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Report from Henning Drive

2019 RETIREES

Congratulations to the 2019 Retirees!

Wendy Amy	Elaine Jaltema	Steven Sipos
Joseph Boulanger	Yvonne Laserson	Rosemary Speakman
Pamela Bromley	Patricia Long	Raimund Stamm
Donald Cann	Katherine Lu	Ingrid Stitt
Rosanna Cavallo	Donald McNamee	Ruth Stolb
Leslie Clauson	Sheila MacTavish	Dawn Taylor
Patricia Finlay	Jaynie Miller	Ann Thorup
Lindsay Gardner	Tracy Mitchell	Sandi Turner
Janice Gee	Sissi Phillips	Jack Trovato
Rose Marie Giustra	Enrico Renz	Marjorie Vint
Janine Guthrie	Carol Serge	Glyn Weir
Mary Anne Higgins	Adam Singer	

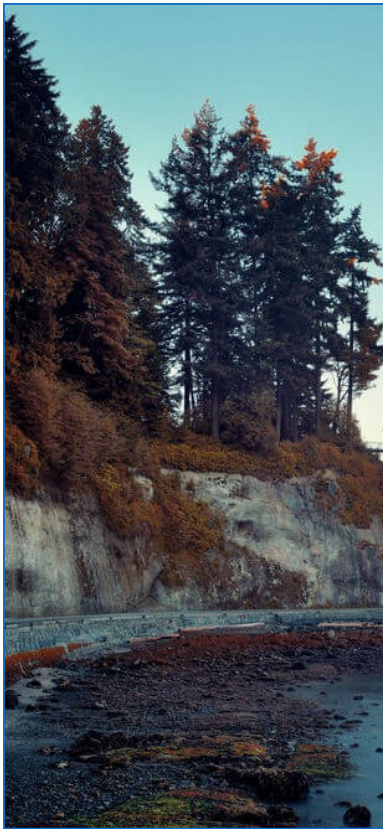
Pictured below some of our 2019 Retirees!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **BTA RA**
June 18th, 2019
4pm
Burnaby Central

*Please note that if you are a site that would like an additional School Visit from a Table Officer please contact the BTA Office.



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INTERESTED IN BEING A MENTOR? OR BEING A MENTEE?

BURNABY MENTORSHIP PROGRAM 2019/20

As many of you know the mentorship program was relaunched at the start of this school year. With all the new teachers to our district, mentorship is a critical aspect of our life in Burnaby. Approximately 70 teachers participated this past year and we are currently accepting mentors and mentees for the 2019/20 school year. The program has changed or morphed since its inception several years ago and this year we built mentor mentee groups using a cohort style with the goals of creating long lasting collaborative relationships amongst our teaching professionals. The new format has been well received and the meetings are lively and filled with collegial capacity building. The mentorship meetings are held once a month after school, include a light dinner, a key topic with a speaker, and very valuable talk time. If you are interested in being a mentor or are a teacher with less than 5 years' experience and would like to be part of the mentorship program please visit our blog where the applications are available at:

<https://blogs.sd41.bc.ca/mentorship/>

PACIFIC BLUE CROSS MEMBER UPDATE

Colleagues, our benefits carrier is hosting its Annual General Meeting on June 19th at 5pm. As members we carry voting rights for Board elections. It is most certainly in our interest to support individuals who will advocate for policies and practice that support our health and well being. At this AGM, there will be important elections including former BCTF President **Jim Iker** who is running as an individual member. Please consider attending to cast your important vote.

The Nominating Committee of the Board conducted interviews with each of the nominees. The nominee in the Health Care Professional category will be acclaimed at the AGM.

CODEV DINNER

Burnaby teachers represented the BTA at the annual CoDev Dinner on June 8th.



TOC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the attached poster about upcoming events for TOC's.

Please RSVP to the BTA Office at bta3@bctf.ca if you wish to attend the Year End Social.

TOC NOTICE

PARTIALLY AVAILABLE

This is a message from the Human Resources Department:

This is to advise those TOC's who are currently on the partially available list that the minimum amount of days worked required to stay on the list will be increasing. Effective September 1, 2019 the minimum of 10 days worked per school year will be increasing to 15 FTE days per school year.

This is also a reminder that should you wish to transfer from the partially available list to the fully available list – that request needs to be received prior to June 30, 2019.

From Human Resources Department (BBE)



The poster is yellow with a blue border. In the top left corner is the Burnaby Teachers' Association logo. The title 'TOC Year End Social' is in large green letters. Below it, in blue, is the invitation 'All Burnaby TOCs are invited to attend!'. The text continues: 'Come mix and mingle with other Burnaby TOCs and be treated to some pizza and beer by the BTA. Please RSVP to bta3@bctf.ca by noon, Tuesday, June 18th, so that the BTA is able to order enough food for the group.' The event details are listed in red: 'DATE: Wednesday June 19th, 2019', 'TIME: 3:30pm - 5:30pm', and 'PLACE: Steamworks Brewery and Taproom, 3845 William Street, Burnaby'. At the bottom is a silhouette illustration of people at a bar.

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APPRECIATIONS FROM VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY

On behalf of the Faculty of Education at Vancouver Island University, we want to express our appreciation to teachers in your school district for their time, patience and excellent mentorship provided to all our student teachers during the 2018/2019 school year.

Our student teachers value the “real life” teaching experiences they receive while practice teaching in schools and it is paramount to their development as our future educators. Our student teachers have benefitted immensely from their experience and appreciate the strong mentorship, patience and professional guidance provided to them throughout the course of their practicum. The classroom experience gave our students the opportunity to start developing and implementing a teaching style that allows them to blend what they have learned with the reality of the classroom environment.

Having sponsor teachers that are enthusiastic, knowledgeable and caring is crucial to the development of excellent, beginning teachers. Once again, thank you very much for sharing your expertise and your classroom with the educators of tomorrow. We look forward to continuing our teacher education partnership with the schools and teachers in your district.

From Sean Toal, Field Experience Coordinator and Professor, Vancouver Island University

INTERVENTION COMMITTEE

This is a call for two BTA representatives to sit on the District Intervention Committee.

It is the role of the District Intervention Committee, in conjunction with the Burnaby Board of Education, is to facilitate with students regarding suspensions. The committee works to resolve concerns regarding safe school climates.

This is a two year appointment. The Intervention Committee meets as needed, and the two BTA members will share the work. Please submit your interest with a brief write up to bta2@bctf.ca. As per BTA Policy the representatives will be appointed by the Executive Council.