



MIGHTY PEACE TEACHERS' CONVENTION

Building Bridges

March 5 & 6 2015

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What Are You Looking Forward To?

In May 2014 the Program Committee began collecting proposals from potential presenters. In October, the proposal submission form was closed and they began the long process of selecting which sessions might best meet the needs of Mighty Peace teachers.

"In my first year as Program Chair I was surprised by how many proposals we had, over 300! There were so many excellent presenters wanting to come to our Convention. This says a lot about the quality and reputation of this Convention." said Jen Clevette as she and her committee finalized the program.

No one knows the 2015 program better than the Program Committee members. Here is what some of them think you should not miss!

I am excited about all the ELA presenters who have taken their time to join us for MPTC 2015. There are some presenters who are coming back again to share their fantastic ideas. So if you missed out last year, you have another chance. The new presenters will be sharing a wide variety of concepts that teachers will be able to add into their lessons on Monday. Enjoy!

- Jodie Dell, Program Committee English

I am most looking forward to **Brian Keating's closing keynote, "Hiking with Asses"**. I have never seen him present, but I've heard he's fantastic! And who could resist a session title like that? **Father Mike** is also presenting some great sessions that will get us all thinking about Building Bridges.

- Julie Gummesen President, Program Committee Keynotes & Religion

I am most looking forward to **Bee Schadeck's** sessions. Her FNMI sessions come highly recommended and are an area of need for myself as a social studies teacher.

- Jen Clevette, Program Chair, Mental Health & Inclusion

As a new ECS teacher, I am looking forward to **Use the iPad in ECS? "App"olutely by Linda Chmiliar** because it will be focused on using the iPad in early childhood classrooms.

FSL teachers won't want to miss **Food Far and Wide by Dominic Tremblay** because everyone is interested in food! Learn how to integrate food literacy into your core French classes.

Et pour les enseignants d'immersion, la session coup de coeur qui sera offerte par **Dominic Tremblay** est **Une Explosion de Saveur** parce que cet atelier vous fournira les outils pour intégrer la littérature alimentaire à toutes les matières de votre programme d'études.

- Chantal Gallant, Program Committee Français/French, ECS & CTS

The PE session I am most looking forward to this year is going to be a toss up between the **Flow Rider** training at the Eastlink center and the several basketball sessions that **Shawnee Harle**, the assistant coach of the Canadian Women's Olympic Basketball Team, will be providing. Shawnee is providing basketball workshops for all divisions including competitive basketball, so if you are a basketball coach you do not want to miss this one!

For Grade 5 Social Studies teachers, **Alex Ng's PLC** will be a session you don't want to miss. Bring your grade 5 Social Studies lessons, assignments or assessment tools that you are proud of and share them with the rest of the grade 5 Social Studies teachers. This is an opportunity for communication and collaboration. Make sure to bring your own flash drive to get copies of everyone's work!

- Jeanne Lawrence, Program Committee Social Studies & PE

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ATRF Pension Interviews are being offered on Thursday and Friday.

Please go online to book these with the ATRF. They fill up fast, so check it out today!

There is a link to the interview booking site on our website mptca.teachers.ab.ca.

Creating a Schedule and Pre-Registering with Sched and Eventbrite

Last year we introduced Mighty Peace teachers to an online scheduling tool, SCHED. We had such tremendous reviews about this website that we have decided that this will be the only place that the 2015 program will be available. There will not be a spreadsheet or PDF file on our website.

SCHED does not register you for sessions and adding a session to your schedule does not commit you to that session. It simply allows you to search through the program as a database (much more powerful than the old spreadsheet) and build a schedule of sessions you are interested in.

When teachers create accounts and build their tentative schedules on SCHED, the program committee can see the number of teachers who are planning on attending those sessions. Having this information prior to Convention allows the program committee to make changes to rooms and even add sessions if possible. Another great feature of SCHED is that we can email all the teachers who have added that session to their schedule with any updates or cancellations, keeping our teachers informed.



