

Monday Memo

Recognition of Aboriginal Territory

The STA acknowledges that we work on the traditional and unceded territories of the Kwantlen, Katzie, Semiahmoo, and Qayqayt First Nations. We thank them for allowing us to work on this territory.

Upcoming Dates

FEBRUARY

- 14 [Women's Memorial March](#)

- 18 Family Day

- 19 [Labour Affairs Film Night](#)

- 20 STARA Meeting

- 21 BCTF AGM Delegates Training

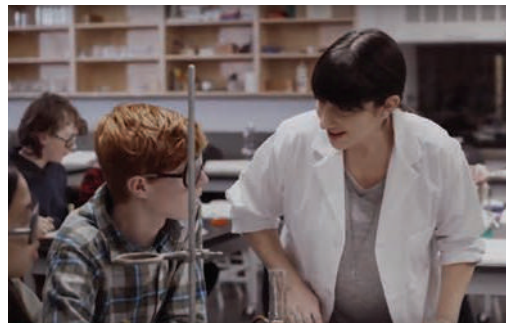
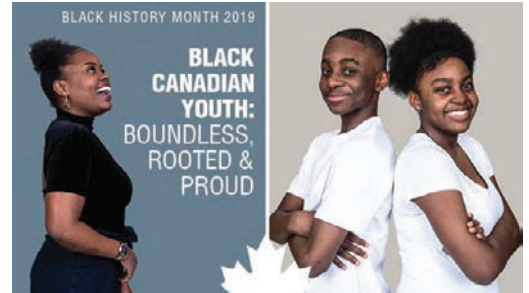
- 22 [Focus Day: Igniting Minds](#)

- 27 Pink Shirt Day
[STA Wellness Event](#)

- 28 BCTF AGM Delegates Training

February is Black History Month!

February is [Black History Month](#), and we teachers can focus on the contributions of Afro-Canadians and reflect on the reality of historical and current discriminations against African Canadians in our society. The BCTF CASJ Anti-Racism Committee has created a [page full of resources and information](#) for you to use in your practice. You can also check out the [Government of Canada's website](#) for more anti-racism and anti-discrimination resources and videos.



Our Kids and Their Teachers: Worth Investing In!

Last weekend, the BCTF unveiled our newest ad at the BCTF Representative Assembly. Soon after, the ad popped up on televisions, radios, and of course, computers and mobile devices, throughout BC. You can see and share the ad on [YouTube](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#). Use the hashtag #ItTakesATeacher on social media to showcase all the hard work teachers do.

Want an Update on BCTF Bargaining?

We can't share anything through our Monday Memo or on our social media outlets as bargaining information is strictly confidential. As such, the only way to get updates are at STA meetings, or through the [BCTF member portal](#). In fact, the first bargaining update has already been posted in the BCTF member portal!

Not sure how to get into the member portal? All you need is your member ID number and password. If you have never signed in before, you can click on "sign up now" and use your employee number.

LAC FILM NIGHT FEATURING WALMART: THE HIGH COST OF LOW PRICE

3:30 pm - 6:00 pm • February 19, 2019 • STA Office (9030 King George Blvd.)



Please join the Labour Affairs Committee of the STA in another of our exciting Film/Dinner Nights!! Our feature film this time will be Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price. This evening will be filled with lively discussion with friends & colleagues and delightful Mexican dinner. Free for STA members, non-member \$15.

Register at: LACfilmnight-feb2019.eventbrite.com

Watch the trailer: https://youtu.be/mlaqnq5_vcQ

STA Presidents Project

The STA is doing a project to honour our STA history and the past presidents of the STA. The [BC Labour Heritage Centre](#) is helping with the Presidents Project. We are looking for photographs of former presidents in their role as leaders of the STA and anecdotes about special events that occurred during their presidency. If you have any photos that you would like to share with the STA, please send them to the STA courier #000 attention K. Kilbride or email them to communications@surreyteachers.org. Please attach a note to your photo giving the date and the name of the president. Photos will be returned upon request, please note if you would like your photo returned and where you would like it returned.

We would also like to receive historical copies of the STA Bulletin for our archives. If you have copies of STA Bulletins that the STA can keep, please send them to the STA via courier #000.

We would like to thank members who contribute to the project by entering names in a prize draw. While we can't do an all expenses paid trip, to a far-off land, we do have some small "historical prizes".

School Visits – We Want To Visit All Our Members!

