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BARGAINING

Update



Local Bargaining

Collective bargaining has commenced to negotiate improvements to our current collective agreement 2013-2019.

The morning of Wednesday, February 20th local partners met and the first order of business was to establish a protocol agreement. A protocol agreement is an agreement that sets out the rules of engagement or bargaining process. Both parties exchanged proposals and the protocol agreement is expected to be signed off at our next bargaining session on March 4th.

Provincial Bargaining

Later that evening, we learned from a conference call with the BCTF that the Provincial Table has established their protocol agreement and have set a number of bargaining dates.

Be sure to log into the BCTF Member portal for more provincial bargaining updates and keep informed with local updates through your school bargaining contact person or staff rep.

SNOW DAYS

Thank you School District #35 for putting the safety of students and staff first.



Anxiety Strategies for Educators (EASE)

Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Educators (EASE) is a collection of what the government is describing as "evidence-informed anxiety prevention and resilience-building resources for use with students in grades K-7."

The roll-out of EASE will include workshops for teachers and other school district staff, which is why we are sharing this information with you here based upon what we know so far.

A schedule for the EASE workshops is available online at Anxiety Canada. Apparently, these will be happening during the school day, though it is not clear at this point how many teachers will actually be offered the training. The BCTF has not been given a technical briefing on EASE yet nor has any of the evidence base been shared with us.

GAINING GROUND NEW TEACHERS TOGETHER, LEADING THE WAY



BCTF New Teachers' Conferences New Teachers, New TFOCs, and Teacher Candidates

April 5
Vernon

Vernon Lodge and Conference Centre
391A - 23rd Street, Vernon, BC V1T 5P1
Vernon, British Columbia

April 4th 2019
Welcome Reception

May 10
Nanaimo

Discovery Island Conference Centre
101 Gordon Street, Nanaimo, BC V9B 5J9
Nanaimo, British Columbia

May 9th 2019
Welcome Reception

Registrations start on February 14, 2019
To register, please visit bctf.ca/NewTeachers



Sarah is a Starling Member who was diagnosed with depression in college. She has made it her mission to be an advocate for mental health and wellness. By sharing her journey, she hopes to spark discussions and help change the way people view mental health.

Check out her story on the Starling Community Blog: www.starlingminds.com/sarahs-journey-with-depression/

The Mental Health Commission found that even though 7.4 million Canadians experience mental health issues every year, 60% will not seek help or treatment. A large reason for this is due to the stigma around mental health.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR 2019

- 27 BCTF AGM Delegates Meeting, LTA Office, 4PM
- 27 Bargaining Council Meeting, LTA Office, 8:30AM to 3:30PM

MARCH 2019

- 1 Ed Change Committee, LTA Office, 3:30PM
- 4 Local Bargaining
- 4 Staff Rep Meeting, LTA Office, 4PM
- 6 BCTF AGM Delegates Meeting, LTA Office, Noon - 3:30PM
- 7 Boundaries Workshop, LTA Office, 4PM **Registration Required**
- 8 International Women's Day - Paint Party, Wild Wing Pub, 4-7PM **Registration Required**
- 11 Technology Committee, LTA Office, 3:45PM

International Women's Day - Paint Party

Langley Teachers' Association
invites LTA Members
to celebrate International
Women's Day at our

Paint Party

with Zealous Art, Langley

Friday, March 8, 2019
4:00 to 7:00pm

Wild Wing Pub

(formerly Thirsty Penguin Pub)

Twin Rinks - Langley By-Pass

Cost: \$20.00

(Maximum 40 participants - no minors)

includes apples, a beverage, all art supplies and
guidance to create your masterpiece.

Reserve your seat by March 1st
mail@langleyteachers.com



CONTEST

The first member to correctly answer the following 3 questions and send in the response to: mail@langleyteachers.com will receive a **\$20 Starbucks gift card**.

1. What are the dates for our current Collective Agreement?
2. What date did local bargaining commence?
3. What is Bargaining Protocol?

Congratulations to **Jodie Reynolds of Topham Elementary School** for being our LTA News #11 winner!



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

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TEACHING FOR JOY AND JUSTICE

2ND CROSS BORDER SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE FOR BC, WASHINGTON & OREGON TEACHERS

MERCEDES MARTINEZ

QUEEN AS FUNK

SOCIAL JUSTICE WORKSHOPS, DELICIOUS MEAL, KEYNOTE AND PLAYNOTE!

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019 - 12 PM - 8 PM

NORTH SURREY SECONDARY
12945 96 AVENUE (CORNER OF 160 STREET)
SURREY, BC

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

WWW.CROSSBORDERCONFERENCE.COM

SASSY AWARDS™

Service Above Self Student Youth

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS/APPLICATIONS for the 2019 SASSY AWARDS LANGLEY

The four Rotary Clubs of Langley are proud to announce the fourth annual SASSY Awards Langley. SASSY stands for "Service Above Self" Student Youth. Incorporating Rotary's guiding motto, the awards aim to recognize and celebrate the leadership achievements of Langley youth who exemplify the ideals of Rotary by making a positive impact in our Langley communities or around the world.

Nominations are now being accepted in seven categories for youth aged 15 to 21 living in, and/or who have made a significant impact in leadership roles within the Township or City of Langley. The awards will be presented as part of the awards show on Thursday, May 2nd, 2019 at the Chief Sepsas Theatre, located in the Langley Fine Arts School.

Each Category Award Winner (one in each of the seven categories) will receive:

- \$1,000 Cash Award
- SASSY trophy

Each of the two runners up in the seven categories will receive a \$500.00 cash award.

More information is available at: www.sassyawardslangley.ca Email nominations must be received no later than **Friday, March 15th, 2019 (11:59PM)**. Mailed nominations must be postmarked no later than **Friday, March 8th, 2019**. Forms can be either emailed to nominations@sassyawardslangley.ca



I felt helpless': Teachers call for support amid 'escalating crisis' of classroom violence| CBC Radio

Educators say incidents of verbal and physical violence by students targeting staff and fellow classmates are leaving them exhausted - and they're calling on governments and school boards to provide more support.

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/thesundayedition/the-sunday-edition-for-february-17-2019-1.5017616/i-felt-helpless-teachers-call-for-support-amid-escalating-crisis-of-classroom-violence-1.5017623>



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