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COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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All of us at the CTA Office hope you have a safe.

happy, and restful summer!



Corbey Kelly R Meggan

Kelly S Andy Heidi Camy

Ken Kara Diether

Roy Krutow Scholarship Applications

Each year the CTA awards two Roy Krutow Scholarships of \$1250.00 to the graduating child of a teacher employed by School District #43 or to the child of a retired or deceased teacher employed by School District #43 at the time of retirement or death.

Eligible candidates can attend **ANY** public school in British Columbia.

Criteria: Academic achievement (in case of a tie, school involvement will be considered).

Application Deadline: July 1, 2022

Applications are available on our website Please send your application via email to Heidi at hdavis@cta43.org



President's Message

It's a bit cliché but, I do hope every finds some rest and recuperation from this challenging year in public education. Many difficulties presented themselves to us this year. As we wind down our classes, say goodbye to the students we've served and the families we've helped, let's just take a minute to survey the accomplishments of this year, individually and collectively. I hope you can all think of a special moment this year which will help energize you for the upcoming school year. We don't always get kudos or recognition for the work that we do but, know that we, at the CTA, recognize your contributions.

In Solidarity, Ken

Grievance Summary

The 2023-2024 Grievance Summary has been posted on the CTA website for members to view. The summary provides very brief information about grievances from this past year and indicates their current status. Questions about the grievance summary should be directed to Ken Christensen (kchristensen@cta43.org). You'll find the summary on the General Information page of the CTA website:

https://www.coquitlamteachers.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/22-23-Year-End-Grievance-Report-jun-2023.pdf.



Carol Todd (BEd'84) has been selected Alumni Educator of the Year by UBC Faculty of Education.

This award is given to recognize an outstanding contribution to education by a UBC Faculty of Education alumni. Congratulations Carol, on this well-deserved honour!!





Join the Coquitlam Teachers' Association Team for the October 1, 2023, Run for the Cure!

The CTA will cover the initial sign up cost – all you need to do is provide your information via the form: https://tinyurl.com/cta-runforthecure (or scan the QR code) and we will complete your registration. Your team Co-Captains, Meggan Crawford and Kelly Roberts, are looking forward to some preparatory walks in our community this September and would love for you to join us in raising funds to fight cancer. If a friend or family member would also like to join, but they are not a CTA member they can join our team at their own cost by registering at https://tinyurl.com/runforthecureteamcta.



TTOCs and Maternity/Parental Leave and other ESA Leaves

All members, including members working as TTOCs, should be receiving experience credit for any time on a statutory leave under the Employment Standards Act (ESA). The ESA provides for various statutory leaves, but the one with the greatest impact on members' experience credit would be maternity/parental leaves, as they are the longest. If you took any leaves under the ESA, including a maternity/parental leave, while working as a TTOC, please contact our local office, as there is a Provincial Grievance on this matter.

Executive Committee VACANCY

The CTA is currently seeking to fill **Two (2) Member At Large** positions

and

One (1) Member who identifies as Indigenous position

If you are interested in running for these positions please go to our <u>website</u>, to get and submit a CV (Forms & Scholarships) to Kelly at the CTA <u>kstewart@cta43.org</u>

The CTA and CPVPA Retirement Reception honouring retiring teachers and administrators will be held Thursday, September 14, 2023 4:00 - 6:00 pm, Poco Inn & Suites, Poco Room 1545 Lougheed Highway, Port Coquitlam, BC

Please RSVP to Kelly Stewart kstewart@cta43.org

Est. Books borrowed now are not due back until September - place a hold on your summer PD reading now! Lending Library bttps://www.libib.com/u/ctalibrary Email lendinglibrary@cta43.org to create an account.

In Memorium

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Gleneagle teacher, Peri Morenz.

Peri passed away peacefully on June 13. Peri touched so many people in a positive way. She will be missed more than words can describe. Peri's driving purpose was to teach and make everyone else feel loved and included. Peri put everyone else above her, especially kids, always ready with a popsicle or fun science experiment. Peri is now in a happier, peaceful place.

Details about a Celebration of Life can be found here:

https://www.facebook.com/events/s/celebrating-peri/239493168832378/

Please complete this brief <u>Failure to Fill Tracking</u> <u>Form</u> each time prep or service time is lost or recovered.

When having our ongoing discussions with the Board regarding TTOC shortages our biggest tool is data. If you have any questions on filling out the form please contact Diether Malakoff, 2nd Vice President dmalakoff@cta43.org or 604-936-9971

Does your school have something to share?

Send your articles, posters, events, photos, etc. to Heidi hdavis@cta43.org and we will try to include them in a future newsletter.

SUMMER PD DATES

- PD EVENTS BETWEEN NOW AND JUNE 30 YELLOW FORM IN THE CTA OFFICE TWO WEEKS BEFORE.
- PD EVENTS BETWEEN JULY 1 & SEPTEMBER 22 YELLOW FORMS DUE NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M. SEPTEMBER 8
- CONFERENCE REPORTS AND RECEIPTS FOR EVENTS
 BETWEEN JUNE 1 AND SEPTEMBER 1 ARE DUE OCTOBER 1
 (SUBMIT TO PD@CTA43.ORG ITEMS MUST BE ATTACHED

AS A COPY, NOT AS A LINK OR IMAGE FILE)



We did it! Another school year comes to a close, hopefully gently and with positive memories for you to hold onto. With the end of this school year, I've also reached the end of my time as CTA PD Chairperson. Working in this role over the past four years has been an interesting adventure and I'm grateful for the experience, the people I've met and worked with, and all that I've learned. When I started in September of 2019, I never considered that we would soon be hosting virtual PD days with almost 4,000 teachers, nor did I expect to attend meetings with my cat, but we quickly learned to expect and accept the unexpected. Thank you for your patience, engagement, and professionalism over the last four years – it has been a pleasure and an honour and I hope to continue as a support to my colleagues as I move into the role of CTA 2nd Vice-President next year.

