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MIGHTY PEACE TEACHERS' CONVENTION GRANDE PRAIRIE, AB • MARCH 7-8, 2019

Welcome to #mptca2019!

The count down is on for MPTCA 2019. One thing you will notice compared to last year, is that we have less sessions overall. This was done for several reasons.

We have three tremendous keynotes and would like to pack the gym for all of their sessions. Dr. Jody Carrington will be opening on Thursday morning and also presenting two different sessions in the afternoon. Shelley Moore is opening on Friday morning and Dr. Greg Wells will be closing in the gym that afternoon. Please note that these opening and closing keynotes are offered twice, so hopefully everyone will be able to attend these presentations for at least one of the two available times that they are offered.

Another reason we have fewer sessions this year is that when we have too many sessions being offered we end up with rooms that have very few teachers in them. We want our presenters to have adequate attendance at their sessions.

The program committee has also tried to bring in an influential presenter for each subject area. For Social Studies and Indigenous Education, we have Charlene Bearhead presenting 3 different sessions on Friday, one being repeated. MPTCA partnered with the NRLC to bring in Angela Stockman for English Language Arts. In Math, we have Sandi Berg at PWA for Division 1-2 teachers and James Tanton at the GP Comp for Division 3-4 teachers. For Science, Tyler Buchan presents on Thursday, Peggy Au and Rachel Toews on Friday. Finally, for Phys Ed and Health we have Ever Active Schools who will be presenting at the Soccer Pitch beside PWA and have brought in their own keynote, Tim Adams, the founder of Free Footie in Edmonton. Please note, there are no sessions at Harry Balfour this year.

Each year we try to improve upon the last. We hope you are able to find a few sessions that intrigue you but that also allow you to learn something new. Keep checking Sched (mptca2019.sched.org) daily as sessions are being added and other changes are being made.

We look forward to everyone gathering for two days, getting some professional development and enjoying the coffee, donuts and fruit.

- MPTC Program Committee

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Website: mptca.teachers.ab.ca



*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*

Program Highlights

There are 200 sessions in this year's program. Here are some of the Mighty Peace Teachers' Convention Association recommendations and top picks!

Check them out at mptca2019.sched.com and start creating your schedule today.

Please note that most sessions are first come, first served on the day of the session.

Some sessions may require you to email the presenter to pre-register and may include a fee for materials or certification.

Adding a session to your schedule on Sched does not guarantee you a spot in the room.

Grade 7-12 math teachers should check out Dr. James Tanton's sessions on Thursday. He is presenting all day at the GP Composite High School in room 74/75. He is a research mathematician deeply interested in bridging the gap between the mathematics experienced by school students and the creative mathematics practiced and explored by mathematicians. - Josie Thibault

Over the past six years, I've taken my own journey into holistic health. I've become a dedicated mindfulness practitioner and a competitive runner. I can't wait to see how Greg Wells pulls this all together. He is a renowned speaker who has spoken at world-class conferences including TEDx and The Titan Summit. He is an adventurer himself who has dedicated his life's work to studying how humans can best perform by becoming the healthiest versions of themselves. And in a world in which it is becoming more challenging to find that version, who can't use a little research-based motivation from a professional who knows? Dr. Wells is the speaker at the MPTCA 2019 that I am most looking forward to. I will be running to get a front-row seat!

- Julie Gummesen

Nitehawk Adventure Park will be offering sessions again this year. They will provide an overview of the variety of outdoor recreation opportunities that Nitehawk has to offer to students year-round. Participants will be given a presentation highlighting all activities available, an explanation of the importance of outdoor recreation to the mental & physical development of students and an overview of the student experience when visiting our community owned non-profit facility.

- Jeanne Lawrence

Wondering what is going on with the new curriculum? Dan Grassick from the ATA will be sharing details about the upcoming implementation and how teachers can prepare for it.

Greg Jeffery, ATA president, will also be at Convention talking to teachers about the new curriculum, bargaining and getting ready for the provincial election.

Be sure to visit the displays in the GP Comp gyms. In addition to finding resources for your classroom and items to help keep you looking and feeling your best, the candidates for the upcoming presidential election for the ATA will be there.

- Chantal Gallant

Charlene Bearhead is a mother, grandmother, experienced educator and education innovator with 30 years of regional, national and international experience. I first heard her speak at the ATA Summer Conference in 2016 and was inspired to organize an Orange Shirt Day event at my school that September, and every year since. She will be presenting two sessions, History of Residential Schools and Taking Action for Reconciliation, twice on Friday.

- Debbie Harris

Although I teach FSL and Social Studies, I am really excited to try learning some Cree with Barb Belcourt on Friday. I am also looking forward to meeting Jody Bean and attending her Thursday sessions on student engagement and technology, specifically the SMART Learning Suite.

