



# Conventionally Speaking

January, 2012

## CENTRAL EAST ALBERTA TEACHERS' CONVENTION

### Powering Up!

Thursday,  
March 8

Friday,  
March 9

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### Contact Us:

[http://ceatca.  
teachers.ab.ca](http://ceatca.teachers.ab.ca)

## Keynote Speakers

### Opening Keynote: Wavelength Thursday, 9 AM Salon Hall B

Wavelength is an award-winning ensemble of actors and educators using humor, laughter and improvisation to train, motivate and inspire educational professionals. Laugh and learn with award-winning educator, improviser and Certified Laughter Leader, [Jim Winter](#) as he explores the fun-damental strategies for using humor to improve your professional effectiveness and your life!

Wavelength's presentations celebrate and satirize education "like an edition of **Saturday Night Live** written especially for educators."

- Teacher Magazine

USA Today called Wavelength "the link between learning and laughter."

### Closing Keynote: Dr. Alec Couros Friday, 1:15 PM Salon Hall B

Dr. Couros is a professor of educational technology and media and the Coordinator of Information and Communications Technology at the Faculty of Education in Regina. He also serves as the Assistant Director of the Saskatchewan Instructional Development and Research Unit. Dr. Couros is scholar and advocate of openness in distributed learning environments. He has given hundreds of workshops and presentations, nationally and internationally, on topics such as openness in education, social learning, instructional design, digital citizenship and critical media literacy.

## Hotels & Parking

### Westin Hotel

10135 - 100 Street

Please remember:

- ✓ Identify yourself as booking with the Central East Alberta Teachers' Convention Association.
- ✓ Register at 1-800-WESTIN1 (937-8461) (780) 426-3636 <http://www.thewestinedmonton.com/>
- ✓ Room Rates: Traditional rooms - \$145 + taxes  
Deluxe - \$180 + taxes  
Junior Suite - \$230 + taxes
- ✓ Cut off date for the block is **January 31, 2012** before 5:00 PM.

# Central East Teachers' Convention Association

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**NO parking is included or guaranteed at the Westin Hotel – space is limited. Other parking alternatives for delegates:**

**City Centre East**  
10020 - 102A Avenue

**Library Parkade**  
10165 – 100 Street



**Canada Place Parkade**  
9700 Jasper Avenue

**City Hall Parkade**  
1 Sir Winston Churchill Square

## Attendance

**All teachers have a legal and professional obligation to attend the annual teachers' convention to which they have been assigned as stated in the School Act.**

Please remember:

- ✓ Teachers may request permission to attend alternate professional development activities.
- ✓ Requests must be submitted in writing no later than **January 20, 2012** to:  
Convention Attendance Committee  
Attention: Gloria Oberg  
[goberg@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:goberg@brsd.ab.ca)
- ✓ Teachers failing to request permission from the Attendance Committee may be subject to investigation and sanctions under the Code of Professional Conduct.
- ✓ Apply soon to receive an early reply.
- ✓ If teachers are not attending convention for any reason other than for alternate professional development, they must go through the usual procedures for being away from work as established by their school, contract or Alberta School Athletics Association policy.

## Session Highlights

\* **Peter McWhir** presenting "Beyonce, GaGa, Peas & Oprah" and "Let's Do A Play: A Typical Staffroom in a Typical School".

\* **Dave Mitchell** presenting "YouTube/TeacherTube: Unleash the Potential" and "Math, Music & Mayhem".

\* **Patricia Coulter's** "Pour It On!" hands on water colour workshop will run in two back to back sessions.

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## Convention Program Booklets

As last year, the program booklet will be available ONLY online this year. Release date of the program information is February 15<sup>th</sup>. Please visit our website to view the entire listing of sessions.

[http://ceatca.](http://ceatca.teachers.ab.ca/)

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Please note, Convention-at-a-glance will still be printed and distributed at Convention.

\* **Linda Chmiliar** from Athabasca University is offering an iPad session. Participants are encouraged to bring their own iPad.