I am thrilled to share that Bree-Anna Weir will be taking on the role of PD Chairperson! Bree-Anna is currently a teacher at Citadel Middle School, but has been teaching in the district since 2009. They are actively involved in learning about and connecting to sustainable agriculture, traditional indigenous land management practices, and evidence-based green technologies in hopes of being able to inspire more awareness and interest in these vital components in adapting our world for a more successful future. When not at school they can most likely be found with their horses!



Bard on the Beach A Shakesperience

E BEACH AN INTRODUCTION TO THE PLAYS OF SHAKESPEARE

Take a lively 60-minute ride through many words and many worlds, written by Bard Education Director Mary Hartman. Five talented performers delight in Shakespeare's language and revel in the art of asking questions. Designed for students, teachers and for anyone who's curious about Shakespeare's potential today. Follow this link to stream a Shakesperience and access the companion curriculum.



Thursday, August 31, 10.00am - 12.00pm

The VBGA Education Team will highlight the many teacher resources we have available to educators in the upcoming academic year, both online and in person.

Learn more & Register!



STEAM Days of Summer is Science World's annual 5-day summer professional development learning program for BC educators. Participants delve into ways of teaching STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art & design, and math) using a cross-curricular approach while networking with colleagues.

Join your colleagues from the Lower Mainland for five full days of hands-on learning centered on STEAM education in your classrooms with a focus on cross-curricular digital skills and technology. Each day you'll participate in 3 dynamic sessions presented by a mix of your colleagues, Science World educators, and local organizations as we dive into the deep end of incorporating the ADST curriculum into other topic areas.

Our theme for 2023 is "Designing for the Future." We will focus on strategies for developing digital literacy skills across the curriculum and explore suitable coding methods and tools to support this.

Program Details:

- FREE with a \$50 refundable deposit required on acceptance into the program. (Deposit returned upon completion)
- August 21-25
- Each day will run from 9:15AM-2:30PM
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided, as well as materials needed for hands-on exploration and swag!

COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE





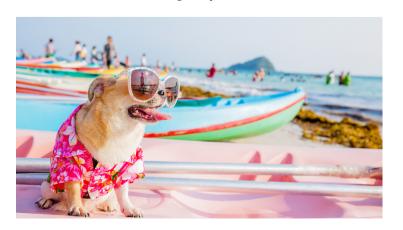
CASJ Meeting

Our next meeting will be in the fall. Wishing everyone the best in the last weeks of June and a restful summer. You can still join us on CTA Teams and keep in touch with summer book club.

No experience necessary, NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!! Please contact Melissa Illing with any questions.



https://db.bctf.ca/MemberCards/index.cfm to get yours!



TTOCS & New Teachers

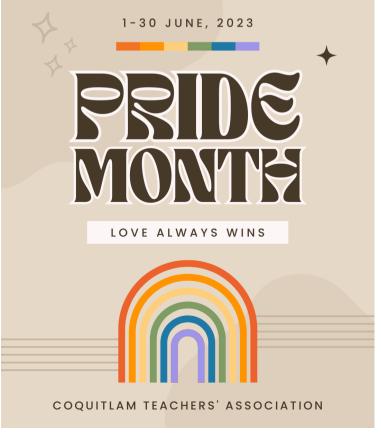
TTOC Meeting

Next meeting in the fall.

Join us on Facebook at 'CTA TTOCs'. Come out and share your experiences with other TTOCs in the district. Get answers to questions and help others with theirs! Let us know if you have any feedback regarding matters important to TTOCs.

KEEP IN MIND: Anyone who is currently TTOCing at least one day a week or in a fulltime temporary contract is eligible to be a member of the TTOC committee. All CTA members are welcome to attend these meetings as guests. COME ON OUT! BRING A FRIEND! (dmalakoff@cta43.org)





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

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(Last names M-R) Diether Malakoff, 2nd Vice-President dmalakoff@cta43.org

(Last names S-Z) Meggan Crawford, PD Chairperson, Member Support 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 Standing Committees

CTA PD Committee

- 1 Middle Rep, 1 TTOC Rep, 1 CASJ
- 1 Learning Services Rep,
- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

- 8 Members-at-Large,
- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

CTA Committee of Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

- 1 Secondary, 2 Middle Reps, 1 Member-at-Large rep,
- 1 Elementary Rep, 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous, 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

School District Advisory Committees

Student Services Advisory - 2 CTA Reps

Student Achievement Advisory - 1 CTA Rep

District Student Wellness & Safety - Currently Full

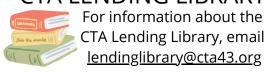
District Indigenous Ed Advisory - Currently Full

District French Advisory - Currently Full

District Technology Advisory - 1 CTA Rep

District Accessibility Advisory - Currently Full

CTA LENDING LIBRARY



CTA Adult Educators

Currently Full

CTA Policy and Procedure Committee

- 1 CTA Member-at-Large
- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

CTA Scholarship, Awards and Bursary Committee

- 1 Cont. Ed. Rep, 1 Alt Ed Rep, 2 Additional CTA Members
- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

CTA BIPOC Educators' Committee

For more information, please email Ryan Cho.

New Westminster and District Labour Council

5 CTA reps

Teachers interested in any of these committees should go to our website or <u>click here</u> 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 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 <u>Kelly Stewart</u>