- Melissa Putman

MPTCA Schedule and Facilities

In addition to choosing from 200 sessions during the two days of Convention, teachers can visit vendors in the large and small gyms of the GP Composite High School. We have terrific opening keynotes on Thursday and Friday plus more speakers and presentations in the PWA Gym and PWA Theatre during both days of Convention. Most sessions are held at the GP Composite High School and Peace Wapiti Academy schools (no sessions are at Harry Balfour this year). Maps of these schools can be found on our website - mptca.teachers.ab.ca and in Sched. This year we also have some sessions at Nitehawk, Nordic Centre and the Soccer Pitch beside PWA.

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 style="text-align: center;"><i>Thursday, March 7</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Displays in the GP Comp Large and Small Gyms all day!</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Friday, March 8</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Displays in the GP Comp Large and Small Gyms until 12:30 PM</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Session A: 9:00 - 10:15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PWA Gym - MORGEX Opening Keynote: Jody Carrington, "Relationships: from babies, to marriages, to death (oh my)"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Session E: 9:00 - 10:15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PWA Gym - Opening Keynote: Shelley Moore, "Inclusive Education: Who, What, Where, When, Why?!" PWA Theatre - Greg Wells, "Question and Answer"</p>
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<p>Lunch Break 11:45 – 12:30</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Session C: 12:30 – 13:45</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PWA Gym - Jody Carrington, "Compassion Fatigue"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Session G: 12:30 – 13:45</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PWA Gym - Greg Wells, "The Ripple Effect: Sleep, Eat, Move and Think Better" PWA Theatre - Shelley Moore, "Inclusive Education: Designing for a Range of Abilities"</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Session D: 14:00 – 15:15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PWA Gym - Jody Carrington, "Leading Greatness"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Session H: 14:00 – 15:15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PWA Gym - Greg Wells, "The Ripple Effect: Sleep, Eat, Move and Think Better" PWA Theatre - Shelley Moore, "Inclusive Education: Designing for a Range of Abilities"</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.

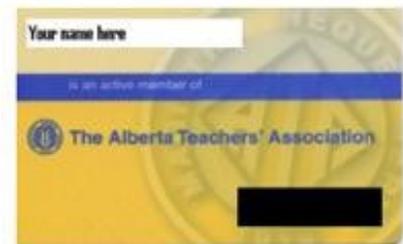
All guests, teachers on leave, substitute teachers and student teachers **who do not have an ATA Member Card** can register on Wednesday, March 6th, between 1 - 5:00 p.m. or on Thursday or Friday during regular convention hours. MPTCA does not produce a booklet, information as to session offerings are located online at mptca2019.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.



Everyone loves stickers and we want you to have some Free Samples!
Just click here to order yours ready for pick up at our booth in the displays!
<https://goo.gl/forms/8x9TbPYZP7kJRvUw1>

Take your pick from a few different layouts or upload your logo and we can print that too! We will also have a new set of teacher inspired fun stickers for you to enjoy.



CAMPS



City of GP has several day camps during Convention.

<https://econnect.cityofgp.com/Activities/ActivitiesAdvSearch.asp>

Eastlink Centre

No school for two days? Come join us and forget what it's like to have homework! Only \$80.00 for both days! This two-day camp will have your child using all that Eastlink has to offer! SWIM, SKATE, PLAY! Ensure that all weather appropriate clothes are sent. Early drop off (7:30am) and Late pick up (5:30pm) available for an extra fee.

Muskosepi Park

Ages: 6 Yrs. to 10 Yrs.

Fees: \$60.00

Description:

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.

Maude Clifford

Ages: 6 Yrs. to 12 Yrs.

Fees: \$30.00

Description:

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.

Philip J. Currie Museum

<https://dinomuseum.ca/programs/pd-day-camps/>

GRADES 1 – 6

Dates: March 7 & 8, 2019

Times: (full-day) 9:00am – 4:00pm

Cost: \$25/day; \$50/both days

Just because the teachers are away doesn't mean you still can't learn something cool! Have a blast from the past at our March day camp during teachers' convention and impress your teacher with your newfound dino-knowledge!

County Crosslink Sportsplex

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

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

*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).

GP Gymnastics

<https://www.amilia.com/store/en/grande-prairie-gymnastics/shop/activities/1877075>

Nitehawk

<https://gonitehawk.com/lessons/girls-multisport-teacher-convention-camp/>

Hotel Deals for Teachers

There are several hotels offering deals to teachers for Convention.

Please visit our website for full details. <http://mptca.teachers.ab.ca>