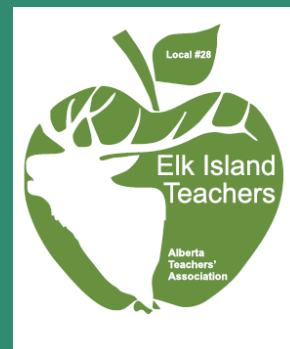




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ATA Local #28



MAY 2019

TEACHERS SUPPORTING TEACHERS

THANK YOU!!

by Deneen Zielke (Local President)

Another year is almost over and there is a lot to reflect on. We have been through a provincial association election, a provincial election, and central table bargaining. It was a very busy time for us in the Local as we worked to engage members in all these important matters as well as moving forward with our own initiatives.

I would like to thank our VP Darryl Webb for his work on the Political Engagement portfolio. Organizing a meet and greet with candidates and assisting with the Larry Booi speaking engagement were activities that got our members thinking about

educational issues as the election approached.

Our TWC Chair, Jen Fredeen, has worked diligently on our new website reviewing and approving PD Funds applications as well as working with her committee of hard-working teachers to prepare for upcoming local negotiations. Thanks so much for all you do behind the scenes, Jen!

I want to thank John Murphy, our treasurer, for all the time he has spent processing PD fund claims from our new website, budget reports at Local Council.

Stephen Anderson has

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Skateboard Art / Poverty Awareness

Next Step students make personal connections with poverty awareness.

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Conference Season!

Check out the Specialist Council conferences being offered in the fall.

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continued to bring passion and enthusiasm to his role as TBAC Chair. I truly appreciate the work he and his committee do to represent teachers and their concerns. We always have robust discussions with the superintendent and trustees at our meetings and have made considerable progress in several areas.

Our PD Chair, Janet Vader, has worked with her creative committee to bring a variety of resources to members as well collaborating with EICS to provide a great session on the new TQS document. As well, she has been a great support to our Diversity, Equity, Human Rights committee and our new GSA.

Our Local Communications Officer, Irene Deatcher, has continued to produce the best Local newspaper in the province. The Bugler is recognized by so many as the standard of communication others should aim for. In addition, she has added organizing and updating the new website to her portfolio. This year she formed a committee to help with these duties and updating social media posts. This committee has worked diligently on all platforms to keep our teachers some

of the most informed and engaged in the province.

Maxine Holm, our secretary, has been actively forwarding emails to Staff Representatives and members through our new email service. I have heard great feedback from our members that the timely information they receive is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank Khrysty Greif and Joelle Tymchuk for taking on leadership roles in the Local. Khrysty has done a wonderful job chairing the DEHR committee and Joelle has worked with me this year to establish a Local GSA. The DEHR committee is such a cooperative, committed, and creative group that I am always in awe of what they undertake and accomplish. I am sure the newly formed GSA will do the same!

Each committee in our Local benefits from dedicated members volunteering and contributing their time and talents. Every committee member is valued and appreciated – we couldn't have accomplished what we have without them!

Our District Representative, Paul Froese, is an irreplaceable resource that we work

closely with to support the work we do. Not only do I and the Executive rely on him to source and provide information, liaise with various Barnett House departments and personnel, but he has met with several members to assist with personal matters and support them as well.

Finally, I want to extend my appreciation to all our Staff Representatives. Their monthly attendance at meetings to provide feedback and direction, ask questions for clarification, and report to their staffs the information presented, is crucial to the success of the Local. Staff Representatives are our connection to members and their importance cannot be overstated.

As you can see it takes many talented, passionate, and dedicated individuals to run our Local and support our members. We all benefit from their work and want to make sure they know how much it is appreciated. Should you have an interest or passion for any of the Local committees, we would love to have you join us. Sharing experiences, ideas, and dreams moves us forward.

Have a wonderful summer!

CONFERENCE CORNER

by Irene Deatcher

With the new term of PD funding becoming open for applications on June 1st, members are starting to think of which events they want to attend during the 2019-20 school year.

Many of the ATA Specialist Councils hold their annual conferences in the fall. Remember: all ATA members [may join one specialist council](#) per year free of charge.

Being a member of [a specialist council](#) gives you access to their conference (often at a reduced cost), publications, website, workshops, and seminars. The councils provide members with an opportunity to share and receive information and resources with others within a specialty area.

