
Surrey teachers work on the unceded traditional territories of the Kwantlen, Katzie, Qayqayt and Semiahmoo First Nations. As part of meaningful reconciliation work, we reflect on the impacts of colonialism through self-education in order to be accountable to Indigenous people and pay attention to our students of Indigenous ancestry, providing them the tools for their success in the future. We are all on a path to learn more and understand the role of each of us as educators in healing the broken relationship with the First Peoples of this territory. We thank those who live on and care for the land.



STA Connection

June 14-18, 2021

Approaching the end of a year like no other

It has seemed like an especially long school year, hasn't it? Congratulations for making it through the hardest school year! Only a week of classes to go! Once again, we want to remind you to try not to do too much, to pace yourselves, to try to avoid stress so that you can enjoy the last days with your students and colleagues who are leaving for other schools or retiring. Obviously, this is easier said than done. There are always a myriad last-minute tasks at this time of year apart from also organizing graduation ceremonies, helping kids finish missing tasks, writing report cards and cleaning up your rooms. Whew! Hang on folks! You're almost there!

No place for hate in our schools

Pride month is an opportunity not just to celebrate, but to work against Homophobia, Biphobia, Queerphobia, Transphobia and all phobias against diverse sexual orientations and gender identities. As educators we all have a vital role to play in this work. SOGI resources and curriculum play an important role in creating supportive environments for children, but have also unfortunately become a focus of those opposed to this work.

As teachers and caring professionals, we must denounce discrimination in all its forms. The STA stands in solidarity with all our Queer and Trans members and students. It is important for us to take the time to reach out and let them know that they are welcome, loved and safe in our schools. [Read more](#)

About Round 3

Round 3 postings are not available for those who already have a position or posted into a position in Round 1 or 2. Round 3 positions however, are term specific and will be reposted the following year in Round 1. The exception to this is positions posted in Special Bulletins. This is in [threshold agreement](#). As well, contract teachers can internally transfer before Round 3 is submitted to HR. [Read more](#)

Consolidated Pro-D funds

The deadline for applying for Consolidated Pro-D funds is Friday, June 25. Consolidated Pro-D applications can be emailed to accounting@surreyteachers.org, or faxed to (604) 594-5176 for the approval process.

The deadline for use of the Consolidated Pro-D funds, as well as the 2020/21 school year Pro-D funds is September 15, 2021. [Read more](#)

Professional Services note



Here's a second video created by the STA Professional Services Officer to help members navigate stressful situations in our working days especially when we are beyond our capacity. This week's theme is Giving Grace.

Pro-D Day: Monday, September 27, 2021

We have booked a joint Pro-D event with the New Westminster Teachers' Association. We are very happy to be able to provide an opportunity for members to attend a virtual speaking engagement

with Myrna McCallum. [Register now](#) through EventBrite.



Special shout-out to all our school-site Staff Representatives who have taken the time to step away from their classrooms and to be the voice of the union by attending at least one Staff Rep Training this school year!

Just as the President and the Executive Committee are the head of the union, and the general membership is the heart, the school union representatives are the legs of the union. No policy, action plan, or communication vehicle will be brought to life in a school without the site-level knowledge and analysis of school union representatives. We want to acknowledge you and give our deepest gratitude for your service and support. Thank you stepping up!

“Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely of words. Gratitude is shown in acts.” — Henri Frederic Amiel

On behalf of the STA, we would like to extend our appreciation for your labours – we are entering all names of Staff Representative attendees (see attached document for the full list) into a draw for ten \$25.00 gift cards. Good luck!



Don't Miss Out - Status of Women Wellness Giveaway!



The STA Status of Women Committee was very disappointed not to be able to host our usual wellness events throughout this past year. Instead, we shared many different resources with you through the STA Connection, and we went virtual, connecting with you through knitting nights, dance classes, guided meditations, and painting zooms!

We are hoping that next year we will be able to go back to in-person wellness events. In the meantime, we would like to gift a 1-year premium subscription to the Calm App for you to enjoy. [Submit your name](#) into the draw here. You can visit www.calm.com Deadline for submitting your name for the draw is Monday, June 21 at 12:30 pm.

