



STA Connection
October 7-11, 2019

New BCTF Bargaining Update!

A new bargaining update has been posted on the [MyBCTF portal](#). Mediation has entered a new phase and all of the details are in the [update](#). This information is confidential and not to be shared online, on social media, or with anyone who is not a BCTF member.

Are you an elementary or secondary teacher of English Language Arts?

Come out and join the Surrey English Teachers' Association on Tuesday, October 22 between 4:00-5:30 at DEC in room 4150. Enjoy some networking with colleagues while sharing and collaborating. Our October HIVE theme is TRANSITIONS. We can't wait to see you!

Rookie Staff Rep Training on October 16th



Rookie staff reps! We have added another day of training for you who didn't get a chance to attend the first one. Please register now for Oct 16th.

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Opportunity for Members: STA Committees

Committee elections will be occurring at upcoming STARA meeting on Wednesday, October 23. Check out [Standing Committees Vacancies](#).

- If you are interested in putting your name forward, please let Julia know at 1vp@surreyteachers.org. It is helpful to have the nominations in advance.
- If you want to know more about what the different committees do, or who is already on the committees, please consult our website or give us a call at (604) 594-5353.

Calling all Union Troublemakers!

The STA would like to send some Surrey teachers to hone their activist skills! If you are interested in a unique opportunity to learn some campaign methods from some union brothers and sisters south of the border, please feel invited to attend the first ever Labor Notes Trouble Makers school in Vancouver. We have set aside funding for 20 attendees. Check out this website <https://www.labornotes.org/vancouver> for more information, and let Julia know by email to 1vp@surreyteachers.org that you would like to attend. The event is on October 26, 2019.



October 29th is the day when we will be hosting our popular new teachers' conference here at the STA. If you are a new teacher (first or second year, not just new to the district!) you haven't already attended this last year) please feel invited to sign up to attend. It is so great to meet our new colleagues to welcome them to the profession. The teachers will receive a series of orientations throughout the day to various aspects of the services the union offers them, and the rights they can assert.

We review topics such as preparing for your first year evaluation, how to understand your paycheque, Pro D opportunities, and legal pitfalls for teachers. You will be inducted into the provincial union; each teacher will receive a certificate and a pin. Sign up for our New Teachers Conference now! We want to offer this to as many as new teachers as possible, and may rent a larger venue if we have enthusiastic registration numbers!

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STA Mediation Service

Your STA Executive Committee will appoint up to 2 Surrey teachers to the STA Mediation Service. Successful applicants are appointed for a three-year renewable term. Release time will be provided to attending training in conflict resolution and mediation, as well as to conduct mediation sessions.

More information about the service can be found [here](#). Teachers can apply using the [STA Curriculum Vitae form](#).

Employment Opportunity at the BCTF

There is an opening for the full-time continuing position of Director of the Income Security Division at the BCTF. The deadline for applications is 5:00 pm, October 31, 2019. The full [posting](#) can be found on the [Employment Opportunities](#) page.



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Vancouver Writers Fest

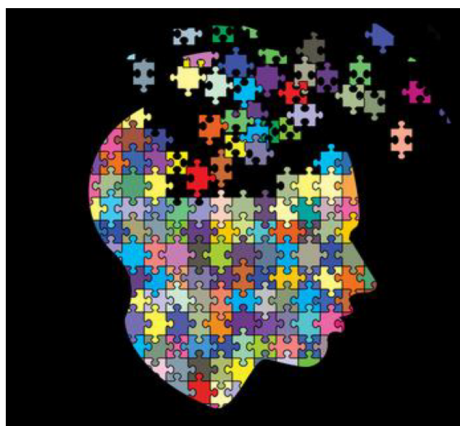
The Vancouver Writers Fest runs from October 22-26 at Granville Island and other venues around the city. This year's festival has a strong thread of Indigenous programming including [Educating with the Witness Blanket](#) and [Voices for Change](#). Many teachers take advantage of the festival offerings for their own professional development on the province-wide PD day. Other teachers choose to bring their students on field trips. Tickets cost \$10 each for students, teachers, and other adults accompanying school groups. Some ticket and travel subsidies are available for schools in need. Please email info@writersfest.bc.ca for more information. The Writers in the Classroom program also offers opportunities to book an author visit to your school. Please contact outreach coordinator Leena Desai: ldesai@writersfest.bc.ca.

