



Delta Retired Teachers' Association

Newsletter

THE TRUANT

April 2026

The greatest gift you can give someone is the space to be his or her authentic self."

— Thich Nhat Hanh

DRTA SPRING LUNCHEON & AGM

Come and celebrate Spring with your friends and retired school colleagues.

Date: WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

Time: 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

Place: Sharkey's Seafood Bar & Grille

4953 Chisholm St. (at Ladner Government Harbour (inside dining room))

- Menu choices:**
1. Burger (beef; salmon; or vegetarian)
 2. Pasta (chicken chorizo; seafood; or vegetarian)
 3. Fish & Chips (cod)

Coffee, tea, juice or soft drinks are included in the price. Other beverages are available at your cost.

Cost (subsidized by DRTA): **Members \$25 Non-members \$30**

(All 80+ year-old members get a complimentary first lunch. In appreciation, all Board and Committee members get a complimentary Spring lunch.)

Payment in CASH only.

Invite a guest to help us reach 35 for exclusive use of venue.

Please RSVP with your food choice to Yvonne Chard at

drtaevents@gmail.com

There will be a brief formal DRTA AGM to elect our new executive board for 2026/27 and to elect DRTA delegates to the BCRTA Conference/AGM in September.

RSVP deadline is May 8.





Delta Retired Teachers' Association

Call for Nominations

The DRTA needs YOU! It can only exist with members to form an Executive Board. Elections to fill these positions will take place at our Annual General Meeting, held in conjunction with our Spring Luncheon on May 13, 2026, at Sharkey's Restaurant in Ladner, BC.

Please consider putting your name forward for any of the following positions. (A commitment to attend the 3 Board meetings throughout the year is expected for all elected Board members. Attendance by Committee Chairs is optional.)

Call for Nominations

1. **Board Members, to be elected** (Any position can be combined/shared)

President: leads the Board and meetings; maintains communication with the membership and BCRTA

Vice-President: assists the President and acts in their absence

Secretary: maintains a record of decisions made through minutes taken at Board meetings

Treasurer: keeps proper accounting records of all financial transactions

Members-at-Large (2 or more): regular participation in Board meetings, discussions and decision-making

2. **Committee Chairs and Members, to be appointed** (once interest is expressed)

Social - assists in planning luncheons and other social events

Membership - maintains an up-to-date list of members

Communications - maintains an up-to-date list of members' e-mail addresses and sends messages to them electronically

Truant Editor - publishes newsletters prior to each luncheon for members for distribution through members' e-mails and Canada Post.

Heritage - helps complete research on the history of the schools in Delta.

Christmas Outreach – contacts by phone those members who are 80+ years of age during Christmas

3. **BCRTA Conference/AGM Delegates**

Three delegates (President and 2 others, with a designated alternate) to be elected to the BCRTA Conference/AGM. This year, it will be held at the Richmond Hilton Hotel on September 24th (in the evening), 25th (8:00 am – 4 pm) and 26th (8:00 am to noon), 2026. Accommodation and meals are provided.

Please forward your name before the AGM by contacting the Nomination Committee Chair or in person during the Delta AGM.

Pat Thiesen

Nomination Committee Chair

deltaretiredteachers@gmail.com or call (604) 943-1817

President's Message

It has been busy for the DRTA. At the Christmas Luncheon, we were treated to an Opera and Broadway Show performed by a duet featuring tenor Gustavo Herrera. (Any suggestions for a future performance?)

Then in mid-April, we went on our very first bus tour (our second day trip) to Victoria which was "ruled" a success by all the participants. After a delicious lunch, people either chose the option of free time or visiting the Legislature where we got the VIP treatment, escorted by Ministry Staff: sat in Minister Ravi Kahlon's office/chair, given a private exclusive tour of areas not open to the public and...saw Premier David Eby (looking even taller up-close) who walked right by us saying hello, a "crowning" moment for some of us.

All in all, this past term has been an exceptional year bustling with activities in varied areas: art (Printing at Paradise); music (Opera and Broadway Show); travelling (two ferry trips: Galiano and Vancouver Island); history (Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site); and government/more history (Victoria). Besides these events, there were the usual luncheons, Truant newsletters, DRTA communications sent out, and Christmas phone calls made. Many people gave their time, skills and/or knowledge to make them happen. As President, I would like to extend my utmost gratitude to everyone on the Board and the various Committees, as well as event hosts. Your essential contributions are much appreciated. Most importantly, I would like to thank all of you who have attended our events. You showed up!