As you probably know, we do regular lunch visits throughout the school year to give all STA members a chance to meet their union officers, ask questions, and feel connected to their union. We have already visited 54 schools in the fall, and have 10 more already booked in February. If your school would like a visit, please contact Julia at 1vp@surreyteachers.org to suggest a date, and we will book a table officer to visit you. Teachers have questions about bargaining, strategy, the transfer rounds, remedy, supervision, lost prep time, professional development, professional rights, and many other topics, and we want to answer them, and let members get to know us better.

One Billion Rising



This year the NEVR (Network to End Violence in Relationships) "One Billion Rising" event, co-sponsored by members Mustang Justice and Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU), will take place on February 21st from 12:30 pm to 3 pm at LA Matheson Secondary School (9484 122 St, Surrey, BC). [One Billion Rising](#) is the biggest mass action to end violence against women in human history. The campaign, launched on Valentine's Day 2012, began as a call to action based on the staggering statistic that 1 in 3 women on the planet will be beaten or raped during her lifetime. With the world population at 7 billion, this adds up to more than ONE BILLION WOMEN AND GIRLS." In attendance will be over 200 students plus members of the public. Please email Annie Ohana at ohana_a@surreyschools.ca for more information.

STA CONVENTION 2019



Can You Help with Primary, Intermediate Sites or Excursions?

The STA Convention is the largest professional development event in the province that is put on by teachers for teachers, and we need you! There are currently vacancies for two members each on the Primary and Intermediate sub-committees and one member on the Excursions sub-committee. If you are interested in helping to organize a great convention, please complete the [STA Committee Curriculum Vitae Form](#) and return it to June James, STA Pro-D Officer.

Do You Do Great Things in Your Classroom? Share Them at Convention!

We know Surrey teachers are doing great work with their students and the Convention website is now open for workshop proposals. If you have a great idea you would like to share with your colleagues, please [submit your proposal](#).

WELLNESS EVENT ON FEBRUARY 27

The STA Status of Women Committee will be hosting another wellness event at Beecher Place on Crescent Beach after school on Wednesday, February 27. If you have been to one of our wellness events in the past, then you know this is an event you do not want to miss!

Our wellness event coincides with the Day of Pink this month, so make sure to don your pink and come visit us by the beach!

Wednesday, February 27, 2019
3:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Beecher Place (near Crescent Beach)

Please join us by registering at the following link:
<https://wellnessevent-feb2019.eventbrite.ca>



surrey teachers' association

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019

TEACHING FOR JOY AND JUSTICE

A CROSS BORDER
SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE
FOR BC, WA, AND OR TEACHERS

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW](#)

www.crossborderconference.com



Cross Border Conference: Teaching for Joy and Justice

Registration is now open for the 2019 Cross Border Conference! **The first 200 people to register will have their names entered into a draw for the chance to win their registration fees back!** Also, if you have not used your pro-d funds yet for the school year, you can use them to cover the cost of the registration fee, making it **free** for you! We are looking forward to coming together to hear our keynote, to dance at our "play note" (featuring Queer as Funk), to participate in social justice workshops, and to network with each other. Teachers from British Columbia, Oregon, and Washington will come together to connect across borders in this second cross border social justice conference. Dinner will be provided. So bring your friends and colleagues! Come! Learn! Eat! Connect! Dance!

The Effects of the Teachers' Pension Plan Changes

There have been some recent changes to the Teachers' Pension Plan (TPP). Curious on what this means for you? One way to see the difference is to compare the amount of pension received using the Old Plan rules to the amount of pension received using the New Plan. Here are some [samples](#).

Open School BC Math Videos Project

The BCTF is looking for 10 secondary school teachers of mathematics, history of mathematics, and computer science willing to participate as BCTF representatives in the Open School BC Math Videos Project. The goal of the project is to produce up to five videos with matching lesson/activity plans. These videos will be hosted on an Open School BC web page and will be linked from the Ministry of Education curriculum website. Deadline for [applications](#) is **Friday, February 15, 2019, at 5:00 pm**.

Ministry of Education Language Template Update

The BCTF is seeking 4 members to participate as Federation representatives on a Ministry of Education committee tasked to update the Ministry Language Template that will further support language learning opportunities in the province. The Ministry will be assembling a small team of teachers to update the language template for use at Grades 5–12. In addition, the Ministry will be seeking advice from the team on processes for use, review, and revision of the Language Template. Deadline for [applications](#) is **Friday, February 15, 2019, at 5:00 pm**.