Build your schedule on your computer and with the SCHED mobile web app.

The complete program is available February 1st at mptca2015.sched.org. Some sessions will require pre-registration. For these sessions, there will be a link from the session description page to the online pre-registration system that we are using, Eventbrite. This is a separate site that you must login to and pre-register for those sessions that require it. Eventbrite will email you with a ticket to print or a digital ticket for your mobile device. You will be required to provide the ticket to gain entrance to that session.

Please print and bring with you to the event

Event		mptca2015	
Date+Time	Location		
Thursday, 5 March 2015 at 9:00 AM - Friday, 6 March 2015 at 3:30 PM (MST)	Grande Prairie Composite High School 11202 104 St Grande Prairie AB Canada		
Order Info	Payment Status		Free Order
Order [redacted] on 23 January 2015 7:49 AM	Free Order		
Type	Teacher Supervision and Growth		QR Code

Please print and bring this registration summary to the event entrance.



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Pre-register through Eventbrite and receive a ticket for that session.

If some sessions become popular and over capacity, the program committee will change the session to require pre-registration. We will let those teachers who have added it to their schedule know that it will require pre-registration, and then we will set a date for when pre-registration will open, so that all interested teachers have a chance to register.

If you are not familiar with sched.org please check out the support section of their site which is dedicated to showing Convention attendees how to get the most from the features they offer tinyurl.com/schedsupport.



**PHILIP J. CURRIE
DINOSAUR MUSEUM**

You are invited to an exclusive Open House

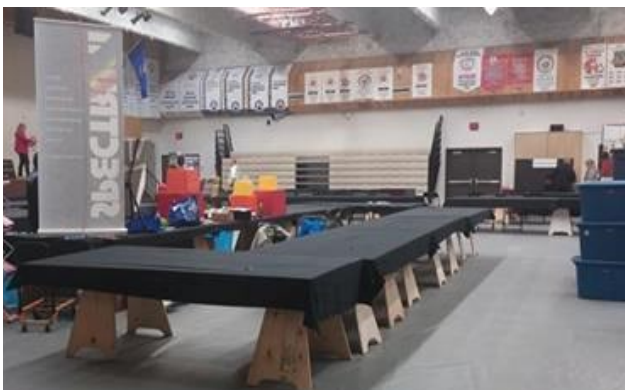
9301-112 Ave. Wembley, AB T0H 3S0

Friday, March 6

12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Shuttle buses will be in operation from the GP Composite High School to the Philip J. Currie Museum starting at 12 p.m. with the last bus leaving GP at 3:30 pm. There is also a small parking lot for teachers who would like to drive there.

Teachers will get a tour of the building, while learning about the exhibitions which are scheduled to begin installation in June, July & August. Teachers will also learn about curriculum based programs and labs, as well as e-learning and outreach opportunities. The Museum staff will greet you and the President and C.E.O of the Philip J. Currie Museum, George Jacob, will be on site to answer your questions. Light snacks and refreshments will be available.



It continues to be a challenge to get educational vendors to come to our Convention to share their resources with teachers because of travel costs and competition with other Conventions that take place at the same time as ours. If you have any information about potential exhibitors or if you would like to see a specific vendor at our Convention please contact Nancy Evans, Displays Chair, at nancyevans@gpcsd.ca.

WHO CAN ATTEND CONVENTION?

Eligibility to attend the Mighty Peace Teachers' Convention includes ATA members who hold the highest membership available to them under the school act in these locals:

- Greater Peace No. 13 (except High Prairie RCSS and McLennan RCSS)
- Northern Spirit No. 6
- Trumpeter No. 26
- Northern Gateway No. 43 (East Smoky)
- Grande Prairie District Catholic Teachers No. 42

Eligibility can also be extended to invited guests, such as teachers of charter, federal or private schools, and teachers from other provinces and/or territories. These teachers must provide proof of membership to their professional organization and pay a fee. Registration information for guests is on our website mptca.teachers.ab.ca.