DRTA is you, me, all of us. Get involved. Join the Board or a Committee. Share ideas. Come to our events (Spring Luncheon on May 13th). Host an event. Bring a friend. Be part of DRTA.

You make us better!

Sincerely, Annie Coblin

Special Entertainers – Opera in Ladner for December DRTA Luncheon



Lucky Prize Winners – December 2025 Luncheon



Your Delta Retired Teachers' Association Board for 2025-26

President	Annie Coblin	drtaccontact@gmail.com
Vice-President	Pat Thiesen	
Secretary	Val Windsor	
Treasurer	Lois Wilkinson	
Past President	Peter Yang	
Members-at-Large	Yvonne Chard; Suzan Egan-Olsen; Susan Yao; Trish McCullough	
Truant Editor	Pat Thiesen	

DRTA Committees and Committee Chairs

Social:	Yvonne Chard	
Communications:	Carryl Koe	
Membership:	Pat Thiesen	deltaretiredteachers@gmail.com
Heritage:	Peter Scurr	
Christmas Outreach:	Debbie Wheatley	

Notes from DRTA Board Meeting (April 7, 2026)

- Christmas Luncheon was a success, attended by almost 70 people treated to an Opera and Broadway Show performed by a duet. Ideas needed for future performances.
- Bus Tour to Victoria on April 15: 18 attendees. Most chose the option to visit the Legislature. Private guided tour provided by Minister/Delta North MLA Ravi Kahlon's office.
- Spring Luncheon & AGM on May 13, 11:30 to 2:00, at Sharkey's. Poster to go out by April 13.
- DRTA AGM: Election
Nominations for elected Board positions and appointed Committee Chairs and Members: names forwarded to Nomination Chair (Pat Thiesen) before AGM, or during election.
- BCRTA Conference & AGM: September 24 (evening), 25 (all day), and 26 (am); at Hilton Hotel in Richmond
3 delegates – President (or designate) and 2 DRTA members to be elected at AGM
- Retirement (Membership Recruitment) Events
-District Event (June 11, 4-6 pm, at SDSS) Annie and Susan will attend.
-DTA Event (June 15, 4-6 pm, at Tsawwassen Springs Golf Course) Annie, Susan and Trish will attend.
- No Bell Lunch tentatively set for Sept. 16 (second week instead of first, to increase attendance). Ideas are needed for presentation.

Respectfully submitted by Annie Coblin, President

Membership Report



Hooray!!! The Delta Retired Teachers' Association membership numbers remain strong. As of April 15, 2026, the DRTA has 566 members including 24 Life Members (BCRTA designation for those over the age of 90 years) with 3 new members recently joining us. 2 of our newest members are Catherine Hay and Kristi Schofield. *(Members' names used with permission.)*

Please encourage your former colleagues to join not only the BCRTA but also the Delta Branch.

Change of Address or Circumstance or E-mail Service Provider

Email or other change of address? Here's what we need from you ...

Email or call the BCRTA office: office@bcрта.com Phone: 604.871.2263

and/or

Email Membership Chair (Pat Thiesen): deltaretiredteachers@gmail.com



BCRTA REPORT

December 2025 to March 2026

After the Christmas-time vacation, the RTA welcomed its new Executive Director, Lisa Hansen, into her full-time role. Lisa came into her role knowing a great deal about us through her previous job working for Johnson's Insurance, specifically the BCRTA Extended Health Plan. We are most fortunate to have her expertise and enthusiasm.

As an annual event, delegates are elected at our September AGM to attend the BCTF AGM at Spring Break to represent the interests of those receiving a pension from the Teachers' Pension Plan. Usually there are 4 or 5 Resolutions submitted from various BCTF Locals. This year was an exception. There were no submissions regarding potential changes to how the TPP as part of the larger BC Investment Corp, which was established by provincial government in 2000, invest the accumulated funds from active teachers and the other 9 public sector clients. 1st Vice-President, Linda Watson, spoke to the assembled delegates about how recent actions taken by the BCTF have strengthened pensions for current and future retirees. She encouraged all there, whether they be close to or considering retirement, to join the BCRTA. She and her message were well received by the audience. Set up in the lobby to the meeting hall, an information table provided brochures and discussion with the many delegates who stopped by.

