

MIGHTY PEACE TEACHERS' CONVENTION

March 9 & 10, 2017

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Cowboy Smithx: Elder in the Making

Since the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its report and calls to action, the Alberta Teachers' Association has been working to empower teachers to better meet their needs and the needs of students and the communities we live in, on a path to reconciliation.

This year the Mighty Peace Teachers' Convention Association is honoured to be showing two screenings of the film Elder in the Making. The first screening will be for teachers only, during the afternoon of Thursday, March 9th in the PWA Gym. Cowboy Smithx will be there to share his experiences with teachers and to answer questions after the film.







The second screening will be a public event that evening at 7 PM. Cowboy Smithx is looking forward to engaging students, EAs, trustees and other community members with the viewing of his film. A full page advertisement of this public event is available on our website if teachers would like to share it in their school and community. Cowboy Smithx is also going to be presenting two other sessions to teachers the morning of the 9th. His sessions, "Silent 'x'" and "Frequencies of the Land" will be in the PWA Theatre and are already showing great interest by teachers on mptc2017.sched.org.


SYNOPSIS

Two young urban dwellers, one a Blackfoot aboriginal named Cowboy and the other a Chinese-Canadian newcomer named Chris, embark on a spiritual journey across traditional Blackfoot territory. Through thousands of years of ancient history guided by the wisdom of modern day elders, they find the beginnings of the long road to reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous people.

"Elder in the Making" is a feature documentary inviting all residents of North America to explore the tragic and hopeful history of their home. Through the journey of two unlikely travel companions, this film uncovers our responsibility as stewards of the land and of the generations yet to come.

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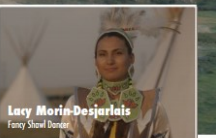










Floyd Smith
Cowboy's Grandfather




Herman Yellow Old Woman
Elder and Creative Blackfoot Craftsman



Lory Morin-Desjardins
Treaty School Director



Wes Olsen
Brian Leung



Nardsee Blood
Blackfoot Elder

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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 8th, 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' Conventions are closed Conventions. This means that only ATA members who have paid to attend Convention through their ATA fees can attend. Spouses, children, friends or others who do not pay Convention fees may not attend the presentations nor may they be present in the displays or other areas of the venues during Convention. 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 can now print their own member card from the ATA website. To print your ATA member card visit cards.teachers.ab.ca. Teachers can also register at the MPTCA office at the GP Composite High School on Wednesday, March 8th from 1 to 5 p.m. or during regular Convention hours.



MPTCA Schedule and Facilities

In addition to having over 200 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 keynotes Thursday and Friday, there are many other great speakers in the PWA Gym and PWA Theatre throughout both days.

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 available throughout the day. 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 9	Friday, March 10
Displays in the GP Comp Large and Small Gyms all day!	Displays in the GP Comp Large and Small Gyms until 12:30 PM
Session A: 9:00 - 10:15 PWA Gym - MORSEX Opening Keynote: Ron Canuel, "Teachers Are Superheroes" PWA Theatre - Cowboy Smithx, "The Silent x"	Session E: 9:00 - 10:15 PWA Gym - Opening Keynote: Jennifer Buchanan, "Tune In: A Musical Therapy Approach to Life" PWA Theatre - Brock Tully, "Recharge, Reflect and Reconnect"
Session B: 10:30 - 11:45 PWA Gym - MORSEX Opening Keynote Repeated: Ron Canuel, "Teachers Are Superheroes" PWA Theatre - Cowboy Smithx, "Frequencies of the Land"	Session F: 10:30 - 11:45 PWA Gym - Mini-Keynote: Jennifer Buchanan, "Sounds Like Teen Spirit: Music to Help Teens Tune In" PWA Theatre - Brock Tully, "Know Kindness... No Bullying"
Lunch Break 11:45 - 12:30	
Session C & D: 12:30 - 15:15 PWA Gym Special Screening of "Elder in the Making" presented by writer/director/producer Cowboy Smithx	Session G: 12:30 - 13:45 PWA Gym - Mini-Keynote: Jennifer Buchanan, "Stand By Me: Music and the Developing Child" PWA Theatre - Brock Tully, "Creating a Culture of Kindness in the Workplace"
Session C: 12:30 - 13:45 PWA Theatre - Ron Canuel, "Change and Innovation in the Classroom" Session D: 14:00 - 15:15 PWA Theatre - Ron Canuel, "25 Characteristics of a Successful Teacher"	Session H: 14:00 - 15:15 PWA Gym - Honour Band Concert PWA Theatre - Brock Tully, "Creating a Kinder, More Vibrant Team"

