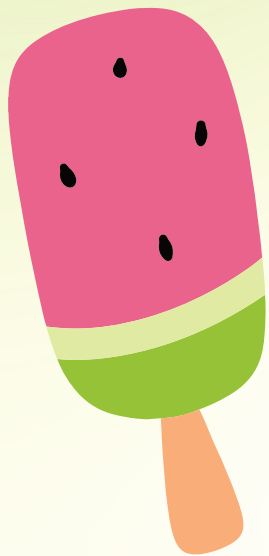
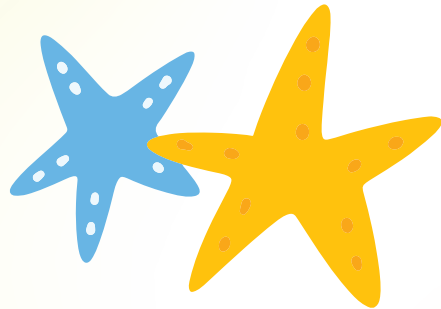


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HAPPY 
SUMMER



*Corbey Ronak Ken
Meggan*

ALL OF US AT THE CTA OFFICE
HOPE YOU HAVE A SAFE, HAPPY
AND RESTFUL SUMMER!!!

*Sherina Kelly S Kelly R
Diether Heidi*

Summer Hours

The CTA Office will be closed between

July 11 and August 30, 2026

If you require assistance during the office closure please call or email Diether, Ronak or Meggan.

Messages are retrieved regularly to enable us to assist you.

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, 2026

Applications are available on our [website](#)

SUMMER PD DEADLINES

Workshops taking place up to July 24, 2026, must be delivered to the CTA before July 10.

Workshops happening July 25 through September 25 need to be submitted before 4:30 pm September 11, 2026.

All receipts and conference reports are due before 4:30 pm October 9, 2026.

If you have any questions regarding these dates or submitting your form for PD reimbursement, please contact the CTA office.

EI WORKSHOP

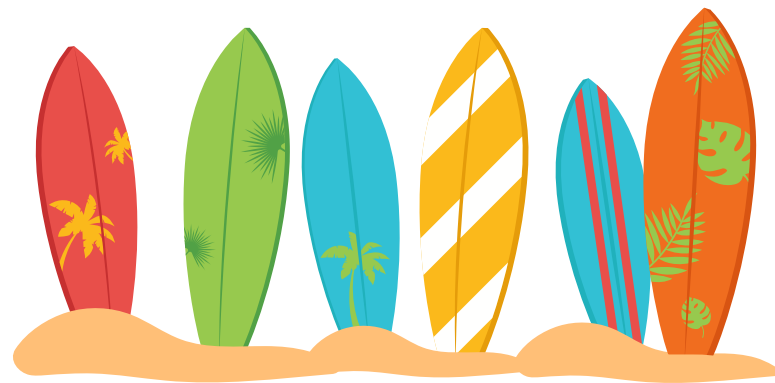
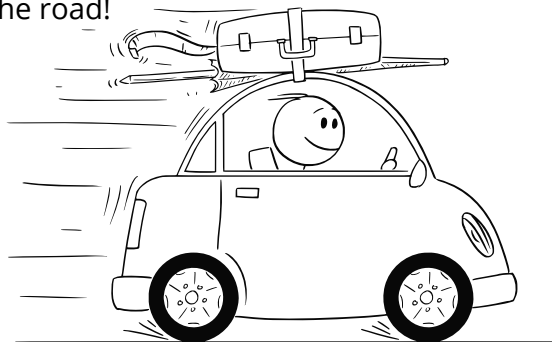
Did you miss the TTOC hosted workshop on EI Applications? The BCTF has provided a recorded version of the workshop available to all BCTF members at <https://bctf.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=023ff755fb7bd1fa25f0a69b6&id=aaf18476f5&e=e4dfcca489>. If you're planning to apply for EI this summer it is definitely worth checking out to learn about eligibility and how to sustain your claim.

President's Message

Last Newsletter

It is the last newsletter for a busy school year this day. I want to acknowledge all the hard work CTA members have done this year and express my wish for a restful summer break for everyone. As this is my last newsletter as President of the CTA, I want to thank CTA members for their trust in me over these many years. This has been a year of significant life changes for me and I am feeling quite reflective about my time here and about what I hope I have been able to accomplish over 25 years of union work. I think back on starting my union journey as a Staff Rep and I am so grateful to everyone that takes on that role in every school in the District. I leave my work at the CTA confident those who remain are fantastic representatives for all of you. I encourage you to call any one of them with any questions you may have or help you need. Thanks again for your trust in me and I'll see you on the road!

In Solidarity
Ken



Election of Staff and PD Reps

Staff and PD Reps should be freely elected by the site CTA members and this role must be independent of any administrative or department/team leadership roles.