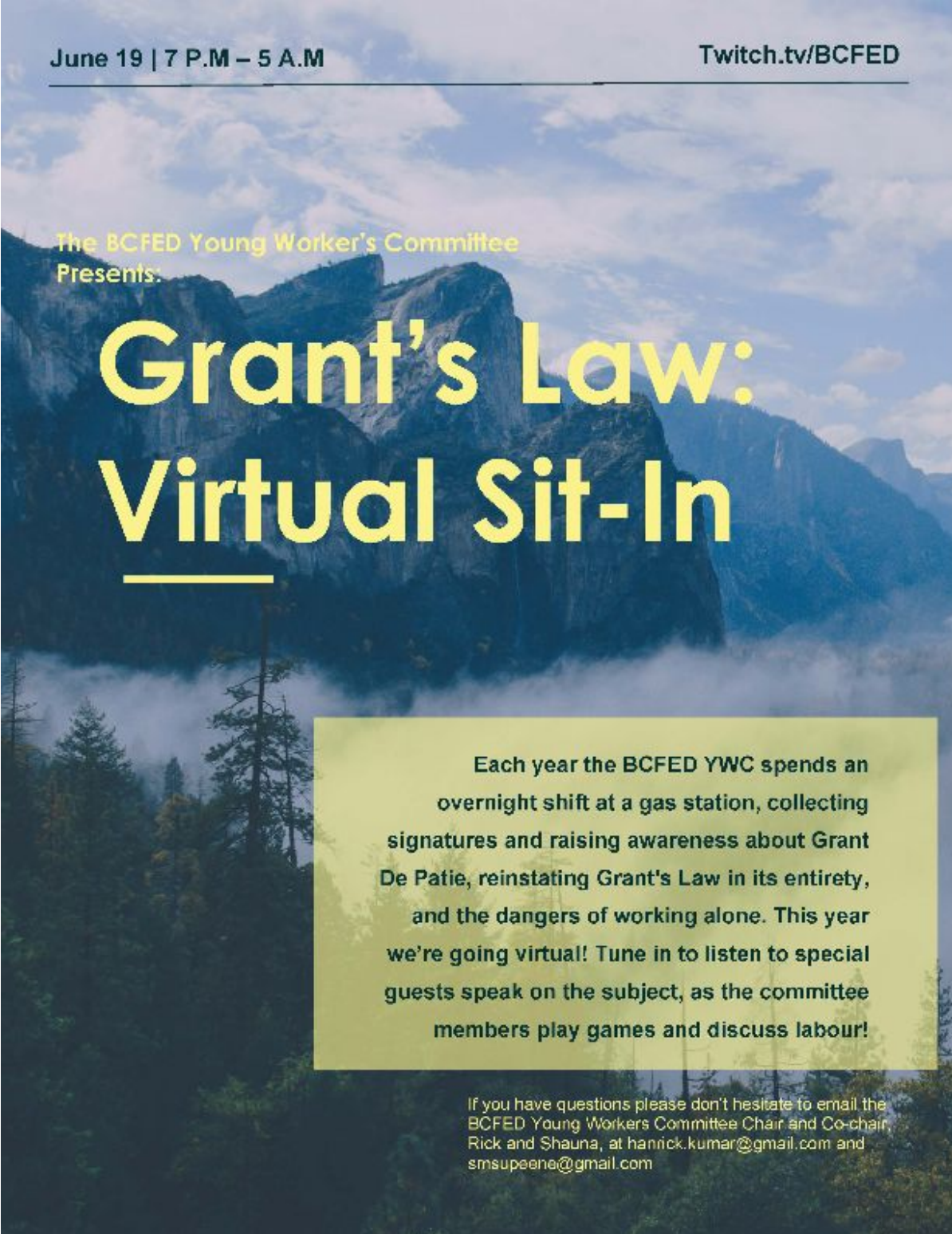


New Teachers' Zoom Gathering

The BCTF will host its last New Teachers' Zoom Gathering (NTZG) on Wednesday June 23, 2021. Last fall, we were shocked by a video of a Trans student being physically assaulted on school property in BC. This last NTZG will give new teachers an opportunity to reflect and share thoughts and concrete ways to make our schools and classrooms welcoming places for all children. Two of our members, Alex Perl and Eliot Fox-Povey, will facilitate the conversation with our newer

members.

