



MIGHTY PEACE TEACHERS' CONVENTION

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The Alberta Teachers' Association



A message from the Program Chair

Sessions, sessions, and more sessions. This year there are many to choose from in a wide variety of areas. Take a look through the program (mptca2018.sched.com) like you normally would for your subject area but I challenge you to go outside and try something new.

For example, I myself, a Jr High English teacher of 8 years, went to a science breakout session last year and was able to take the core idea and bring it back to my English class. My students loved it and I was reminded of how going outside the box rejuvenates your ideas and brings the passion back in.

The Program Committee has done a great job at looking through proposals submitted and trying to cover as much area for each division as possible. Many of our own local teachers are presenting, which is fantastic to see; along with new speakers from all over Canada.

I hope everyone is able to find one thing that inspires them or reminds them of why they do this profession or that they can take back to their classroom for the next week. Enjoy the two days of professional development and opportunities for connecting with colleagues. See you in March!

- Jodie Dell, MPTCA Program Chair

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*ATRF Pension Interviews are
being offered on Thursday and
Friday. 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*

Women's Leadership Luncheon



Teachers are invited to this keynote luncheon delivered by Nancy Kerr, Executive Staff Officer with the Manitoba Teachers' Society, held at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Hall, from 12- 1:15PM. Her session, "The Two-Thirds Minority Revisited: A Brief History of Canadian Women in Education", promises to be informative, insightful and inspirational. This session will provide a national historical overview of the struggles women have faced over the past 100 years as well as the gains made relative to gender disparity and equity issues, salary, working conditions, benefits and leadership opportunities within the teaching profession. Ms. Kerr will also highlight the Alberta context providing us with lessons learned as well as future challenges and opportunities moving forward to full equity. Teachers will need to pre-register online at mptca.teachers.ab.ca for this event and pay \$10 at the door, to cover the lunch costs.

Following Ms. Kerr's keynote, at 1:30PM, Shelley Magnusson, Executive Staff Officer with the Alberta Teachers' Association, will present "Women in Leadership". A large body of peer reviewed research continuously finds that high-achieving women experience social backlash because of their very success. Specifically the behaviours that created that success violates our expectations about how women are supposed to behave. We will delve into the concept of secondary bias, and what this means for women who aspire to positional leadership. We will focus on how senior leaders must navigate the multiple responsibilities and constituencies of their roles. We will identify the unique leadership challenges and opportunities facing women in education today and come to understand when and how gender plays a role in both organizational and personal advancement. And we will end with a discussion about the "Me Too" movement and how this may affect women in the workplace today and into the future.

Program Highlights

There are over 300 sessions in this year's program, here are some of the program committee's recommendations and top picks!
Check them out at mptca2018.sched.com and start creating your schedule today.

Inspired to know more about his father's time at residential school, artist **Carey Newman** created the **Witness Blanket** - a national monument that commemorates the experiences of residential school survivors. The blanket is constructed from hundreds of everyday items collected from residential schools, churches, government buildings and cultural structures across Canada. Each object has a story to tell, each survivor has something to say. Carey Newman will present 3 sessions to teachers on Friday, March 9. The afternoon session will be a viewing of his documentary followed by a Q&A.

- Julie Gummessen

Popular ELA Presenters returning in 2018 include **Miranda Krogstad**, who has a new session, and **Blanche Lamont**, who will be presenting new sessions along with some of her tried and true.

Some new ELA presenters for #MPTCA2018 include **Robin Pawlak** and **Brenda Larson**. These are just a few of the presenters, take a look and see what will work for you!

- Jodie Dell

I am so excited to offer **Non-Violent Crisis Intervention** training at #MPTCA2018.

Made possible by a partnership with NRLC, this one day training will be offered at Charles Spencer on Friday, March 9th for just \$25. Register and pay online at <https://nrlc.net/program/2332>. This training is a must for any teacher that works with student with complex needs.

- Jennifer Clevette

Ever Active Schools is thrilled to be supporting the Health and Physical Education sessions at MPTCA again this year. We have teamed up with our partners in promoting school health and wellness to bring a variety of topics that will support teachers who have an interest in student and school-wide wellness, whether you teach phys-ed or not. Join us on Thursday morning as **Dr. Lauren Sulz** from the University of Alberta speaks to the role of wellness in all classrooms. Learn about using a Comprehensive School Health approach to achieve culture and system change in priority areas like physical activity. Throughout Thursday and Friday, Harry Balfour will feature active sessions with hands-on examples that you can take back to your schools from the Be Fit for Life Network, Alberta Health Services, the Health and Physical Education Council, and Ever Active Schools. Join us for one or two sessions, or the full two days of exciting programming - we hope to see you there!

- Jeanne Lawrence

Classroom teachers have an opportunity to develop their in-class music teaching skills with Debra **Giebelhaus-Maloney's** sessions, The Magic of Music, Movement, and Story, offered separately for Div 1 and Div 2. Join her for the 'magic' that happens when connecting music and movement to language! Engage in the Orff process while exploring elements of children's literature, singing games, listening and movement activities. Music specialists can also hone their skills with her Friday afternoon session, Feel the Rhythm, Move the Beat and Improvise! Back by popular demand is **Nicola Quigley's** Choral Music Reading Session on Thursday afternoon in the Comp Choir room, focusing on Elementary Choir repertoire.

- Laura Storey

This year we are partnering with **NiteHawk Adventure Park** to offer sessions and tours at their facilities. You will have a chance to try out the winter activities they offer. There is a \$15 equipment rental fee if you do not have your own equipment.

