

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

- 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 20 is World Day of Social Justice, where we recognize our commitment to social action and promote equal rights and opportunities for students in classrooms and teachers in the workplace. [Imagineaction](#) is social justice program created by the Canadian Teachers' Federation, filled with lesson plans and teacher resources you can use. You can also check out [#WorldDayofSocialJustice](#) on Twitter!

Cross Border Conference: Come and Join us at North Surrey on March 2nd

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!



SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019

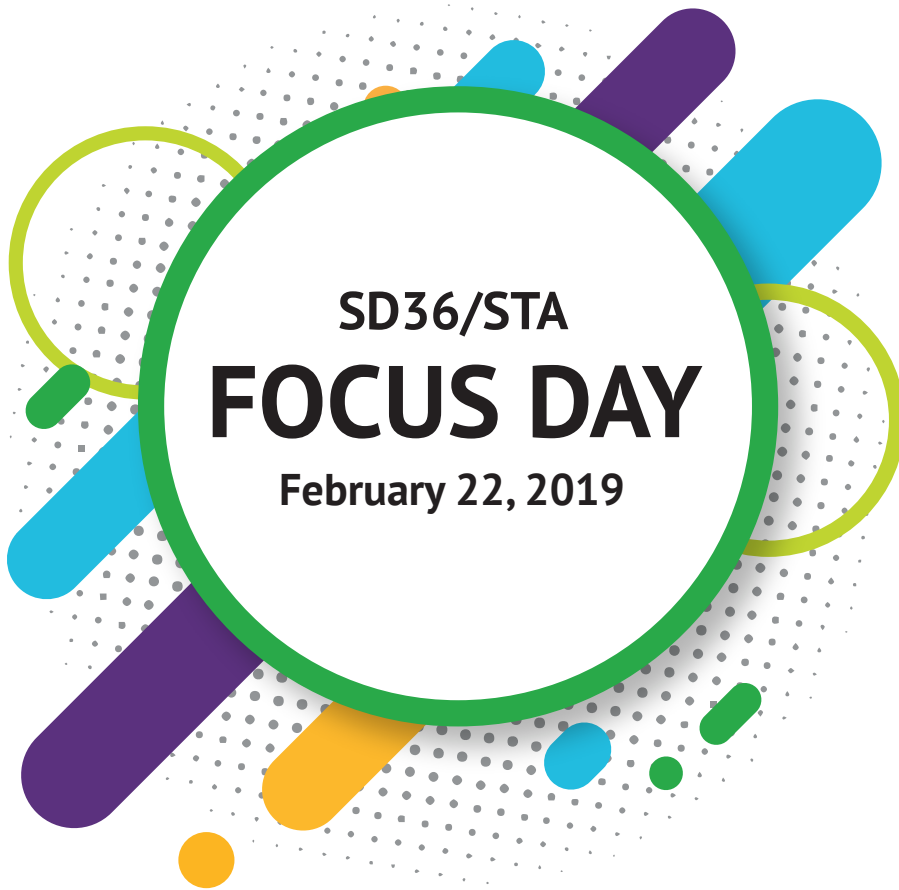
TEACHING FOR JOY AND JUSTICE

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

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW](#)

www.crossborderconference.com





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.

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

Meaningfully 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!

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".



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.

BC Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Awards

On March 21, International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Government of BC will recognize the outstanding citizens who are promoting multiculturalism and anti-racism. You are encouraged to nominate champions whose exceptional work in their communities promotes inclusion and reduces barriers, to allow everyone to participate fully in the social, economic, cultural and political life of the province.

[Nominations are open](#) until **February 22, 2019**, in four categories: individual, organization, youth, and business. The youth category will include a \$5,000 award to a non-profit organization of the recipient's choosing.

NEB Decision Day of Action: No Trudeau Pipeline Expansion!



On Friday, February 22 from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm there will be a [march](#) organized by [Climate Convergence](#) starting from the National Energy Board (NEB) Vancouver Office (800 Burrard St @ Robson St.) and ending at the CBC Building (700 Hamilton @ Georgia), concluding with a rally. According to the world's climate scientists, we only have 12 years to reduce carbon emissions and save ourselves from facing catastrophic consequences. February 22 is the deadline for the NEB's report on its review of the marine impact of the Trans Mountain Expansion Pipeline. Surrey teachers are planning to go and stand together in solidarity, demanding a better future for ourselves and our children.

Wellness Event

The STA Status of Women Committee will be hosting another wellness event at Beecher Place on Crescent Beach after school on Wednesday, February 27 from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm. 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!

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

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](#).

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.