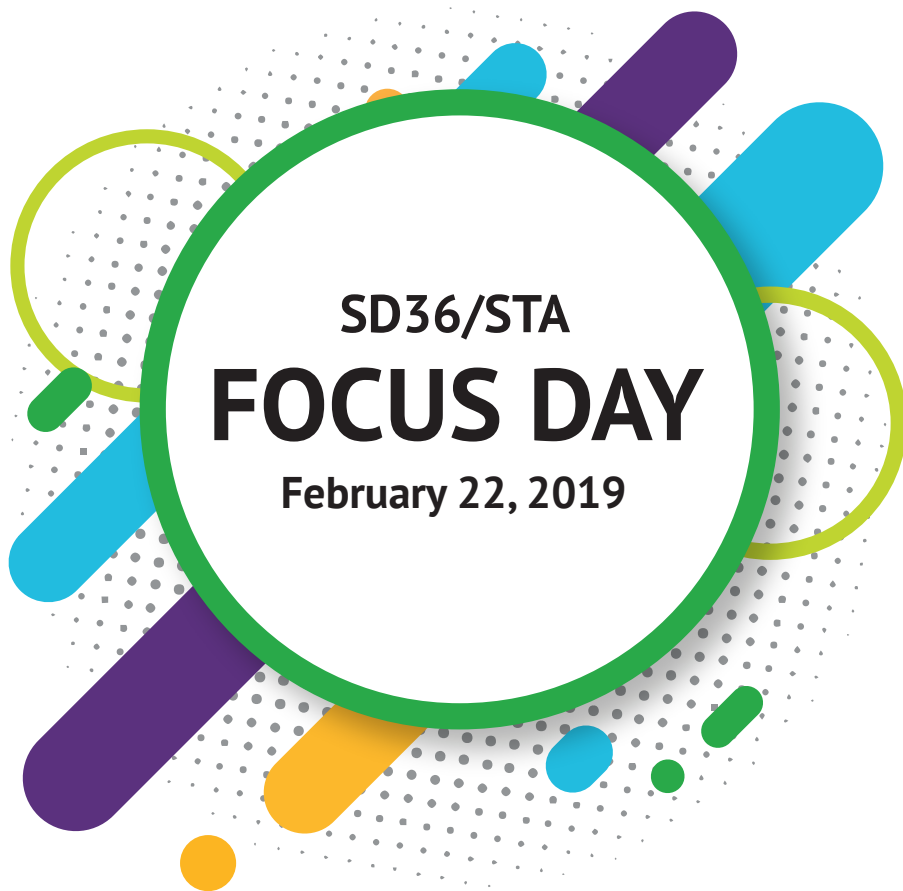


Teaching Labour History: Making Connections

Free conference taking place on February 15 at Vancouver Technical Secondary School. [Registration](#) is limited to 100 people. Pro-d funding may be available for the cost of TTOC's. Contact June James at pd@surreyteachers.org for information.

BCAEA Challenge and Change Conference 2019

Registration for the 2019 conference is now live. The registration fee for the conference has also been reduced by \$25 this year! The BC Alternate Education Association is excited to present yet another amazing line up of sessions. The conference takes place February 14 and 15 in Vancouver.



SD36/STA FOCUS DAY February 22, 2019

NORTH SURREY SECONDARY
15945 – 96TH AVENUE
8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

REGISTER: WWW.SURREYFOCUSDAY.CA

WORKSHOPS

Raising Socially Responsible and Caring Students
Colleen Drobot, Neufeld Institute

Exploration of Sound, Music and Movement
Dr. Annabella Cant

Meanfully Integrating Virtual and Augmented Reality in Social Studies
Corrine Penner and Jonathan Nilson

What the Heck is Rekenrek?
Stephanie Turner

Marking Up the Wrong Tree: Conversations about teaching, assessment, and reporting
Kelli O'Malley

Nurturing Language With Non-Fiction Picture Books
Courtney Jones and Ginny Tambre

Science & Literacy – A Mixture that Works!
Karen Coumont and Celine Feazel

Sixties Scoop
Davita Marsden

SURREY ENGLISH TEACHERS ASSOCIATION SUMMIT

Reading & Making Surrey Literature
Kyle McKillop

A Gradeless Classroom
Amrita Kalsi

Making Sense of the Proficiency Scale
Angela Kailley and Shenny Nanji

and more!