Each of the BCRTA Committees held an on-line meeting in early February, later followed by an in-person meeting in mid April. The Directors met on Wednesday morning, April 22 following the Committee meetings. Updates from that meeting will be coming in the next BCRTA report in August.

The BCRTA Travel Committee has released information for the many and varied new travel destinations and opportunities for members, their family and friends to explore the world provided by our Advantage Program businesses. Explore the BCRTA web-site for the many destinations available from Trip Merchant, Collette Travel and Local Hospitality and the possible discounts that exist for members.

Respectfully submitted: Pat Thiesen
BCRTA Membership and Communications Committee member

Our Day Trip to Victoria on April 15 by Carryl Koe

I arrived at 7:15 at the Ladner Park and Ride. It was sunny but cold and windy. At 7:50 am our driver, Lacey, pulled up with our bus and our journey began. We piled in, with Annie and Val in the front seats making final arrangements for the Legislature. We picked up more retirees at the Tsawwassen Mills Shopping Mall, then off to the ferry. Once aboard everyone scattered onto deck 5 for coffee or deck 6 for peace and quiet. Some even went to the gift shop for window shopping.



When our crew of 18 arrived in front of the Legislature, our lunch stop was across the street at the Steamship Grill. We had chosen our appetizer and entrée while driving in on the bus and everybody got what they ordered and the staff was very efficient and accommodating. The menu choices were varied and proved to be very tasty.

After lunch, we walked over to the Legislature; some took steps and some the elevator; and all of us were scanned for security. Val had arranged with Ravi Kahlon, MLA for North Delta and the Minister for Housing and Municipal Affairs, and his office staff for us to either visit the Legislative assembly in person or to go to his office for refreshments and view the session on a large screen TV. 4 of us opted for the in-person and 11 chose to visit his office. The remaining 3 chose to do their own thing and met us back at the bus in time to head home at 3:15 pm.

I opted for the in-person experience. Each of us were scanned again and all our carried possessions including coats, purses, wallet, phones, etc. were given over to security. We received a small, numbered tag for reclamation of our belongings upon our return. Each of us had to agree to the rules or would not be given admission to the Gallery to view the goings-on. (Rules: No talking, clapping, standing up, food/drink, note taking, reading or demonstration. Visitors are only to stand when the Speaker arrived and was announced during the Speaker's Procession and Prayers.) Unfortunately, due to time constraints, we weren't

able to stay for the Question-and-Answer Period but were there for the announcement of two treaties.

Val had also arranged through Ravi's office staff for our large group to have a special tour of the building. Guide David, who was very personable and knowledgeable, took us around to see some areas that are not open to the general public.

One such place was the IT area in which the records the day-by-day goings-on in the Legislative Assembly. Some of those recordings are what we get to see on the evening news. These records are called the Hansard Transcripts, which, somewhat surprisingly, only records the words of the person who is speaking.

(Written transcripts of what happened while we were up in the gallery can be found at <https://www.leg.bc.ca/parliamentary-business/overview/43rd-parliament/2nd-session/debate-transcripts>).



David told us about a humorous incident that happened back in 1978. The UBC Engineers "stole" the Speakers' Chair and carted it all the way over to Vancouver before getting caught. They held it for ransom, stating they would return it when the BC government made a donation to the Vancouver Children's Hospital. 2 weeks later, the chair was returned, unscathed, but if you were able

to turn it upside down, you would see "UBC Engineers" printed on the underside of the seat.

Speaking of seats, did you know that every member in the Legislative Assembly represents 50,000 constituents? So, with all the boundary changes over the past few years, the Assembly will go from 87 ridings to 93 in the next election.

We also learned some interesting facts about the BC Coat of Arms: In the original Coat of Arms, the sun was setting above the British Flag. This flaunted the saying: The sun never sets on the



British Empire. Thus, the British would not approve it for the new province. Our current Coat of Arms (seen above us in the Rotunda) does show the sun below the flag. Who knew!!



Another interesting fact I learned was that some of the early stained-glass windows depicted the original 4 provinces of Canada: Ontario (whose glass pane went missing), New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Quebec. BC was 6th to join the Confederation back in 1871.

On the bus ride back to the Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal, we experienced significant weather with hail and sleet, but thankfully we arrived back on the mainland safely. I headed home eager to regale our colleagues with our adventure. The day was great!

I had a wonderful time, learning new things, visiting with colleagues, some of whom I met for the first time. Always listening to stories of fond memories, funny incidents, current adventures/travels and of course the families and friends. Book clubs, many volunteer organizations, garden clubs, crib games, are but some of the tales that were shared.