Finalized Core Competencies now online

The Core Competencies have been finalized by the Ministry of Education. All materials are now available on the [Ministry curriculum website](#). French translations, a searchable database for illustrations, and print resources will be added later this year.

Student Vote

Have you signed up your class for Student Vote? [Student Vote](#) is a free program that provides educators with lesson plans, slideshows, and videos to help you teach about the upcoming federal election and give students the experience of voting and learning what it means to be an active and informed citizen.



SURREY PRIMARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

NUMBER SENSE ROUTINES FOR K-3

(THIS IS A REPEAT WORKSHOP FROM LAST YEAR)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2019

3:45 – 5:00 P.M.

HAZELGROVE ELEMENTARY

ROOM 201 (UPSTAIRS)

7057 191ST STREET, SURREY

Presenter : Stephanie Turner

Come and learn some short/quick warm ups (5-10 min) that are deep in math, and will promote rich discussion and metacognition among students. High tech and low tech ideas to get students pumped up, alert and ready to succeed in Math.

Like every other challenge we take on, we need to warm up the left side of our brains to prepare for mathematical processing.

Many examples of math warm ups that you can start in your classroom the next day.

Snacks, refreshments, and door prizes included.

SPTA Members:
Free

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

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Register:
www.spta36.weebly.com/workshops

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Hear My Voice

The Canadian Teachers' Federation has created a [website](#) containing some really fabulous materials related to the upcoming Federal Election. The site includes issues that concern Canadian educators, shareable content, talking points, and printable "I Teach, I Vote" doorhangers.

Provincial Pro-D MATH Workshop on Friday October 25, 2019

How to Teach 25 Levels of MATH with Grade 1 to 6 Kidlets!!! Tried and True Methods to Successfully Manage Many, Many, Many Levels of Math Learners!

This four-hour, 9:30 to 1:30 workshop is for elementary teachers, including TOCs, pre-service teachers and learning support workers at the SFU Surrey Campus, located in the Central City Shopping Center, 250-13450 102 Ave, Surrey, BC V3T 0A3.

Cost: \$100.00 for elementary school teachers, pre-service teachers and learning support workers. Allowances will be made for non-funded professionals.

Details, information and pre-registration at kelliebuis@gmail.com

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 Kiran Aujlay to Sanjeev Hundal:

“Sanjeev Hundal is, hands down, the hardest working Staff Rep I know. He has worked tirelessly to ensure that our staff has a voice in school decisions and has been an incredible advocate during challenging times. He regularly checks in with staff to make sure we are able to do our jobs in a positive, supportive work environment. Being a staff rep is not an easy job, but Sanjeev takes things in stride, and he deserves the recognition for all of his efforts!”

Thank you Kiran, you and Sanjeev 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!



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CATALYST CONFERENCE

CONVERGENCE: BRINGING PERSPECTIVES TOGETHER

OCTOBER 25, 2019

@STEVESTON-LONDON SECONDARY SCHOOL

Awesome Workshops Options:

- STEM
- Inquiry
- Design Thinking
- Innovative instruction
- Computational Thinking
- First Nations Education
- Argument Driven Inquiry
- Adventures in DIY Science
- Many popular presenters
- Elementary, Junior & Senior strands
- And many more...

**Dinner @
Steveston
Seafood House**

Pre-Registration
Required
Special member
rate

KEYNOTE: JO CHRONA

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KITSUMKALUM FIRST NATION

-CURRICULUM MANAGER FIRST NATIONS
EDUCATION STEERING COMMITTEE

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