- Jeanne Lawrence

The first ever **Try-A-Trade®** sponsored by MPTC will be held this year. This is an opportunity for teachers and administrators, from all grades and subjects to experience hands on CTS/CTF classroom activities. Each activity will last approximately 15 minutes and then you can move on to the next subject/activity. Not only will you get to experience the hands on skills, you will have an opportunity to explore cross-curricular connections. Come by and check out automotive, foods, welding, photo/video, and robotics in any order during either Thursday morning session, to see what it is like to be in the CTS/CTF world. For more information email me at david.stewart@gppsd.ab.ca.

MPTCA Schedule and Facilities

In addition to having over 300 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. In addition to opening keynotes on Thursday and Friday, there are many speakers and presentations in the PWA Gym and PWA Theatre throughout both days. This year we are also hosting a Women's Leadership Luncheon on Friday beginning at 12PM (see page 2 for details) at St. Joe's Catholic Church Hall.

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 - mptca.teachers.ab.ca.

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.

<p><i>Thursday, March 8</i></p> <p><i>Displays in the GP Comp Large and Small Gyms all day!</i></p>	<p><i>Friday, March 9</i></p> <p><i>Displays in the GP Comp Large and Small Gyms until 12:30 PM</i></p>
<p>Session A: 9:00 - 10:15</p> <p>PWA Gym - MORGEX Opening Keynote: Bill Carr, "Acting Up"</p> <p>PWA Theatre - Alan Mallory, "Reaching New Heights"</p>	<p>Session E: 9:00 - 10:15</p> <p>PWA Gym - Opening Keynote: Dean Shareski, "Whatever Happened to Joy?"</p> <p>PWA Theatre - Carey Newman, "The Truth and Challenges of Reconciliation"</p>
<p>Session B: 10:30 - 11:45</p> <p>PWA Gym - Bill Carr, "Talking in Circles"</p> <p>PWA Theatre - Alan Mallory, "Empowering People Through Agile Leadership"</p>	<p>Session F: 10:30 - 11:45</p> <p>PWA Gym - Greg Jeffery (ATA President), "Ahead By a Century"</p> <p>PWA Theatre - Carey Newman, "Witness Blanket in the Classroom"</p>
<p>Lunch Break 11:45 – 12:30</p>	
<p>Session C: 12:30 – 13:45</p> <p>PWA Gym - Katherine McKnight, "Content Reading Comprehension and Writing Strategies"</p> <p>PWA Theatre - Alan Mallory, "Effective Communication and Mental Health"</p>	<p>*Women's Leadership Luncheon 12:00 - 15:15*</p> <p>Session G & H: 12:30 – 15:15</p> <p>PWA Theatre - "The Witness Blanket" - a documentary and Q&A with artist and co-director Carey Newman</p>
<p>Session D: 14:00 – 15:15</p> <p>PWA Gym - Katherine McKnight, "Move, Speak, Think!"</p> <p>PWA Theatre - Alan Mallory, "Healthy Team Dynamics and Building Trust"</p>	<p>Session H: 14:00 – 15:15</p> <p>PWA Gym - Honour Band Concert</p>

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 7th, 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 online at mptca2018.sched.com.

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 print their own member card from the ATA website.

To print your ATA member card visit cards.teachers.ab.ca.



CAMPS



There are two 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 home-work! Only \$80.00 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.

For children ages 5-11 years.

Muskoseepi Park

Looking for an exciting way to spend Teachers' 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. Come join us for two days of fun, crafts, fieldtrips and activities. Please provide two snacks & a lunch. For children ages 6-10 years. Cost : \$50

County Crosslink Sportsplex

Have your 5-12 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 (when registering for the full two-day camp).

Full 2-Day Camp, Thursday and Friday - \$85.00

Optional Drop-In Day Rates: Please pre-register your child for drop-in at least two days in advance.

No discounts for drop-in day rates.

Thursday - \$45 Friday - \$50 (Includes lunch)

DAILY SCHEDULE:

7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – Drop Off

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. – Lunch Time (Friday, lunch is on us)

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – 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 (optional).

You can register online at www.crosslinkcountysportsplex.com under programs and services.



The Mighty Peace Youth Society, which is tasked with organizing Mighty Peace Day, is excited to announce we are moving ahead with Mighty Peace Day 4! To celebrate, we are hosting an event for all teachers in the Mighty Peace Region to give you a better idea of what Mighty Peace Day is and why you want to have your students be a part of this movement. This event will very conveniently coincide with the Mighty Peace Teachers' Convention and will be held at the Alberta Summer Games office (right next door to The Comp at the old Leisure Centre) on Thursday, March 8 from 4:00 to 6:00. We will be offering snacks and beverages and you will be treated to a performance by one of our favourite Mighty Peace Day performers, Her Brothers. All educators are welcome to see why Mighty Peace Day has been so successful in Inspiring, Celebrating and Educating youth about making a difference in our local, national and global communities.



THREE WAYS TO EXPERIENCE THE GRANDE PRAIRIE CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

1. **The Festival:** for children ages 5-12, from 9:00-2:30 pm. Spend the day and be inspired in the arts! Early Bird Prices until March 13, 2018

Adults must accompany children

Buy Tickets: www.gpchildrensfest.com

Email: info@gpchildrensfest.com



2. Toddler Town: children 4 and under

*Art *Music *Storytelling
*Clowns *Water Play *Bubbles
*Sensory Stations and More!

FREE Admission

Parents or childcare providers must be in attendance. Check our website for details.

3. Families-at-the-Festival:

Bring your family for wonderful Live Entertainment for ALL ages! Don't miss it!

Wed. May 23, 2018
6-7:15 pm

Get tickets at GPLT Box Office
780-538-1616