Religious and Moral Education Council Conference – “Spirituality of Teaching”

WHO: Any interested ATA members.

The RMEC is offering [FREE secondary memberships](#) (for ATA members who already have another Specialist Council



membership) to the first 50 respondents.

WHAT: The conference's sub-theme is “Sustaining ourselves in our Vocation as Educators.”

WHERE: Calgary, AB – [Sheraton Cavalier](#)

WHEN: October 4 & 5, 2019

WHY: The keynote speaker is [Ron Rolheiser](#) (priest, author, columnist writing “In Exile”).

HOW: Watch the [website](#) for registration procedures to be posted.



Council for Inclusive Education Conference – Celebrating the Challenges

WHO: Teachers, educational assistants, psychologists, and occupational therapists.

WHAT: The theme for the conference is “Common Threads”. A wide variety of topics will be covered including curriculum (with a perspective on students with special needs / disabilities), mental Health, First Nations / Metis / Inuit perspectives, diversity / human rights, technology, behavior, and staff wellness.

WHERE: [Fantasyland Hotel](#), Edmonton.

WHEN: October 17-19 (including the pre-conference)

WHY: Keynote speakers include [Shelley Moore](#) and [Dr. Julie Causton](#).

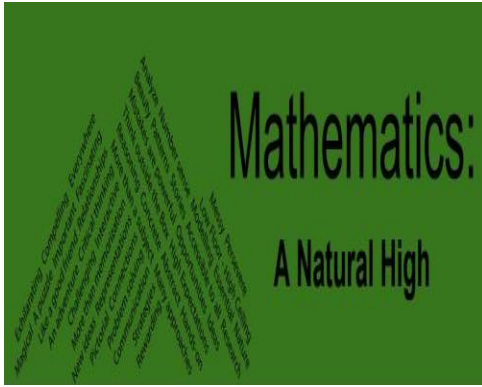
There are 5 full-day pre-conference workshops on Thursday October 17th on the following topics: children with ASD at school, assistive technology, 3 block model of curriculum design, Red Cross youth training, and a support site bus tour.

Registration includes breakfasts, coffee/snacks, door prizes, Thursday evening President's reception, and a Friday night social event.

HOW: Watch the [website](#) for registration procedures to be posted.

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Mathematics Council Conference

WHO: Any interested ATA members. **WHAT:** The conference title is Mathematics: A Natural High

WHERE: [Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge](#)

WHEN: October 25 & 26, 2019

WHY: Come and listen to keynote speakers [Francis Su](#) (speaking on "Mathematics for Human Flourishing") and [James Tanton](#).

On Saturday, they will be hosting a [mathematical playground](#). Watch the [website for more information](#) as it becomes available.

HOW: [Register online](#).

Early bird pricing is in effect until June 30th.

Science Council Conference

WHO: Science teachers.

WHAT: Retro Futurism: The Science of Tomorrow Today is being presented by the [Science Council](#).

WHERE: [Coast Hotel, Canmore](#)

WHEN: November 1-2, 2018

WHY: [Canadian science journalist Bob MacDonald](#) will be the keynote speaker. Check out [his TedTalk](#).

HOW: Currently, registration is not yet open. Watch [the website](#) for your opportunity to register.



Career and Technology Education Council



WHO: [CTEC teachers](#)

WHAT: [A conference](#) that allows CTEC teachers to collaborate with colleagues and to connect with business and industry stakeholders.

WHERE: [Double Tree by Hilton](#), West Edmonton

WHEN: November 21-23

WHY: Attend sessions on best practices, health/safety, engagement, technology, and more. Networking socials and most meals are included.

HOW: Currently, registration is not yet open. Watch [the website](#) for your opportunity to register.

STAFF GSA IN ELK ISLAND!

by Joelle Tymchuk

Elk Island Local 28 is excited to announce the formation of a member led and member presented Diverse Gender and Sexuality Alliance—a GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance) for educators and school staff! With the participation of Elk Island Catholic Teachers Local 21, the inaugural meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 29 at the Elk Island Local 28 Office. (33 Blackfoot Road)

At the first meeting a steering committee will be struck along with the articles of the group. There will be snacks and camaraderie to help begin this very important chapter in our Local. Every certificated and classified staff member who identifies as LGBTQ+ or is a supportive ally is welcome to attend on the 29th and hopefully every last Wednesday of the month going forward.