\* **Mary Miller** will be running a 3 hour Pysanka Workshop. Pre-registration maximum: 20 people

\* **"Understanding Conflict"** workshop at Barnett House. Thursday and Friday Pre-registration for 15 to 30 participants.

### Sessions Requiring Pre-Registration

<b>Understanding Conflict</b>	15 - 30 participants Thursday 11:00 AM - 3:45 PM and Friday 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM Location: Barnett House 11010 142 Street <u>No Transportation Provided</u> Understand and develop conflict resolution skills. Learn how to find solutions and take action.	No Cost
<b>Pysanka Workshop</b>	20 participants maximum Friday 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM This hands-on art is a great classroom project. This creative cultural craft can be used in the classroom and at home to decorate beautiful eggs. Join us to learn this incredible dying craft.	No Cost
<b>Pour It On</b>	24 - 30 participants Friday 9:00 - 10:15 AM & 10:45 AM – 12:45 PM (repeat) Join award winning artist Patricia Coulter as she guides you through several watercolor techniques. Create paintings, get ideas and have fun! Suitable for all grade levels.	No Cost

Pre-registration for these sessions starting **February 15<sup>th</sup>**

E-mail: [ceatca.pre@gmail.com](mailto:ceatca.pre@gmail.com)

## ATRF & STF Pension Consultations

### ATA members please remember:

- ✓ Personal interviews with an ATRF Pension Counsellor will be available on site – Salon 7. (Thursday 11 AM – 4 PM and Friday 9 – 10 AM)
- ✓ Attendees please bring any recent ATRF communications, (e.g. Plan Member Statement and/or pension estimate) and both the originals and photocopies of their birth certificate and, if applicable, marriage certificate and spouse's birth certificate.
- ✓ **Pre-registration for this service will start on **January 20<sup>th</sup>**.**
- ✓ To pre-register please visit <https://onlineservices.atrf.com/conventions.asp?mKey=11>

### STF appointments for individual pension consultations

Courtyard Marriott Hotel – Jasper Suite

March 8th – 9 AM – 5 PM

March 9th – 9 AM – 12 PM

## Information Desk

As always, CEATCA members will be pleased to help you with any Convention questions or concerns. Committee members can be found at the information booth located on the lower level of the Shaw Conference Centre - to your right as you exit the escalators.

## Additional Information:

Free wireless internet access only on the HALL LEVEL of the Shaw Convention Centre.

Exhibits open:  
Thursday:  
8:30 AM – 5:30 PM  
Friday  
8:30 AM – 1:15 PM

Please remember our Convention is only open to our members and invited guests as approved by the Convention Board.

In addition members should be aware media may be present at Convention, so video and / or photographs may be taken.

## Session Chairperson Anyone?

If you are interested in being a chairperson for any of the convention sessions, after you've had a look at the Convention booklet online, please contact Shonna Burkard at [sburkard@clearview.ab.ca](mailto:sburkard@clearview.ab.ca). As a token of appreciation, these volunteers will receive a \$15 exhibit voucher. The volunteer help received to do this job is always greatly appreciated.

## Art, Photo and PAA Project Displays

**Please forward all entries to one of the following individuals by February 15<sup>th</sup>:**

### Jim Allan

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### Pam Dunham

Lloydminster Comprehensive High School  
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Email: [pam.dunham@lpsd.ca](mailto:pam.dunham@lpsd.ca)  
Phone 780 875 5513 Fax 780 875 5548

### Career & Technology Studies Displays

Submissions must be easily transported.  
For example:  
Cosmetology – Mannequin  
Machining – Hammer  
Design Studies – 3D Models

### Photo Entries:

5 - 10 per school  
Must be 5 x 7 or larger

**Multimedia projects** are to be submitted **ONLY** to Pam Dunham  
On disc – up to 5 videos per school  
(30– 60 seconds – Quicktime if possible)  
Up to 5 slideshows per school  
(30 – 60 seconds)

**Please remember YOU are responsible for taking down artwork, photos and collecting projects at the conclusion of Convention.**

## Evaluations

Paper versions will be available at convention.

- Fax - 780 – 662- 3133
- Online – information to follow