

All the World's a Classroom

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MIGHTY PEACE TEACHERS' CONVENTION

Craig Kielburger

The Mighty Peace Teachers' Convention Association is delighted to present Craig Kielburger as the opening keynote speaker for the 2013 Convention.

Craig Kielburger founded Free The Children in 1995 at only 12 years of age. Today, he remains a passionate full-time volunteer for the organization, now an international charity and renowned educational partner that empowers youth to achieve their fullest potential as agents of change.

Free The Children delivers innovative programming to more than 3,500 youth groups and hundreds of thousands of young people in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom. The organization's signature domestic event, We Day, reaches 70,000 students in person and 5.4 million through televised broadcasts. As the world's largest network of children helping children through education, the organization has worked in 45 countries and built more than 650 schools and school rooms in developing regions, providing education to more than 55,000 children every day.

Free The Children has a proven track record of success, having formed successful partnerships with top school boards and leading corporations—including Oprah's Angel Network, Virgin Atlantic Airways, KPMG and Research In Motion.



"We so often feel powerless to do anything about the many problems in the world around us. We are so often left to wonder whether one person can possibly make a difference. Mother Teresa said yes we can. Her life was resounding proof that it is possible."

Craig is also the co-founder of Me to We. An innovative social enterprise, Me to We provides people with better choices for a better world, including socially conscious and environmentally friendly clothes and accessories, as well as life-changing international volunteer trips, leadership training programs and materials, and books which

address issues of positive social change. In addition, half of Me to We's net profit is donated to Free The Children, while the other half is reinvested to grow the enterprise and its social mission.

Craig is a syndicated columnist and New York Times bestselling author who has written eight books. His latest, released in June 2011, is the children's book Lessons from a Street Kid.

Craig has a degree in peace and conflict studies from the University of Toronto and is the youngest-ever graduate of the Kellogg-Schulich Executive MBA program. He has received ten honorary doctorates and degrees, The Roosevelt Freedom Medal, The World Children's Prize for the Rights of the Child (often called the Children's Nobel Prize) and is one of the youngest recipients of The Order of Canada.

Craig's work has been featured on multiple appearances on The Oprah Winfrey Show, CNN, 60 Minutes and The Today Show; and in People, Time and The Economist.

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For Convention updates and information join our group on Facebook!

Q & A

Q. What do I do if there is a conference I want to attend but it takes place during our convention?

A. Teachers may request permission to attend alternate professional development activities. Requests must be submitted, in writing, to the Convention Attendance Committee by January 15th, 2013. For more information please visit mptca.teachers.ab.ca.

Q. So many sessions were full when I got there. Can't Convention move to a different venue with larger rooms?

A. The Mighty Peace Teachers' Convention Association Program Committee attempts to anticipate the popularity of sessions so that they may book repeats of these sessions or host the sessions in some of the larger spaces but of course this is not always possible. We are extremely lucky to have the free venues that we have (which come with use of equipment like computers, SmartBoards and WiFi) since this reduces our costs significantly and allows us to have such great sessions in the first place. There are no other venues in Grande Prairie that offer us the space and affordability that we currently have.

Q. There are very few sessions, if any, in the subject area and grade level I teach. Why doesn't the program have something for everyone?

A. We do have something for everyone - in 2012 there were almost 200 sessions offered! The Mighty Peace Teachers' Convention Association Program Committee spends many hours of work trying to organize a variety of sessions. In addition to our stellar keynotes there are many general sessions with such topics as leadership, assessment, classroom management, technology and issues in education which are applicable to **all** teachers. We have a limited budget and a limited number of places to host sessions so it is very difficult to offer something in every teacher's subject area or grade level.

If you know of a presenter who would be suitable for our Convention please contact the Program Chair, Kate McDace at kmcpace@hotmail.com.

Q. I printed the program when it first went online in February, but then when I went to Convention some of the sessions were different or had been moved.

A. We realize that many teachers like to print the program so that they don't have to be on their computer or other device to read it. The program is designed to be viewed on a computer so that you can sort through the fields to narrow your selections. And while the program does go online in early February, it still has many changes made to it before Convention in March. Sometimes presenters need to make changes, rooms need to be changed or errors need to be fixed. All changes are noted in the Session Updates section of the MPTCA website and through the MPTCA Facebook group. It is recommended that if you print the program you should double check that the details of the sessions you plan to attend have remained the same.

We also post a large version of the program-at-a-glance at both PWA and the Comp and we have QR codes posted around the facilities so that the program can be easily accessed on your handheld device.

Vendor Displays

We are always looking for educational vendors to display their services and resources at our Convention, especially for senior high. There are many challenges for us since travel and shipping costs are more for vendors to come to our Convention and there is another Convention held at the same time as ours. Despite having the lowest fees for vendors we still have trouble getting them to come to Grande Prairie. If you know of any vendors that we should invite to our Convention please contact the Display Director, Nancy Evans, at 780-538-2883 ext 170 or by email nancyevans@gpcsd.ca.

**We are now accepting proposals for sessions at our 2013 Convention,
All the World's a Classroom! This year we have an online proposal
form available on our website, mptca.teachers.ab.ca.
Proposals received before September 30, 2012 will be given first consideration.**