We look forward to seeing everyone there! Rainbow suspenders not required but always appreciated!



GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE FOR TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF!!!!

Last Wednesday of each month
Starting May 29th @ 4:30pm
847-33 Blackfoot Rd, Sherwood
Park

A SAFE SPACE FOR EVERYONE!

BECAUSE STAFF NEED SUPPORT, TOO

Brought to you by Elk Island Public local
28 and Elk Island Catholic local 21

"WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION" PHOTO CONTEST HAS RETURNED!!

by Irene Deatcher

We KNOW you have some GREAT plans for your summer! Don't worry... you don't have to write us an essay 😊

Please get your cameras or cell phones charged and ready to capture that perfect moment in July or August. It can be from an adventure someplace new or a project or accomplishment closer to home – this is totally up to you! We want to know where you went, what you did, or what you saw during your summer break.

Send photos to lco@elkislandlocal28.com by September 6th for your chance to win one of 2 \$75 gift certificates for Boston Pizza or for Amazon (your choice!). If you prefer, you can also enter by sharing photos on our [Facebook page](#). There will also be 3 honorable mention prizes of \$20 gift cards for Tim Horton's or Starbucks.

Photos taken by Elk Island Local #28 members between June 30th and August 31st are eligible. Entries will be judged by the communications committee based on photographic elements, relation to theme, and creativity.

By submitting a photo, you are giving permission for that photo and your name and school to be published in The Bugler and on the [Local #28 Facebook page](#).

Please add a short caption to your photo to explain the context. This caption may also be used or paraphrased in The Bugler or on [Facebook](#).

Snap those photos! Smile! Enjoy your summer!!



2018 winning photos by C. Bezuko and E. Anderson.



DIVERSITY EQUITY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE UPDATE



by Khrysty Greif (FRH)

DEHR committee update

It was with great sorrow that we learned the Edmonton Pride Parade was being cancelled shortly after our planning meeting last month. In light of this development, we wanted to share some of the things going on in Strathcona county, along with other communities too. We encourage everyone who has walked with us in the Pride Parade to wear your shirt at any of the events to show your support for students & families in EIPS. There will be events in other communities, including Edmonton as the month approaches.



The following came to us from Mike Green @ Altview:

It is with exceptional happiness that I announce Strathcona County Pride!! This week-long festival will recognize and celebrate Strathcona County's LGBTQ2S+ residents and allies from May 27th-June 2nd.



The week kicks off with a Pride Flag Raising 12-2pm on May 27th outside the Library entrance of the Community Centre. On June 1st, we will be hosting Pride in the Park at Broadmoor Lake Park from 11am-5pm with vendors, entertainment, and fun for the whole family.

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The following came to us from Fort Saskatchewan:

Friday, May 24th

PRIDE Week Kick-Off

To kick off the week, come down to City Hall from 4pm – 7pm to participate in some activities. A proclamation will be signed by the Mayor.

Saturday, May 25th

PRIDE Flag Raising at Families First

Come out and join Families First in a PRIDE Flag raising event at 9:15am and stick around for the Car Seat Clinic.



Saturday, May 25th

Country Chic

Country Chic is hosting a PRIDE Workshop starting at 1:00pm, sign up at:

<https://countrychic.ca/>

Saturday, May 25th

Pride Bowling at Fort Lanes

Fort Lanes is hosting a Pride bowling night for a deal of \$12/ per person for 2 games! Fort Lanes will be open from 7pm - 9pm.

Sunday, May 26th

Fort Saskatchewan United Church

The Fort Saskatchewan United Church is hosting an inclusive service and raising the Pride Flag outside their church.

Monday, May 27th

Play Mob

Families First is hosting a PRIDE week Play Mob from 5:30pm – 7:00pm at the RCMP Park.

Tuesday, May 28th

PRIDE Week Speaker

Dow Chemical is sponsoring two speakers to share their stories at the Dow Centennial Centre in the Lions Mane room, 7:00 – 8:30pm. Tabor Pearson who is the Operations Inclusion & Diversity Focal Point for Dow Canada and Marni Panas who is the lead of the diversity and inclusion team with one of Canada's largest employers and has done TED talks and been on BBC and CNN.

