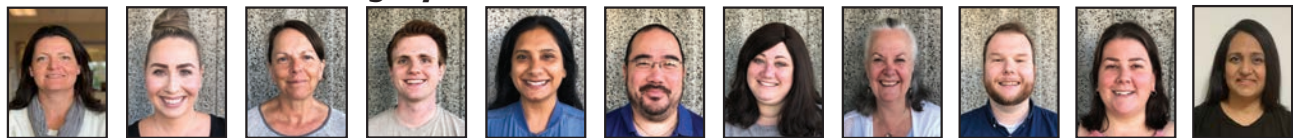




2022 - 2023 Langley Teachers' Association Executive Committee



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LTA News

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that LTA members have the privilege of working on the unceded ancestral territory of the Coast Salish peoples, the Kwantlen, Katzie, Qayqayt and Semiahmoo who have cared for this land for thousands of years, and who continue to care for this land.

Social Justice & Aboriginal Education Reps training session

Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

reception@langleyteachers.com

Please ensure your school is represented at the training session. If the Social Justice or Aboriginal Education Rep is unavailable, please send another LTA rep.

Role and Function of the Social Justice & Aboriginal Education Rep

School-based social justice representatives working with the local's Social Justice Committee can explore their roles and the functions they have within the school and local. They will have an opportunity to set out long- and short-term plans and explore how to work in coalition with others in their schools and community.

How to be and Anti racist in our Schools, Unions, and Communities

This skills-based workshop is a powerful, practical way to promote awareness and empathy, and to develop the skills to effectively respond to discriminatory remarks and incidents of racism. Although it is often easy to identify an incident of personal racism, responding effectively is often challenging.

FOUNDRY • Health & Wellness Community Centre
 For Youth Ages 12-24 & Their Supporters
 Free & Confidential
 20616 Eastleigh Crescent | 604-546-2700

MARCH DROP-IN TIMES

| MONDAYS 2-7pm | TUESDAYS 2-7pm | WEDNESDAYS 2-7pm |
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| Counselling <i>Last session starts at 6pm</i> | Counselling <i>Last session starts at 6pm</i> | Counselling <i>Last session starts at 6pm</i> |
| Youth Peer Support | Youth Peer Support | Youth Peer Support |
| Family Peer Support | Family Peer Support | Family Peer Support |
| Substance Use Education, Navigation, & Support <i>2-5pm</i> | Substance Use Support <i>2-5pm</i> | Substance Use Support <i>2-6pm</i> |
| Employment Support | Employment Support <i>2-4pm</i> | Employment Support <i>March 1, 15 & 29</i> |
| Financial Assistance Support with the Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction <i>2-5pm</i> | Outreach Support for youth at risk of homelessness and exploitation | Indigenous Cultural Supports <i>2-6pm</i> |
| Munch & Mingle Dinner <i>5-7pm</i> | Dental Van <i>March 14 & 28, 2-4pm</i> | Indigenous Sexual Assault Support with First Line <i>2-6pm</i> |
| |  | Housing Support |
| | | Disability Support <i>2-5pm</i> |

 International Women's Day



MARCH 8
#EmbraceEquity

BCTF

Did you know? That Staff Rep meetings are not just for staff reps? All members are welcome to attend as observers. Agenda items include: BCTF updates, Local updates, an "in committee" portion where the information discussed can only be shared with other LTA members. Staff Rep Concerns where issues and potential solutions are discussed. We have one Collective Agreement, and it's really important that its implementation, interpretation and messaging in all of our schools should be consistent. Our Staff Reps work hard to ensure teachers' voices are heard and our collective rights are protected. Contact reception@langleyteachers.com to let us know in advance if you'd like to attend.

LTA Scholarships

Once again, the LTA is pleased to offer 12 scholarships of \$1000 each for graduating students from the Class of 2023. Ten scholarships will be available for students in Langley schools. Two scholarships will be available for out of District students with a parent who is an active LTA member. Applicants will be chosen based on merit and social justice involvement, and consideration will be given to ensuring a range of diverse candidates are represented.

Application packages have been sent to secondary school counsellors and will also be posted on the LTA website. The deadline for applications is April 21st, 2023. The Committee will meet in early May to review the applications.

Langley Teachers to Attend BCTF AGM March 18-22, 2023

Elected delegates and LR's (Local Reps) attended an orientation session to learn about the protocols, politics and passion associated with this event. Langley is a growing local and we are now the fifth largest delegation in the province with 22 delegates and 3 LR's. This year we're sending 20 delegates: our group includes early career teachers, seasoned veterans, experienced AGM delegates and first-timers. Capably led by Graham Esplen, we've had a crash course in Roberts Rules of Order, as well as our obligations and voting rights. We did a deep dive into the Reports & Resolutions book and extensively discussed the three motions that Langley put forward.

Solidarity Nights returns after a two year Covid hiatus. We're looking forward to the opportunity to socialize and network with teachers from around the province. Any Langley teacher is welcome to attend as an Observer. Contact Ellen Bornowsky if you're interested in coming for a day (or two) and join us for lunch.

Elementary School Lunch Hour Survey

Representatives from the LTA and the Langley School Board, together with Administrators, have been meeting to discuss the 30-minute lunch hour in elementary schools. We have worked together to create a survey to go out to teaching staff, as well as CUPE and other partner groups. The purpose of this survey is to collect information and feedback on the 30-minute lunch hour/ shortened school day, which we can then use to help inform discussions about scheduling for next year. Surveys will be anonymous (you will be required to enter your school location only) but you can provide your contact information if you would like direct follow-up for any questions or concerns regarding the lunch hour. You can expect to receive an e-mail from the district with a link to the online survey and time should be provided at an upcoming staff meeting for you to complete the survey. Surveys will be open until April 6th.

Help With Psychology Thesis?

My name is Joel Redekop (*Financial Aid Counsellor at Trinity Western University*) and I am currently working on my undergraduate Psychology thesis, which focuses on British Columbian teachers' experiences teaching students from refugee backgrounds.

Are you a teacher working in British Columbia who has experience teaching students from refugee backgrounds? Your perspective on supporting students from refugee backgrounds is needed. Participants will be entered into a draw for one of two \$20 Amazon gift cards as a thank you for taking part. Please click below for more information or to participate in the study. Thank you in advance.

<https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/RFFDNQM>



Considering Retirement?

Check out the Teachers Pension Plan website tpp.pensionsbc.ca

Online courses and webinars available:

- Getting to Know your pension
- Making the most of your pension
- Approaching retirement

and much more.

LTA Calendar

March 2023

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| 1 | LTA BCTF AGM Delegates Meeting, LTA Noon |
| 6 | Staff Rep Meeting, LTA office/hybrid, 4PM |
| 9 | Joint ProD Meeting, 9am |
| 20 | LTA office Closed |
| 13-24 | Spring Break |
| 27 | LTA office Re-opens |
| 28 | LTA EC meeting, LTA/hybrid, 4PM |

April 2023

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| 3 | Staff Rep Meeting, LTA office/hybrid, 4PM |
| 7 | Good Friday |
| 10 | Easter Monday |
| 11 | LTA EC meeting, LTA/hybrid, 4PM |



Spring break, a time to recharge.

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