Best practice is to have elections the first week of September when most staff for 2026/2027 will be confirmed and able to participate. Those members overseeing the vote are asked to consider accessibility for part-time colleagues in their voting timeline. It is a tight turnaround at the busy start of the year, so please make sure that PD & Staff Rep voting is on the agenda for the first week back!

1. Two CTA members who are not running for election will oversee the elections.
2. Elections must occur by secret paper ballot.
3. Results shall be communicated to the CTA Office, by September 14, 2026.

Indigenous Peoples Day June 21, 2026

National Indigenous Peoples Day takes place on the summer solstice, the longest day of the year. For generations, many First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities have celebrated their cultures, languages, and traditions at this time of year. The summer solstice holds deep spiritual and cultural significance for many Indigenous Peoples, marking a time of renewal, connection, and celebration.

- Shop Indigenous: buy art, crafts, food, and goods directly from Indigenous-owned shops and creators.
- Support Indigenous-led advocacy: from clean water access to land protection and justice for missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit people.
- Broaden your perspective: read books by Indigenous authors, or watch films and documentaries by Indigenous creators—public libraries are a great place to start.
- Learn about reconciliation: read the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Final Report and get familiar with the 94 Calls to Action.
- Attend local events on June 21, National Indigenous Peoples Day—think traditional music, dancing, and community feasts. Join community gatherings: check your local library or cultural centre for workshops like sharing circles, beading, or traditional storytelling.

[Grandview Park](#)

[Carnegie Community Centre](#)

[Langley Community Gathering](#)

[Moody Park New Westminster](#)

[Surrey Celebration Semiahmoo Park](#)

[Skwxwú7mesh Lílwat7úl Cultural Centre \(SLCC\) in Whistler](#)



HAPPY RETIREMENT!!



Members of the CTA, past and present, district leadership, and family gathered last week at the Port Moody Legion to celebrate the career of CTA President Ken Christensen as he heads into retirement. Between the kind words and tributes from Diether Malakoff, 1st Vice-President of the CTA, and Nadine Tambellini, SD43 Superintendent, there were lots of memories and moments of appreciation shared with Ken.

It's a challenge to encapsulate a career in just a few words, but what we can say is that Ken is someone who has had an impact on many of us in this district. Whether you encountered him as a colleague when he was teaching shop, heard him explain a difficult situation at a layoff meeting (you might recall phrases like "In the main" or "slipperier than a pig in slop"), or got to know him through his union roles, many of us have memories of time with Ken.

It is with immense gratitude that we thank him for all he has done for teachers in SD43 and for the association. On behalf of all CTA and TFEU members we thank you for your years of hard work on behalf of teachers and wish you all the best as you shift gears into retirement! You will be missed!



HAPPY RETIREMENT

This month, we bid a fond farewell to a remarkable group of educators who are embarking on their next great chapter. Thank you for your years of hard work, creative lesson plans, and endless dedication to helping our students grow. You have left an indelible mark on our school community.

Enjoy your permanent summer vacation—you have earned every single minute of it!

Joanna's Retirement Social

SCHOOL'S OUT FOREVER!

Let's celebrate Joanna's retirement!
June 4th | 4:00 PM until whenever
Samz Pub - POCO (private room)
Drop in for a bit or stay all evening. Buy yourself a drink, an appy, or dinner, relax, and enjoy some good company as we celebrate Joanna!

Please RSVP to Annie Lane at alane@sd43.bc.ca

Laurie Aspinall is Paddling Off into the Sunset!

After more than 20 years making beautiful music, Laurie is retiring. Please join us in celebrating her fabulous career as a music teacher.

Friday, May 29th, 2026
TRAIN WRECK BREWING Co.
3345 St Johns St., Port Moody

When	Appies Only	Gift & Appies
3:45-5:45 PM	\$15	\$35

Please RSVP by Thursday, May 21st, 2026
Sign up on Schoolcashonline through this link: <https://www.schoolcashonline.com/teachers/176211108/Retiree/View>
Unable to attend and would like to contribute to a gift? Please use the link above.

Judith Hightower is taking a hike!

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE HER RETIREMENT FROM SD43

THURS | JUNE 11 | 4 PM

SAMZ PUB
2342 ELGIN AVE.
PORT COQUITLAM

PLEASE RSVP HERE BY JUNE 8
CONTACT KALLAN@SD43.BC.CA OR BKOSSACK@SD43.BC.CA FOR MORE INFO

Bon Voyage, Lisa!

Retirement Party!

LISA DI MARCO

Let's toast our beloved French and Italian teacher who now embarks on her next adventure!

JUNE 22, 2026
4PM - 6PM - THE GILLNETTER PUB

\$15 for appies or \$35 for appies & a gift for Lisa

YOU'RE INVITED!

