



MIGHTY PEACE TEACHERS' CONVENTION

Mindful Learning

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What Are You Looking Forward To?

Every teacher has PD goals, and we would all love for the convention to help us meet those goals. However, given the diversity of PD needs, that is a very difficult, if not impossible task. What we are learning from the evaluations and attendance patterns, is that teachers seem to feel that the role of convention is different from that of other PD sources. It is to give a sampling of everything that is out there: a mix of new trends, best practices, and the old "tried-and-true". With this PD "buffet", they can then go back and examine their own plans with a new, refreshed vision of the growth that they would like to see in their own practices and that of their schools and divisions.

- Julie Gummesen, MPTCA President

Mighty Peace Teachers' Convention is one of the smallest Conventions in the province for the number of teachers who attend, but one of the largest for number of sessions offered! The program committee consists of eleven teachers from the locals that our Convention area serves. These dedicated and passionate teachers must keep up with the most current issues and topics in education that would be of interest to teachers in the Peace area. They contact speakers and sort through over 300 session proposals to bring us the best possible Convention program! No one knows the 2016 program better than the Program Committee members:

I am most looking forward to John Spencer's session Five Types of Creative Teachers & Chris Wejr's session Shifting to a Strength Based Culture. I have been reading these two gentlemen's blogs since forever (spencerideas.org/ and chriswejr.com/) and look forward to hearing them in person!
- Jen Clevette, Program Chair

I highly recommend **Cross-Curricular Inquiry Learning** with **Neil Frail**. His passion and vision for cross curricular projects is inspiring and makes you reflect on your own pedagogical practice. - **Chad Ramsey, Program Committee CTS**

I am most looking forward to **Tyler Durman's** opening keynote, "Save the Cat!". I've read his book, Counterintuitive, and feel that he truly knows kids and teens inside and out. He's humorous, and engaging, and incredibly insightful.
- **Julie Gummesen President, Program Committee Keynotes & Religion**

The Fine Arts session I am most looking forward to this year are **Stories and So Much More! Making Music, Literacy and Movement Fun for the Little Ones!** with **Christie Noble and Tracy Stener**, I have used their material with my Kinder and Grade 1 classes and the kids love it! Musical expertise not necessary. I am also excited about **Stephan Baker's** sessions **Anyone Can Draw/Paint/ use Pastels/take Pictures**. Back by popular demand, Stephan Baker's sessions were full to overflowing last year. Stephan has added a focus on drawing in ECS and Div I, and also has a new session on photography.
- **Laura Storey, Program Committee Fine Arts**

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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

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 2nd, 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.

MEMBER CARDS NEEDED

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 2nd 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.



MPTCA Schedule and Facilities

In addition to having over 250 sessions to choose from during the two days of Convention, teachers can visit vendors in the large and small gyms of the GP Composite High School. Besides opening and closing keynotes there are also other great speakers in the PWA Gym and PWA Theatre throughout both days, so if you find a room is full this is a great alternative.

Most sessions are held at the GP Composite High School, Peace Wapiti Academy and Harry Balfour schools. Maps of all three schools can be found on our website - <http://mptca.teachers.ab.ca/convention/Pages/Facilities.aspx>.

As always, we will have delicious and nutritious snacks and drinks available for free throughout the day. This year both the GP Composite High School and Peace Wapiti Academy will be selling food at their cafeterias for those teachers who do not want to leave the facility for lunch.

Thursday, March 3	Friday, March 4
Session A: 9:00 - 10:15 Tyler Durman Morgex Opening Keynote PWA Gym Chris Wejr PWA Theatre Displays in the GP Comp Large and Small Gyms	Session E: 9:00 - 10:15 John Spencer Mini-Keynote PWA Gym Mark Ramsankar, ATA President, PWA Theatre Displays in the GP Comp Large and Small Gyms
Session B: 10:30 - 11:45 Tyler Durman Morgex Opening Keynote Repeated PWA Gym Big Daddy Tazz PWA Theatre Displays in the GP Comp Large and Small Gyms	Session F: 10:30 - 11:45 Eric Litwin Mini-Keynote PWA Gym John Spencer PWA Theatre Displays in the GP Comp Large and Small Gyms
Lunch Break 11:45 – 12:30	
Session C: 12:30 – 13:45 Chris Wejr Mini-Keynote PWA Gym Big Daddy Tazz PWA Theatre Displays in the GP Comp Large and Small Gyms	Session G: 12:30 – 13:45 John Spencer PWA Theatre
Session D: 14:00 – 15:15 Phil McRae Mini-Keynote PWA Gym Displays in the GP Comp Large and Small Gyms	Session H: 14:00 – 15:15 Eric Litwin Closing Keynote PWA Gym

Chat with John Spencer!