Wednesday, May 29th

Reading with Royalty

The Fort Saskatchewan Library is hosting Reading with Royalty from 10:30am – 11:15am during their family story time.

Thursday, May 30th

Drag Make-Up

The Fort Saskatchewan Library is hosting Drag Make-Up workshop with Dragging Youth Series from 6:00pm – 8:30pm



UNIGNORABLE: POVERTY AWARENESS WITH SKATEBOARDS

By Kristian Basaraba (NXT)

Skateboards, street art and homelessness in youth were the themes for a student art project that took action against the #UNIGNORABLE issue of local poverty this past year. The PAWS (Poverty Awareness with Skateboards) project by Next Step High School (SPO) students was one of the twenty-one projects awarded a grant by the United Way of the Alberta capital Region for the 2018-2019 school year that aimed to teach students about the challenges local individuals face when living in poverty. The project goals of the PAWS project were to have students create an artistic image using a skateboard deck as a canvas in order to engage and invoke a conversation around poverty and homelessness in youth.

Next Step students made weekly visits to the Old Strathcona Youth Society (OSYS) Co-op to forge relationships and share experiences with the youth that frequent the space. Each week featured SPO students bringing along an art activity for all participants to work on plus a couple of "Make Your Mark Sharpie Boards". These skate decks were given to people to share their thoughts on poverty through a word, picture or story and written on these boards with a Sharpie. These interactive pieces allowed everyone to be engaged in this discussion including students, co-op youth and others and provided some insight into how this issue is viewed by each of them.



Make Your Mark Sharpie Boards

The weekly visits allowed for conversations to be had between youth while creating some wonderful art. The first visit enabled the students and youth to get introduced to one another, to have all involved be given a synopsis of the project and use the button maker to make buttons. Students brought along Sculpey® clay to create sculptures on the second visit and the third week participants created drawings using pencils and paper. Each visit SPO students heard stories from the co-op youth as to what it takes to survive and live on the street. It was these stories that SPO student Becca described as "an

experience that has impacted me greatly and has made me feel much more empathetic towards people in this situation.” The ride back home after these visits were very emotional for some students and it allowed them to reflect on how fortunate they are and how poverty affects youth their age. It was a humbling experience for some and reshaped some student views and influenced what they want to do in the future. In the words of SPO student Kieara, “it has changed my views and perspective on what I want to do with my life.”



Art pieces created by SPO students and OSYS youth during the weekly visits.

Using these emotions, stories and experiences the SPO students then embarked on their skateboard deck design planning and implementation. Each student was given a blank skateboard deck and were challenged to create a graphic that promotes an awareness of poverty and homelessness in youth. One goal was to create a graphic that encourages a discussion around this issue and maybe be an impetus for change. These boards were to be displayed in an art show and silent auction fundraiser for the OSYS on the evening of February 19 at The Aviary in the heart of Edmonton.



Skateboard entitled “Time Machine” by SPO student Max T.



Untitled skateboard by SPO student Emily K.

This art exhibit featured all of the ten students' boards including four designed by local artists Adrien Koleric, Paul Karpinski, Bob Prodor and Ryan Baier. The students displayed their work proudly and were excited to welcome guest, dignitaries and VIP's. The night also featured all of the art created on the weekly visits, the interactive Make Your Mark Sharpie decks and a variety of musical guests including, Josh Collins, Tyler Buchan the SNFU punk cover band The Devil's Voice. All the boards were sold in a silent auction format and along with the cover charge for the event the students of Next Step High were able to raise approximately \$1700 to fund programming for the homeless youth that frequent OSYS.



Untitled skateboard by OSYS youth Cristian A.

On April 29th the United Way hosted an awards program and celebration where more than 300 students, teachers and guests attended. It was a chance for everyone involved in this initiative to see all of the twenty-one projects and the impact they had on fighting poverty. Four projects were put in the spotlight for their efforts and the students from Next Step High walked away with an Awareness Award for their project. This award highlighted the hard work these students did and recognized the impact it had on everyone involved.



Next Step High School students celebrating their Awareness Award

QUICK BITS

by Irene Deatcher

Browse through these 'bits' for fast facts and information for our local.

