



# LTA News

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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, Matsqui and Semiahmoo who have cared for this land for thousands of years, and who continue to care for this land.

## President's Message

Taylor Fauteux, LTA President



Dear Colleagues,

As we approach the end of a demanding term, I want to wish everyone a restorative and joyful spring break. Thank you to all the members who engaged in the Provincial ratification vote

on the Memorandum of Agreement. An additional recognition to the LTA EC, Staff Reps, and any members who took time to have conversations about this agreement. Engagement and dialogue are what brings folks together at important times. Bring a teacher is heart-work, and it is essential that you take these next two weeks to prioritize your own well-being and find moments of genuine rejuvenation.

I also want to extend a sincere thank you to the dedicated Langley teachers who are spending a portion of their break representing our members at the BCTF AGM. From March 14 to 17 at the Hyatt Vancouver, these members will be doing the vital work of our federation—electing the BCTF Executive Committee and debating the resolutions that shape the future of public education in BC. Your commitment to our collective voice, even during your time off, is what keeps our union strong.

I hope your break is filled with rest, family, and whatever brings you peace. We look forward to seeing you back, refreshed and ready, for the final stretch of the school year.

Sincerely,  
Taylor Fauteux  
LTA President

## Ratification Vote

In a show of solidarity, 91% of BCTF members, voted to ratify a new four-year collective agreement, as announced on March 5, 2026. In Langley, 1630 teachers voted, a turnout of 62.6%, resulting in 93% in favor. This deal secures a 12% total wage increase through 2029 while prioritizing improvements to classroom conditions and mental health supports.



LANGLEY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

# MOVIE DAY

**26TH APRIL**  
AT 1:00PM

**CINEPLEX COLOSSUS**

20090 91A AVE,  
LANGLEY



**FREE ENTRY FOR LTA MEMBERS**

**\$10 TICKETS FOR ADDITIONAL GUESTS TO A MAXIMUM OF 6 TICKETS**

**BOOK TICKETS AT:**



HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.CA/E/LTA-MOVIE-DAY-TICKETS-1984071514309?AFF=ODDTCREATOR

**FEATURED FILM:**





**UNDERSTANDING PENSION & BENEFITS Pre-Retirement Workshop**

**Learn** about your Teacher Pension, pension options, and beneficiaries.

**Understand** the Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security.

**Discover** options for Extended Health Care, Dental, and Travel Insurance.

**Workshop Dates:**  
**April 1 April 23**  
**May 05 May 28**

Register here to attend <https://bcrt.ca/register/>

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## Things to do over Spring Break:

Whether you're looking for free community events, high-energy outdoor adventures, or something to do inside to escape the rain, the Lower Mainland has many fun things to do with friends and family.



### Outdoor Adventures

- Cherry Blossom Spotting: Use the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival map to find blooms in local parks like Queen Elizabeth Park or Stanley Park for a DIY photoshoot.
- Hoppy Heights at Capilano Suspension Bridge: From March 14 to April 6, the park is decorated for spring with interactive games and "The Rainforest Explorers" program for kids.
- Sea to Sky Gondola: Head to Squamish for snowy trails, suspension bridges, and family-friendly dining at the summit.
- Spring Skiing & Tubing: Hit Mt. Seymour or Cypress Mountain. If the snow is holding up, Seymour's Snow Tube Park is a spring break staple.
- Surrey Nature Centre: Offers "Discovery Days" (Mar 19 & 26) where you can borrow discovery backpacks and explore Green Timbers Forest.
- The Shipyards Skate Plaza: Located in North Vancouver, this massive outdoor rink is free if you bring your own skates (rentals available) and usually stays open until March 29.
- Whale Watching from Steveston: Peak season begins in March. Several tours depart from Richmond, offering a high chance of spotting Orcas or Humpbacks.
- WildPlay Element Park (Maple Ridge): High ropes courses and ziplining. They also offer "Anti-Gravity" day camps for ages 10-14.



### Museums & Cultural Sites

- Britannia Mine Museum: Located on the way to Squamish, they often run a "Mini Mud Monsters" program during the break, alongside their famous underground train tour.
- Burnaby Village Museum: Open March 16-27 with free admission. It's a 10-acre open-air museum where you can ride the 1912 carousel and explore heritage buildings.
- Fort Langley National Historic Site: They are running a daily scavenger hunt from March 14-29. Admission is free for youth 17 and under.
- Greater Vancouver Zoo (Langley): Hosting a Spring Festival with wildlife education and interactive demonstrations.
- Science World: Featuring the "Good Vibrations" exhibit this year, it's a go-to for hands-on learning.
- Surrey Museum (Mar 17-27): This year's theme focuses on Emergency Services, featuring obstacle courses and real fire trucks for kids to explore.



### Shows & Special Events

- CelticFest Vancouver: Catch the St. Patrick's Day festivities around March 15-17, including the Ceilidh and family-day activities at the Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza.
- Evergreen Cultural Centre (Coquitlam): Hosting a "Spring Break Family Series" with performers like The Trollsons (March 24) and Mike Battie the Juggler (March 26).
- Monster Jam (Mar 27-29): High-octane family fun at the Pacific Coliseum featuring massive monster trucks.
- Vancouver International Auto Show: For the car enthusiasts, this runs March 25-29 at the Vancouver Convention Centre.



### Great Indoor Escapes

- FlyOver Canada: The featured film at Canada Place this spring is Believe Chicago, a multi-sensory flight simulation.
- Bloedel Conservatory: A tropical escape inside Queen Elizabeth Park—perfect for a rainy afternoon to see exotic birds and plants.
- The Bouldering Gyms: Places like The Hive (Locations) or Project Climbing (Abbotsford/Chilliwack/Cloverdale) offer drop-in sessions that are great for burning off energy.
- Vancouver Aquarium: Located in Stanley Park, offering special Spring Break programming focused on local marine life.