Watching the legislative proceedings in Ravi Kahlon's Victoria office.

Surrounding Annie and Val at Ravi's desk.



“RETIRED TEACHERS OF DELTA” Scholarship Fund

If you would like to support the Retired Teachers of Delta Scholarship Fund, please read the following and use it when donating money to the Fund.

Deadline for submissions, with our thanks, is **January 15, 2027**.

Enclosed is my cheque for \$ _____

Name (Please print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Please indicate on your cheque that it is for the **Retired Teachers of Delta Scholarship Fund**.

A tax receipt will be issued to you by the Delta School Board for donations of \$25.00 or more.

Send your cheque to:

Delta School District,
4585 Harvest Dr.,
Delta BC V4K 5B4 c/o Finance Department

The Winds of Fate *by Ella Wheeler Wilcox*



One ship drives east and another drives west,
With the selfsame winds that blow.

'Tis the set of the sails
And not the gales
That tell them the way to go.

Like the winds of the sea are the winds of fate,
As we voyage along through life:

'Tis the set of the soul
That decides its goal,
And not the calm or the strife.

In Memoriam

Patricia Catchpole - September 26, 2025

Patricia (Pat) Catchpole passed away after a valiant battle with Lewy Bodies Dementia. She is survived by her husband Mike, and many loved family members.

Pat enjoyed a long career teaching in North Delta and missed it terribly when she finally retired. Her passing has been hard on the family, but they are glad she is free from her struggles with dementia.

A gathering in the Spring is planned to spread her ashes at her beloved Mayne Island.



Joan Clark - March 3, 1933 – December 13, 2025

Joan Ellen Clark (nee Racine) died peacefully at the age of 92, in New Westminster, B.C.

Joan was born in Brandon, Manitoba. In 1936, Joan moved with her family to the Dunbar neighbourhood of Vancouver, where she attended Lord Kitchener, Point Grey, and Lord Byng schools. Joan earned a B.A. in Geography from U.B.C.

In 1967, Joan and her family moved to sunny Tsawwassen from Oliver, BC.

Joan enjoyed teaching at Delta Manor, Boundary Bay, and South Park schools from the 1970's to the early 1990's.

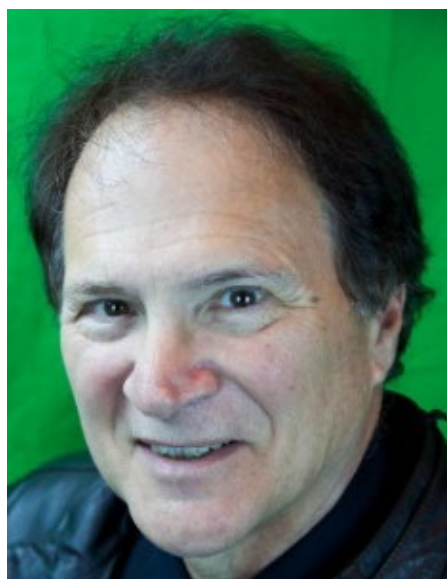
A small family interment will be held to celebrate Joan's life. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Knowledge Network, as she loved many of their programs, and St. David's Anglican Church in Tsawwassen.

Karen Bowing August 6, 1946 – December 25, 2025

Karen Margaret Bowing was born in Vancouver to parents Edith and Edward Bowing. She passed away at Morgan Heights in South Surrey. She is survived by her large extended family.

Teaching was her passion. Her friends say Karen was a gifted teacher who devoted her life to others.

A celebration of her life was held on January 17, 2026, in Ladner, BC.



Leon Franklin Allen (Lon) Mandrake – February 3, 1948 – February 15, 2026.

Leon (also known as Lon) was born into a family of entertainers. Lon followed in his father's footsteps first by demonstrating magic and mentalism in some of his science classes and later performing hundreds of corporate and private *mentalist* shows together with his wife Linda. Lon worked as an educator for a total of 34 years, most of those at Seaquam Secondary school in Delta.

Lon won several education awards including Distinguished Service in Science Education, Excellence in Teaching Award, Outstanding Science Educator and many other accolades. In his busy career, he was elected president of the B.C. Science Teachers Association and Professional Development Coordinator for Science Education in B.C.

