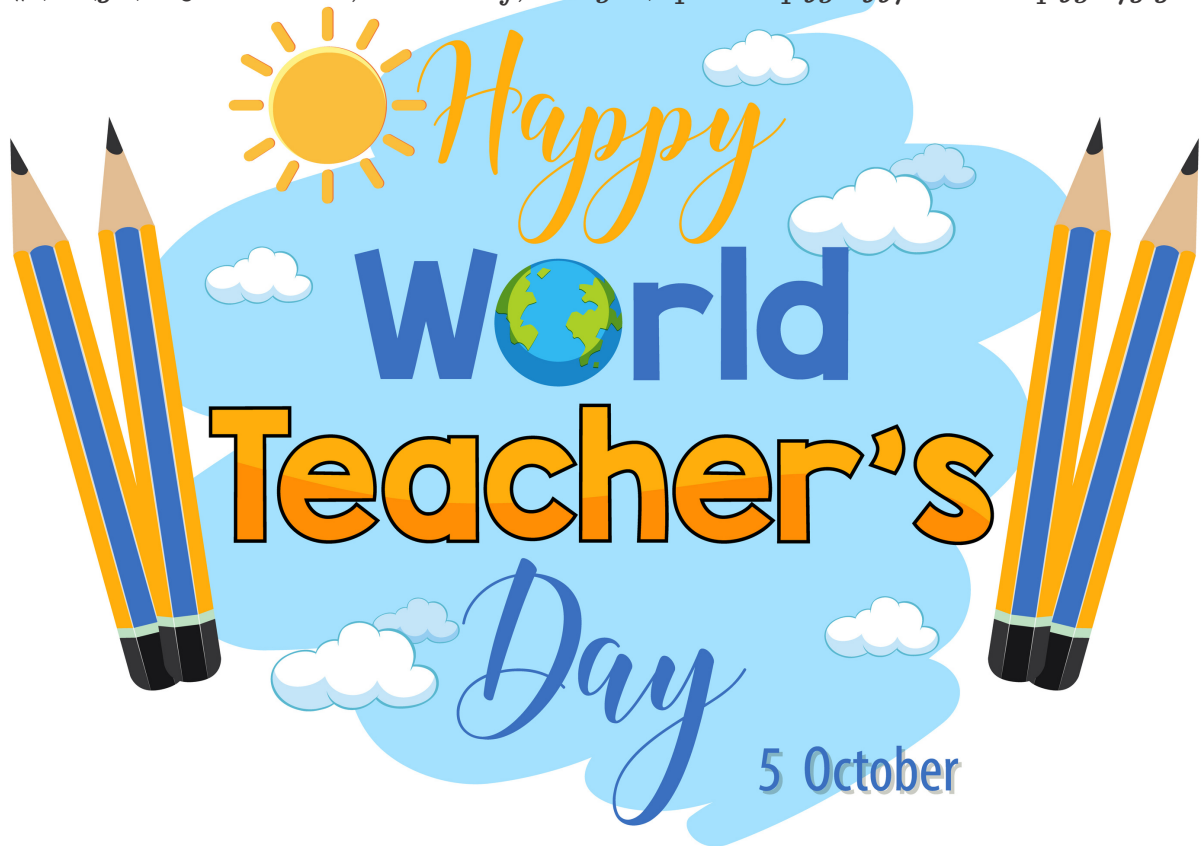


COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Municipal Elections

I am going to remind again that the municipal elections are on October 15th. Please ensure that you are registered, and vote informed in this election. There are definitely differences between the candidates for all positions, including school trustee. The CTA is happy to discuss and answer questions anyone has about the local elections coming up. Most of our teachers reside within the Tri-Cities so, we can definitely affect the outcome locally here.

Bargaining Info

I am also going to remind again that our Annual General Meeting is today, at 4 pm in the Winslow Gym. Teri Mooring, former BCTF President will present on bargaining. We will also have three sessions to communicate and discuss bargaining information at the Silver City Theatres Coquitlam at 4 PM, October 11, 12 and 18, 2022. Please join the Executive Committee there and bring your questions and concerns.

Protests in Iran

I am watching with grief the treatment of protesters in Iran, mostly women, standing up for their right to be treated as human beings, with justice and equity. Women, Life and Freedom are their words. Women certainly deserve life and freedom and should not have that infringed by any government or authority. The reaction to the protests has been extreme and it is deeply upsetting to watch peaceful protests being treated with manipulated reaction and heavy-handed brutality. These protests stem from a single horrible incident perpetrated by the government of Iran but, exemplify ongoing mistreatment and oppression of women. The CTA stands with everyone affected by this situation and wants to draw the world's eye towards injustice, in the hope it will end with change for the better.

In Solidarity,
Ken

Bargaining Information Sessions

Tuesday, October 11, 2022
Wednesday, October 12, 2022
Tuesday, October 18, 2022

4:00 – 6:00 pm
Silvercity Cineplex Coquitlam
170 Schoolhouse Street
Coquitlam, BC



There will be a short presentation by your Executive Committee and then a chance to ask questions!
Everyone is welcome! Plenty of seating!!