If you are a teacher on leave of absence you may attend our convention!

During a leave, you are still an active member of your ATA local. As a result, you are entitled to attend your teachers' convention. Be sure that you have paid your ATA dues for a teacher on leave.

If you are a substitute teacher you may attend our convention!

As soon as you teach for one day in any of our member locals you are an Associate Member of the ATA and are eligible to attend Convention at no cost. Please have proof that you have taught during the current school year. Since adult supervisors do not hold an Alberta teaching certificate they are not entitled to Convention privileges.

If you are a student teacher you may attend our convention!

You need to be a member of the Education Students' Association, Education Undergraduate Society or other education student organization at your university or faculty of education. Joining one of these groups automatically makes you a student member of the ATA.

All guests, teachers on leave, substitute teachers and student teachers who do not have an ATA Member Card can register on Wednesday, March 4th, between 1 - 5:00 p.m. or on Thursday or Friday during regular convention hours. MPTCA does not produce a booklet, information as to session offerings are located on our website.

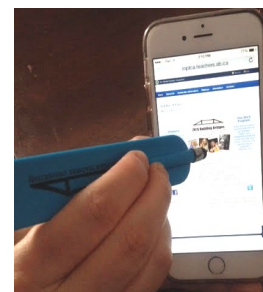
MPTCA BRACELETS AND MEMBER CARDS NEEDED



MPTCA and Morgex Insurance will be providing teachers with bracelets. They will be distributed through our members' locals. They are not mandatory to wear during Convention. The bracelets are both fashionable and functional - they contain a QR code to the MPTCA website and they have a stylus for your touch screen mobile devices.

Teachers may be asked to show their ATA Member Card to prove eligibility at our Convention. The Mighty Peace Teachers' Convention Association (MPTCA) has never felt the need to police sessions and ask for identification from every teacher attending. However, on occasion, a person's eligibility to be at our Convention has been questioned, so proof may be requested. This convention is for ATA members and special guests and we want to ensure that there is space for teachers to attend the sessions of their choice. We are also protecting teachers under the ATA Professional Code of Conduct which non-teachers are not required to adhere to.

Teachers who do not have a Member Card can register at the MPTCA office at the GP Composite High School on Wednesday, March 4th from 1 to 5 p.m. or during regular Convention hours. Please contact Barnett House to receive or replace your ATA Member Card. Visit cards.teachers.ab.ca for more information.



CAMPS



Muskoseepi Park

Offered to children aged 6 to 10 years.

March 5 and 6, 2015, 9am-4pm

Activities and games are planned around the weather during this time of year. Activities can include snowshoeing and sledding to field games and treasure hunts.

Fee for early drop off or late pick up is \$5.

Phone: 780.538.0451 for more information and to register.

Eastlink Centre

Offered to children aged 6 to 11 years.

March 5 and 6, 2015, 9am-4pm

\$50 or \$75.00 for both days, depending on the program.

If needed, enquire about early drop off and pick up at time of registration.

Please visit eastlinkcentre.ca or call 780.357.7534 for details and to register.

NEW! Shuttle Service

School buses will leave the parking locations approximately every 15 minutes starting at 8:30 a.m. Teachers will be dropped off at the GP Composite High School only.

The last bus will leave the GP Comp High School at 3:45 p.m.

- * Charles Spencer School parking lot
- * Teachers may park at the West Parking Lot of Revolution Place only. This is the one behind the arena.
- * The bus will pickup/drop off at the Prairie Mall Food Court Entrance, but teachers are permitted to park on the east upper parkade only.



**AVOID TRAFFIC
AND PARKING
PROBLEMS -
TAKE A BUS!**

PARK AT ONE OF THREE OFF-SITE LOCATIONS:

- 1. CHARLES SPENCER SCHOOL**
- 2. REVOLUTION PLACE WEST LOT**
- 3. PRAIRIE MALL EAST UPPER PARKADE**