MOVIE TICKETS

Certificated staff can still purchase **discounted movie passes** for \$8.50 per ticket. Send requests to Karen Topma at elkislandpublicata@gmail.com.

ATA EDUCATIONAL TRUST GRANTS

Through the ATA Educational Trust, [there are many bursaries and grants available](#) to members. These funds have been established to support members with accessing professional development opportunities.

Applications are now open for the following:

Morgex/Johnson Insurance Centennial Fund for Teacher Development -

This \$600 bursary is made available to teachers to advance their knowledge and teaching skills by attending a conference, workshop, seminar, institute or symposium. Applicants must use the bursary towards pd events between October 1 2019 and September 30 2020. Deadline for [applications for the next bursary draw](#) is September 30 2019.

ATA Specialist Council Conference Grants

These \$500 grants are available to members for attending ATA Specialist Council Conferences. Applicants must take full advantage of other sources of funding available – only expenses NOT covered by other grants will be considered for compensation. Deadline for [applications for the next grant draw](#) is September 30 2019.

PD FUNDING

Applications for PD funds will be accepted beginning June 1st for the term September 1st 2019 to January 31st 2020. You must sign up on EasyPD in order to apply.

Visit our Local website <https://www.elkislandlocal28.ca/blog/> to sign up. You must have your teaching certificate number in order to complete your website registration.

EASTER EGG HUNT CONTEST RESULTS

The April contest challenged members to find all of the Easter eggs hidden in The Bugler. The correct answer was 88.

As there were many correct entries submitted, the

winner was selected from those by random draw. Congratulations go out to Julie Henderson who has won a \$100 gift certificate.

APPLE WATCH WINNER!



Congratulations to Wendy Forbes from Pine Street School. Wendy was one of two randomly drawn winners who submitted evaluations at NCTCA. Thanks to Morgex Insurance for their generous donation!

BUGLER BREAK

This will be the last edition of our newsletter until September.

If there are any urgent updates or breaking news items in June or the summer, you will be able to find updates on the website or will receive email notifications via cyberimpact IF you have registered on our website: www.elkislandlocal28.ca.

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

May 24th

Walking Together: Education for Reconciliation Gathering, Grande Prairie, AB

May 29th

GSA Meeting - Elk Island Local Office (33 Blackfoot Rd, Sherwood Park)

June 5th

(un)intended consequences: Artificial Intelligence, Automation, and the Future of Public Education

June 12-27th

Diploma Exams

June 21

Deadline for applying for teacher exchange to Spain

Indigenous Peoples Day

June 27th

Last Instructional Day

June 28th

Last Operational Day

ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVES ASSEMBLY (ARA) – A FIRST-TIMER'S PERSPECTIVE

by Kim Zapesocki (SPS)

On the weekend of May 18-21, 2019, I attended my first ATA Annual Representative Assembly at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton. I am honored for the opportunity to attend, and for belonging to an organization with such commitment to its members, our provinces teachers, and our students.

I was surprised at the number of representatives from each school division that come to this event on behalf of their local, giving up their long weekend and personal time, to

work together to improve the jobs and lives of our teachers and students. This weekend brought awareness to me on how hard our local executive work, their commitment to the organization, and how the organization goes about amending and adding policies that need attention in order to reflect the changing tides of education and continue to reflect justice, equity and inclusion for ALL in our schools.

I met many wonderful people whom I respect for their depth of knowledge, and value the event

for building alliances between all divisions across Alberta. It is long, it is exhausting, but it is a well-organized "class act" event put on by the Alberta Teachers Association.

It was an opportunity for me to spend time with and get to know our local executive, and I return home humbled at their knowledge, commitment and dedication.

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GOING
TO
CALL?



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tbacchair@elkislandlocal28.ca

For questions about ARTA (Alberta Retired Teachers' Association) that are not answered on [the website](#) or for questions about EIRTA (Elk Island Retired Teachers' Association):

Karen Atkinson
(President)
Elk.Island.RTA@shaw.ca

Twitter: [@ElkIslandLocal](#)
Facebook: [ATA Local #28 – Elk Island Public](#)

For pay issues, leaves and anything related to the [collective agreement](#), contact the Teacher Welfare Committee (TWC) or the Negotiating Sub-Committee (NSC):

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For professional conduct issues, contract concerns and employment issues, contact the [ATA at Barnett House](#):

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