October 12, 2022

6 - 8 PM

Zone Bowling Coquitlam

#16-228 Schoolhouse Street

CTA Bowling Night!!

There's no time to SPARE!!



Send your name to Heidi today
hdavis@cta43.org



Free bowling & shoe rental!!

The lanes need to be reserved ahead of time if you are interested please RSVP to Heidi hdavis@cta43.org.

RSVP as a team (5 preferred, 6 max) or RSVP individually and we will create teams

Lanes are limited so please RSVP by Friday, October 7, 2022 at 4:30 pm.

Municipal Elections - October 15, 2022

There are competitions for positions in two of the three municipalities and it is important that candidates who share our values in public education get selected for these positions. It can be hard sometimes to get information on individual candidates in local elections but, because voter turnout is often low, a few votes can really make a difference. We strongly recommend involvement in local elections.

The CTA does not endorse candidates for municipal elections but we have included the Labour Council endorsed candidates here: **Coquitlam-Port Coquitlam-Port Moody-Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge**

Municipality election information can be found at the following websites; [Village of Anmore](#), [Village of Belcarra](#), [City of Coquitlam](#), [City of Port Coquitlam](#), [City of Port Moody](#).

FSA Packages

Staff reps and teachers who wish to send information to parents must **contact the CTA with the numbers of envelopes and pamphlets that your school requires for distribution before coming to pick them up.**

The CTA Office will supply these materials – please call or email Kelly S.@ (kstewart@cta43.org).

Scholarship, Awards, and Bursary Committee



The CTA made numerous procedure and policy changes around scholarships, awards, and bursary language last year and, as a result, we have many vacancies on the committee to adjudicate and approve applications. The commitment is about twice a year and it's a great way to get involved with union work. We are looking for:

- Alternate Education representative (1)
- Continuing Education representative (1)
- Member who identifies as Indigenous (1)
- Member who identifies as Black or a person of colour (1)
- Three additional CTA members (3)

If you have any additional questions, please reach out to Kara Obojski: kobojski@cta43.org

PD Deadlines



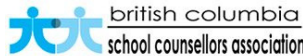
Yellow forms for the October 21 PSA Day are due in the office no later than **4:30 Friday October 7, 2022.**

PD Power

Many CTA members will be attending PSA events in a few weeks (reminder: yellow forms for reimbursement for the October 21 PD Day are due in the CTA office no later than 4:30pm this Friday, October 7), and several of the conference fees include a PSA membership fee. But what benefits does membership provide? PSAs, or Provincial Specialist Associations, support BC teachers in their specialty areas. Through resources, workshop offerings, annual conferences, and sometimes even financial support, PSAs support local specialist groups and teachers by providing focused resources that are specific, meaningful, and relevant to your day-to-day work. Connecting with a PSA or with colleagues at a PSA event helps strengthen your professional learning network and gives you the chance to hear about how things happen in other locals throughout the province. They are the ultimate collaboration session. If you're struggling with a certain topic within your specialty area, PSAs are a resource you can reach out to at any time. As well, please remember that the yellow form can provide reimbursement for one PSA membership per teacher per year. Can't decide between two? Upload your first lesson to TeachBC (Classroom Resources (bctf.ca)) and you get a free PSA membership!

Please contact me at mcrawford@cta43.org with any questions about engaging more in PD at your site (or at the district level!). - *Meggan Crawford, PD Chairperson*

PSA Day Opportunities - Check out psaday.ca



Contact Us: www.coquitlamteachers.com

CTA Office: 604-936-9971



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 - PD Reimbursements, Scholarships & CTA newsletter

Heidi Davis, Finance Administrator - hdavis@cta43.org

Membership, Website Access, Committees

Kelly Stewart, Office Clerk - kstewart@cta43.org

CTA PD Day, Website Updates, CTA Lending Library

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.

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

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

CTA Adult Educators

1 Learning Centre Rep

CTA Policy and Procedure Committee

Currently Full

CTA Scholarship, Awards and Bursary Committee

1 Alt. Ed Rep, 1 Cont. Ed. Rep, 1 Indigenous Member,
1 Member of Colour, 3 Additional CTA Members

CTA BIPOC Educators' Committee

For more information, please email [Ryan Cho](mailto:ryancho@cta43.org). To join the CTA BIPOC Educators' Committee email list (which BIPOC teachers can be a part of even if they never attend a meeting), please fill out the form here:

<https://forms.gle/zjuQ98d4j1UXY1GX9>

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

New Westminster & District Labour Council

5 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.

CTA LENDING LIBRARY

For information about the CTA Lending Library email lendinglibrary@cta43.org



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CTA Website Access



Information is posted on our website as quickly as we have it.

Please make sure you are able to access the site. SD43 email security settings may not allow a password reset online.

If you need to reset your password, please contact [Kelly Stewart](#)