Call for Proposals: UBC IOP Conference

The UBC Faculty of Education is inviting educators to submit a proposal to present at the 22nd Annual Investigating Our Practices IOP Conference, taking place on Saturday, May 4, 2019. The theme of the 2019 IOP Conference is Being in the World as an Educator, including the following sub-themes: assessment and reporting practices, new curriculum practices, inclusive education practices, mentoring practices, mental health, into teaching learning, practicing teacher research, inquiry as a method of teaching, including Indigenous education practices, social and emotional learning, and student learning. Practicing education professionals and students will come together to share their questions, investigations, and understandings about their practice.

The online [Call for Proposals](#) is now open, and closes on Sunday, March 3, 2019. Proposals are invited in three formats:

- Submit a proposal for an individual or group session: challenging, relevant, interactive presentations that showcase how you have been investigating some dimension of the teaching practice. Session time should be divided equally between provoking discussion by providing access to your understandings, and providing opportunity for others to discuss your conclusions.
- Host a roundtable discussion: you have a critical question you would like to discuss with other practitioners and you are willing to initiate and moderate a conversation, perhaps based on your own experience or research.
- Prepare a poster session: ideal for the visual presentation of research results, a program of research, or research activities of a group.

Race Rocks Live

On Tuesday, February 26, join a live stream from Race Rocks, an ecological reserve located off Southern Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Students will hear traditional stories from the T'Sou-ke Nation, learn about our interconnected relationships with our environment, effects of underwater noise and current research on how to reduce impacts.

On Friday March 1st, join a live stream from the Steller sea lion enclosure at the Vancouver Aquarium. Students will connect in real-time with the Marine Mammal Rescue & Rehabilitation team to explore the impacts of ocean plastics and sea lion entanglement, getting a behind-the-scenes look at where they rescue 100 animals per year.



These live presentations are recommended for grades 3-6.
Cost: \$20/class or \$225/school

Includes:

- Access to a series of live shows in English (4) and French (2)
 - o Coast Salish People's Connections Between Land and Sea
 - o Underwater Acoustics
 - o Ocean Plastics and Entanglement
- Pre- and post- educational resources

[Click here to register](#)

Opportunity for Students: Imagine A Canada

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) is asking for students (K-12) to lead in reconciliation and share their vision for how we can make the future of Canada a more respectful place. This can be in the form of a poem, song, painting, sculpture, rap, drawing, essay, anything! The NCTR also has an Imagine a Canada [teachers guide](#) to help teach about reconciliation. The deadline for art submissions is **March 1, 2019**. One student from each province and territory, whose art represents Reconciliation in Canada, will be invited as Reconciliation Ambassadors to the National Leadership Workshop and Ceremony celebrating Reconciliation.

BCTF New Teachers' Conferences

[Registration is now open](#) for the BCTF New Teachers Conferences "Gaining Ground: New Teachers Together Leading the Way!" If you have been teaching for 5 years or less, or if you changed districts, or if you are teaching a new subject matter, or if you are a teacher candidate at a Faculty of Education, or even if you just simply would like to attend... you are all welcome to the New Teachers' Conferences!

School Garden Ecology Workshop

On February 22, take the opportunity to explore how to grow a school garden in concert with nature. Instruction will include hands-on activities, group work, and exploration of the garden. This workshop is appropriate for K-12 teachers. Register at <https://is.gd/yFRKeo>

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 Westminster Highway, Richmond, BC)
Register here:
www.tiecbrochure.com/register.html

My Name Was January



"January Marie Lapuz was a transgender woman of colour who was murdered in September 2012 in New Westminster, British Columbia. She was an advocate for trans rights and was known as the "bright light" among Vancouver's LGBTQ community. This documentary feature film is a celebration of January's life, among other trans women of colour. This film is about remembering the impact that January had on the lives of everyone she encountered."

The Metro Vancouver Premiere of the multiple international award-winning local indie doc, My Name Was January, will be held at SFU Surrey in the Westminster Savings Lecture Theatre (Room 2600) on Thursday, February 28, 2019. This is a [free event](#) which includes a screening and panel discussion of the documentary. Doors Open at 6 pm, reception to follow.

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.

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 Jennifer Macgregor to Keri Fleming:

"I would like to give a shout out to Keri Fleming. Not only is she an amazing Teacher Librarian, she also arrives at Bayridge before the crack of dawn. She does so many tasks around the school from salting the walkways and filling the Keurig machine to reorganizing the science room and building contraptions for students to play with. She is a wealth of information and resources and we are so fortunate to have her on our team."

Thank you Jennifer, you and Keri 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 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