After many years serving CTA members, CTA President Ken Christensen is officially shifting into a higher gear - retirement!

JUNE 11, 2026
4:30 - 7:30 PM
PORT MOODY LEGION

Please RSVP by Fri, May 22, 2026.

DAVE?: REACHING NEW HEIGHTS!
It's time for a new challenge...

Dave Sands & Dave Truss

Let's celebrate their retirements!

Please RSVP by May 15th
Click HERE to RSVP

Thu May 28th
Old Mill Boathouse,
Port Moody
4pm - 7pm

Gift only = \$20
Party + Gift = \$50
e-transfer to yfar78@gmail.com

LIFE'S A BEACH, ENJOY THE WAVES!

Lauren Oliver's Retirement Party

Please join Lauren Oliver - also known as Mama O - as she celebrates retirement with loved ones and all those who have been part of her teaching adventure. Let's gather, share some laughs, and send her off in style! If you would like to attend please email ccastro@sd43.bc.ca for details about the party and gifts.

June 10th 4:30 PM
River Springs Clubhouse
1950 Lodge Dr., Coquitlam, BC
V3E 1B3

NO SCIENCE TEACHER ON DUTY

SHERRI HUGHES

MIKE BALDUS

Mike and Sherri have left the building! Come raise a glass to these two legendary science teachers.

Date: Tuesday, June 23rd 3:00pm (until late)
Location: Trainwreck Brewing (3044 St Johns St., Port Moody)

No gifts, no speeches, just drop in to say goodbye.

RSVP

Don Gordon is heading into hibernation!

WHEN JUNE 23RD, 2026
FROM 3:30 - 6:30 PM

WHERE BALLROOM, LEGION POCO

PLEASE RSVP BY JUNE 10TH

PARTY AND GIFT \$35 GIFT ONLY \$20

Click here to RSVP/Contribute

AFTER 30 YEARS IN OUR DISTRICT, DON IS READY TO HEAD OFF INTO HIBERNATION TO ENJOY TIME WITH HIS LOVELY FAMILY, TAKE ON NEW CRAFTS, AND MAYBE EVEN RELAX.

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE REMARKABLE CAREERS OF

Lori Hetherington & Maxine Vance

Thursday at 3:30 | June 2026

Port Moody Legion Club 119
2529 Clarke St.

Cost: \$40 (appetizers + gift) | \$20 (gift only)
RSVP: Karen Nowak by June 5th
Payment: E-transfer to knowak@sd43.bc.ca

Kerry Lockwood is Retiring!

Join us in celebrating Kerry's amazing career

Tuesday, June 23
Pintree Secondary Library
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

\$35 includes appetizers, light refreshments and a donation to the Terry Fox Foundation

Please pay online by June 1st. Your payment will confirm your attendance. Scan the QR code below or click on the link to pay.

<https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com/Retiree/Details/1762027508/Paid?View>

P.S. If you have a photo of Kerry you'd like to share, or if you would like to share a story or send a game, please contact Vanessa Martins at vanmartins@sd43.bc.ca

Jens Preshaw is Retiring!
Places to explore and photograph



Jens taught at Seaview, Lincoln, Glenayre, and Lord Baden-Powell

In lieu of a gift please consider a donation to Pacific Wild at: <https://pacificwild.org/>

You can message Jens at jpresaw@sd43.bc.ca

Michelle Watkins is retiring

Congratulations to Michelle Watkins on her retirement after 36 fantastic years in the district! She's officially trading in school bells for garden beds, with travel plans, family time, and a whole lot of well-earned relaxing ahead.

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES



School District Advisory Committees

- District Student Services** - Currently Full
- District Student Achievement** - 2 Elem. Reps
- District Student Wellness & Safety** - Currently Full
- District French Committee** - 1 CTA Rep
- District Education Technology** - Currently Full
- District Accessibility Committee** - Currently Full
- District Anti-Racism Committee** - Currently Full



New Westminister and District Labour Council

4 CTA Representatives

Teachers interested in any of these committees should go to our website or [click here](#) for a curriculum vitae form and submit it to the CTA Office (corbeyhj@cta43.org). If you have questions, call the CTA Office at 604-936-9971.

Standing Committees

CTA Negotiations Committee

- 6 Members at Large
- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black
- 1 Member who identifies as a Person of Colour

CTA Adult Education Committee

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

CTA Policy and Procedure Committee

- 1 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 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 CTA Rep.

CTA BIPOC Educators' Committee

For more information, please email [Anna Razzell](mailto:Anna.Razzell).

CTA PD Committee

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

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

- 6 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)

- 2 Secondary Reps, 1 Middle Rep, 3 Elementary Reps,
- 1 Member-at-Large
- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour



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Please use the links to contact the officer or staff member best able to help you.

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CTA Website Access

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**



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TTY: 1-888-384-1152

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604-689-1717

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