THEME: “IGNITING MINDS”

KEYNOTE

IGNITING MINDS

How is information turned into knowledge? Under what conditions do people learn? What is the role of education in the development of societies? What kind of teaching fosters critical thinking and problem solving? This presentation is about the relationship between agency and education. It considers the power of education to transform individuals, their communities, and ultimately, whole societies. From the magic inherent in the moment when a child learns to read to the power of literature to bring hope during the darkest moments in our history, Lauryn delivers an enthusiastic ode to learning, and in particular, to the pivotal role of teachers in igniting young minds.

DR. LAURYN OATES



Lauryn is a fierce proponent of the universalism of human rights, and frequently speaks out for global citizenship in the Canadian and international media. She is the recipient of several awards and distinctions, including a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal awarded by the province of BC.

In 2008, The Globe & Mail named Lauryn as the first of Ten Canadians to Watch in 2009. She holds a BA in international development (McGill University), an MA in human security (Royal Roads University) and a PhD in language and literacy education (University of British Columbia). She has taught graduate students at the School of Humanitarian Studies at Royal Roads University since 2014.

Crosscurrents Conference 2019

Attend this year's 44th annual Crosscurrents Conference hosted by the Teachers of Inclusive Education (TIE-BC). Keynote speaker Dr. Ross Greene will discuss the key themes of the Collaborative and Proactive Solutions (CPS) Model and transforming discipline in the school system.

Date: February 21–22, 2019

Place: Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel (7551 Westminister Highway, Richmond, BC)

Register here: www.tiebcbrochure.com/register.html

Engineering for Your Classroom

Join UBC Geering Up Engineering and Science for Kids to test out three engineering activities that you can use in your Grade 4–7 classrooms to help create the connection between science and society. Available May 6 - June 11, contact workshops@geeringup.ca for more info.

Social Emotional Learning for Teachers

On February 15, join Grow Your Roots Training as we educate and empower teachers to build mind-body awareness and provide valuable tools to deal with common behavioural issues in the classroom, as well as strategies to reduce stress and fatigue in teachers. Register at hello@growyourroots.ca.

Shout Out!

We are so proud to be Surrey Teachers and we know there are amazing things happening around the district that we would love to hear about. In the spirit of acts of kindness, we would love for our members to send us a "shout out" about a colleague who inspires you and who you think deserves recognition, whether it is for their kindness, a great resource they shared recently, or an awesome lesson they teach.

This week's shout out is from Katerina Bardouniotis to Analee Griffin:

"I would like to give a big shout out to Analee Griffin. She is such a kind hearted and caring person, and is lovely to work with. Her students are very lucky to have her as their teacher here at École Riverdale. Her positivity is inspiring!"

Thank you Katerina, you and Analee are now entered into our monthly draw for a \$25 Indigo! gift certificate. Please submit your "shout outs" to Angela via communications@surreyteachers.org to spread the kindness around our local and for your chance to win a gift card too!

CIVIX

CIVIX Democracy Bootcamp 2019 will engage 125 teachers from throughout British Columbia and will take place in Vancouver at the Morris J. Wosk Centre on Thursday, February 21, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and on **Friday, February 22, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** CIVIX will cover transportation costs (for teachers outside of Metro Vancouver), shared accommodation at the Delta Vancouver Suites (for teachers outside of the City of Vancouver), and meals at the event. CIVIX will also cover TTOC costs for those who need it. Priority will be given to teachers who have not attended a Democracy Bootcamp event previously and/or teachers who are new to Student Vote. To apply, click [here](#).

REACH OUT!

Reach us by phone at 604-594-5353 or via email at sta@surreyteachers.org.

Please do not hesitate to contact the STA office whenever you have a question or concern. We cannot emphasize enough the importance of getting advice from your Union on any employment related issue, even if it's only to confirm information you've received from another source.

SURREY PRIMARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 2019

3:30 – 5:00 P.M.

HILLCREST ELEMENTARY
18599 65 AVENUE, SURREY

Presenter: Renuka Senaratne

From a young age, children are taught to be safe on the playground, when riding a bike and playing near water. Children need to be taught how to be safe when using digital media.

This workshop will:

- present information about why teaching Digital Citizenship is important.
- introduce how to teach Digital Citizenship in the primary grades.
- give an overview of some learning resources and children's literature available to teach Digital Citizenship.
- offer activities that you can take away to use in your class.

Register at www.spta36.weebly.com



This workshop will focus on tips and ideas for teachers to teach their students how to make good choices when using digital media.

Snacks, refreshments, and door prizes included.

SPTA Members: Free

Non-members and out-of-district: \$10

Please make cheques payable to: SPTA Send to Sylvie Afial @ Courier #117