Breaking News! John Spencer, featured speaker, is coming to convention a day early and will be in the GP Composite High School library from 11:00 am-1:00 pm on March 3rd, to answer your questions and share ideas on encouraging student creativity in the classroom.

Take advantage of this informal networking time to connect with John. Coffee and lunch snacks will be hosted by NRLC!

Check out John Spencer's website <http://www.spencerideas.org/> and connect with him on twitter [@spencerideas](https://twitter.com/spencerideas).



PROFESSOR. MAKER. STORYTELLER.

New this Year!

ASEBP Body Composition Clinics

Gain a better understanding of what body mass is composed of, including a breakdown of muscle, fat, water and how many calories the body burns at rest. Each private, 20 minute clinic session includes a body composition scan using the InBody 230 and a confidential discussion about the results with a Health Advisor. ASEBP's health advisors look forward to meeting with you! Sessions will require pre-registration and are 20 minutes long, one person per session only. <http://sched.co/61Dx>

CAMPS



City of Grande Prairie Day Camps

There are three day camps available through the City of Grande Prairie.

Registration can be made online

<https://econnect.cityofgp.com/Start/Start.asp>. The following information is taken directly from the Community Connections Magazine, also available online.

Eastlink Centre

No school for two day? Come join us and forget what it's like to have homework! Only \$75.00 for both days! Please pack your gear, we will head outside....if the weather co-operates. Please bring indoor, outdoor footwear, swimsuit, towel, water bottle, a healthy lunch and snacks. The program could venture off outside so please ensure that all weather appropriate clothes are sent.

For ANY additional questions or concerns please contact 780.357.4970

Mar 3-4 Th-F 9:00 AM-4:00 PM \$75.00 45398 **Ages 5-7**
Mar 3-4 Th-F 9:00 AM-4:00 PM \$75.00 45399 **Ages 8-11**

TEACHER'S CONVENTION CAMP

No school for two full days?! Join us at camp! We'll be busy playing sports, games, & more. Pack your gear – we'll be headed outside too! Early drop off & pick up available.

Mother Teresa Community Gym (9-12 yrs)
Mar 3 & Mar 4 (#45498)
Thurs & Fri 9:00am-4:00pm • \$60

Maude Clifford Community Gym (5-8 yrs)
Mar 3 & Mar 4 (#45499)
Thurs & Fri 9:00am-4:00pm • \$60

Teachers Convention Camp

Looking for an exciting way to spend teacher's convention? Come join us for two days of fun, crafts, field trips, and outdoor activities. Please provide two snacks and one lunch each day for your child. Early drop offs and late pick up are available upon request at time of registration

Muskoseepi Park - Classroom

Mar 3-4 TH-F 9:00 AM-4:00 PM \$50.00 44754

Hotel Specials for Teachers

Hotel	Room Rates
Days Inn Grande Prairie , 10218 162 Ave	\$113.04, Complimentary Wi-Fi
Super 8 Grande Prairie , 10050 116th Ave	\$129.79, Complimentary breakfast with hot items, Complimentary Wi-Fi
Pomeroy Hotel & Conference Centre , 11633 100th St	\$139.00 - \$159.00, Complimentary breakfast, Complimentary Wi-Fi
Service Plus Inn , 10810-107 Ave	\$129 +Tax, call 780.538.3900 and mention you are a teacher attending Convention to get the rate
The Sandman Hotel , 9805 100 St	\$99 + Tax, call 780.513.5555 ext. 0 or Central Reservations at 1-800-SANDMAN (726-3626) and reference the Group Confirmation Number 379498



Alberta Regional Consortia

Elementary Mathematics Professional Learning
Apprentissage professionnel en mathématiques à l'élémentaire

Concours pour célébrer la journée mondiale des mathématiques
lundi, le 14 mars.

Participez pour gagner un certificat cadeau d'une valeur de 250\$!

C'est facile !

Partagez avec nous un exemple de choses positives qui se produisent dans votre classe de mathématiques !

Pour avoir plus d'information et pour participer, utilisez le code QR sur cette page ou avec le lien suivant :

<https://goo.gl/pTw4D7>



In Celebration of World Maths Day - Monday March 14th
Enter to Win One of Two \$250 Gift Certificates!

It's easy! All you have to do is share an example that demonstrates the positive things that are happening in your math program.

For more information and to participate in the contest we invite you to use the QR code on this form or the following link :

<http://goo.gl/forms/LVCPelcWTJ>