Please, spread the news! This free event will take place from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. All teachers will less than 5 years of teaching experience are invited. We hope to see as many new teachers as possible attend this warm and informal gathering. [Register now!](#)



June 19 | 7 P.M – 5 A.M

Twitch.tv/BCFED

The BCFED Young Worker's Committee
Presents:

Grant's Law: Virtual Sit-In

Each year the BCFED YWC spends an overnight shift at a gas station, collecting signatures and raising awareness about Grant De Patie, reinstating Grant's Law in its entirety, and the dangers of working alone. This year we're going virtual! Tune in to listen to special guests speak on the subject, as the committee members play games and discuss labour!

If you have questions please don't hesitate to email the BCFED Young Workers Committee Chair and Co-chair, Rick and Shauna, at hannick.kumar@gmail.com and smsupeene@gmail.com

Grant De Patie was a young worker who on his first day of the job followed his employer's directions to collect the license plate of a gas-and-dash. Following these employer directions led

to his untimely and preventable death. While a law was passed to increase protections for vulnerable workers, lobbyists from major convenience stores and gas stations eventually had the government repeal many of the safety measures introduced by this law. The BC Federation of Labour Young Workers' Committee hosts a sit-in each year in person to ensure the full reinstatement of Grant's Law.

This year the committee will be [streaming for the 10 hours on Twitch with video and live presentations](#) from BCFED President Laird Cronk, Member of Parliament Peter Julian, Executive Members from the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees 891 and the BC Teachers' Federation, a special presentation of Alive After 5, and other guests.

Please join us on the June 19, 2021 to both support this event and sign our petition which we will release during the event. You are not obligated to stay for any length of time and any participation is welcomed.

If you have questions please don't hesitate to send a message to sta@surreyteachers.org.

The South Asian Studies Institute

in partnership with
Kwantlen Polytechnic University

South Asian Canadian Legacy Project
Presents

**Two short films on five
South Asian Canadian Provincial Historic Sites**



Join us on Zoom for a community discussion

<https://zoom.us/j/95154454917?pwd=Rm5KdTNNTy9qZWJ2QWZjWVdVTmZCQT09>

Meet the Filmmakers and Elected Officials

**Guest of honour Rachna Singh, Parliamentary Secretary for
Antiracism Initiatives & MLA, Surrey-Green Timbers**

TUESDAY JULY 13, 2021

1:00 PM-2:00 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: SASI@UFV.CA



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EVERY CHILD MATTERS



LITERARY & VISUAL ARTS CONTEST 2021



ART 4 PEACE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

**One World - One People
Global Peace Alliance(GPA)**

Email: info@peacealways.org
www.peacealways.org

*Every participant receives a Certificate of Appreciation

*Entry Deadline August 25th, 2021

*Winners(3 in each age group)also receive cash Prizes & Trophies

5-12 yrs | 13-17 yrs | 18-64 yrs | 65+ yrs

Please note that your literary/visual artwork will be archived & displayed at ART4PEACE Exhibitions and on the GPA website and other social media platforms.
Upon request original artwork may be picked up after GPA use.

CONTEST RULES

- *Essay: "215, Canada's Historic Shame", what needs to.....
- *Every literary/visual art work submission to the contests must have a theme of peace(love-kindness, caring & sharing, forgiving & forgetting, friendship, multiculturalism, nuclear disarmament, social justice, conflict transformation, and the like). This year we encourage you to capture the impact of COVID19 on family, work, society and the world
- *Minimum size for photographs is 5"x7".
- *Unlimited entry submissions per person.
- *Maximum number of words for literary works(prose or poetry): 400 for 5-12 yrs & 2000 for others.
- *The size of drawings and paintings (hand-drawn, sketched or painted) should be 8"x11" or smaller.
- *Every entry submission must accompany a cover letter giving:
 - (a) Your name, birthday, physical address, phone number and email address; and
 - (b) A description of the peace message behind your work.
- *Mail original work to Postal Box PMB #235 800-15355 24th Ave. Surrey, BC, V4A 2H9 or call 604-329-0850 to hand deliver by appointment, or enter online at GPA website www.peacealways.org
- *Although we welcome entries outside of the Vancouver/Fraser Valley region, please be aware that trophies cannot be mailed. If entering from outside the country only a winning certificate is issued.



STA EVENTS

All STA committee meetings are open to all members, contact us for more information.

June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 22 – Executive Committee