

Meets the second Tuesday of every month

Tues June 14, 2022 at 4pm via zoom.

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

TTOC BOOKCLUB

We'll be reading Jane McAlevey's *No Shortcuts: Organizing for Power in the New Gilded Age*. If you're interested in being part of that conversation, we'll be discussing it at the next TTOC committee meeting. Join us on Facebook at CTA TTOCs for further details including getting access to the book.

Contact TTOC committee chair Morgan McKee (chair.ttoc@gmail.com) or Diether Malakoff (dmalakoff@cta43.org) if you have any questions about the committee or the bookclub.

Happy Retirement

RETIREMENT IS NOT
THE END OF THE
ROAD. IT IS THE
BEGINNING OF THE
OPEN HIGHWAY.

In great appreciation for all of your hard year's teaching, we all want to say thank you for your knowledge and dedication.

Congratulations to all, please click on individual names for information about celebrations that are planned.

Celeste Audette (Miller Park)
Gary C. Horton (Riverside)
Pamela Cropper (Bramblewood)
Melodie Ellis (Panorama Heights)
Donna Loss (Panorama Heights)
Bev Vander Baaren (Panorama Heights)
Doug Friend (Terry Fox)
Cathy Ford (Pleasantide)
Sandy Bellet (Riverview Park)
Bill Adair (Pinetree)
Frances Friend (Lord Baden-Powell)
Barb Stephens (Anmore)
(tweissig@sd43.bc.ca for more details on Barb's retirement)

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

Currently Full

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

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.



1-800-663-1142

TTY: 1-888-384-1152

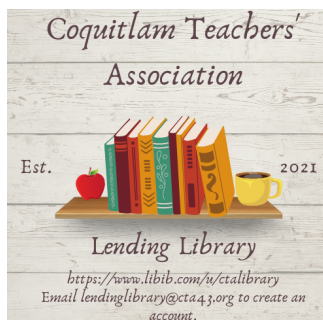
International (Call collect):
604-689-1717

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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](mailto:kstewart@cta43.org)

www.coquitlamteachers.com

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