Mighty Peace Honour Band!

It has been decades since high school band students of the Alberta Peace have been able to play together. Donald Lee from Peace River has organized this great opportunity for students to learn and practice together in Grande Prairie during Convention. This also provides band teachers with meaningful professional development with conductor Kirk Wassmer.

The Mighty Peace Honour Band will be performing in the PWA Gym at 2:00PM on Friday, March 10th.

CAMPS



City of Grande Prairie

There are three day camps available through the City of Grande Prairie. Registration can be made online <https://econnect.cityofgp.com/Start/Start.asp>.

Eastlink Centre

No school for two days? 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. ALL participants require a registration form filled out prior to participation, a parent and or guardian's signature is required upon pick up and drop off of child. We are a nut sensitive environment, so please inform us if you do send nuts in your child's lunch. ANY additional questions or concerns please contact 780-357-7534.

Muskoseepi Park

Looking for an exciting way to spend teachers convention? Come join us for two days of fun, crafts, field trips, and out door 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.

Maude Clifford Community Gym

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.

Crosslink County Sportsplex Teacher's Convention 2-Day Kids' Camp March 9 & 10, 2017

Have your 5 to 12-year-old children join us for our two-day camp! Kids will stay healthy and active while having fun! They will enjoy indoor play in the Trican Fieldhouse, crafts, activities and games, as well as making new friends! Receive a **10% discount** when registering two children, or a **15% discount** for three or more children for full 2-day camp registrations only.

REGISTER NOW!

Full 2-Day Camp, Thursday & Friday - \$85
Optional Drop-In Day Rates:
Thursday - \$45
Fridays - \$50 (Includes Lunch)

(Pre-register your child for drop-in at least two days in advance). No discounts for drop-in day rates.

Daily Schedule

7:45am-9:00am - Drop Off
10:00am-10:15am - Snack Time
12:15pm-1:00pm - Lunch Time
(Friday lunch is on us)
3:00pm-3:15pm - Snack Time
4:30pm-5:30pm - Pick Up

*During this camp, it is a requirement to provide your child with his or her own beverages, snacks, lunches (excluding Friday) as well as a change of clothes, warm outdoor clothing and ice skates (skates optional).



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Mighty Peace Teachers Convention Health and Wellness Symposium: Balancing the Dimensions of Wellness Across my School Community

Join local expertise and a variety of provincial organizations as we dedicate 2 days to exploring wellbeing in our school communities. These hands-on, active sessions are designed with *all* teachers in mind, regardless of subject specialty or area of expertise. A school culture that supports wellbeing is important for health and academic outcomes of our students, and is equally important so that teachers can thrive too. Join us as we look deeper into the relationship that social-emotional learning, physical activity, healthy eating, and general health, has on this ideal school culture and ultimately the safe, caring and supportive classrooms where we teach.

This event is taking place at Harry Balfour all day Thursday and Friday. We are partnering with several different groups from across the province and hosting an entire 2 days of sessions focused on health, wellness and physical activity for life. It includes a mini-keynote, Activity Permissive Learning Environments: Supporting Health & Academic Outcomes presented by Chris Fenlon-MacDonald.