When not performing or teaching, he found time to coach students in public speaking, chess, and girls basketball and also escorted students on trips to England, France and Mexico. He and his wife, Linda, raised three children in their family home in Delta, and Lon can above all be described as a classic family man. He continued to be active in his retirement: traveling, performing and spending valued time with his wife, kids and grandkids.

Lon loved people; he loved life. His generosity, wisdom, humour, and warmth have left an indelible mark on each of us.



Veda Hotel February 18, 2026

Veda Marion Carol Hotel (nee Cook) was born in a small farmhouse in Bowsman, Manitoba in 1939 and on died on February 18, 2026, after a brief stay at Lions Gate Hospital. She was surrounded by the love of her children and grandchildren.

Veda began teaching at the age of 16 with only six weeks of teacher training. In her first contract, she taught students from grade 1-9 and lived by herself in adjoining teacherage without electricity or running water. She left for Teacher's College in Winnipeg when she was 18. In 1964, she married her first love, Brian Hotel, and moved to Vancouver BC. She raised two children before returning to university to complete her BA and MA. Her career roles included elementary school teacher, counsellor, mediator, trainer, and university instructor.

Veda LIVED her life fully and spectacularly. She read voraciously, played bridge competitively, travelled the world with abundant curiosity, nourished many with culinary prowess, and celebrated family and friends enthusiastically. Veda was a patron of the arts, regularly holding season tickets for the Opera and Symphony. She was an outdoor enthusiast hiking and exploring nature all over the world.



"A Quiet Impact"

*You may have passed through just a while,
Yet left behind a lasting smile.
A kind exchange, a moment shared,
A simple act that showed you cared.
Though time was short, your grace was clear,
A gentle soul we still hold dear.*

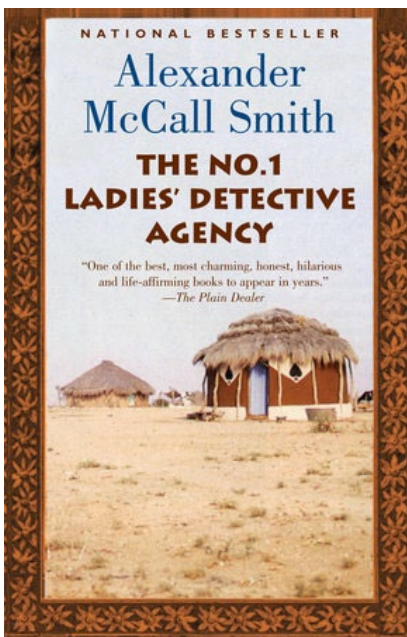
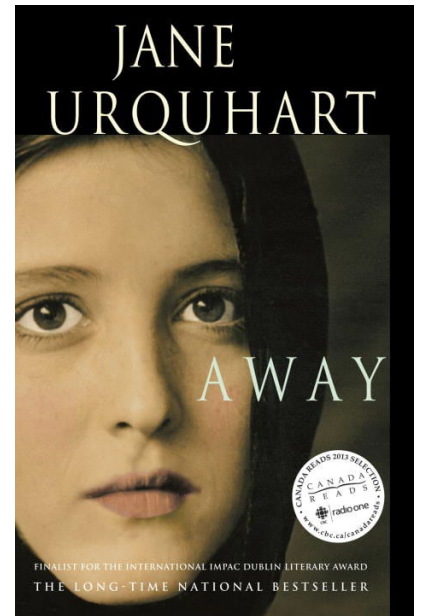
Recommended Reading for those lovely Spring evenings

I thought I would recommend a few *not-so-new-but-excellent-reads* that you may have missed in the last 20 years or so. You may be able to find them in the library or in a local thrift store.

1. *Away* – Jane Urquhart

An epic family saga spread across multiple decades and countries, *Away* details the history of an Irish family in Canada. Esther O'Malley Robertson is the last occupant of her family's homestead in Ontario, where she is being forced out by an encroaching limestone quarry. Esther relates the 140-year history that brought her family from the inhospitable shores of Ireland during the potato famine to the challenging realities of the Canadian Shield. Shot through with Irish mythology, *Away* also vividly depicts the 19th-century pioneer life in settlements in Ontario at the time of Canadian Confederation.

Away won Ontario's Trillium Award in 1994 and was a contender in Canada Reads 2013.



2. *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series* - Alexander McCall Smith

Readers around the world adore the bestselling No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series and its proprietor, Precious Ramotswe, Botswana's premier lady detective.

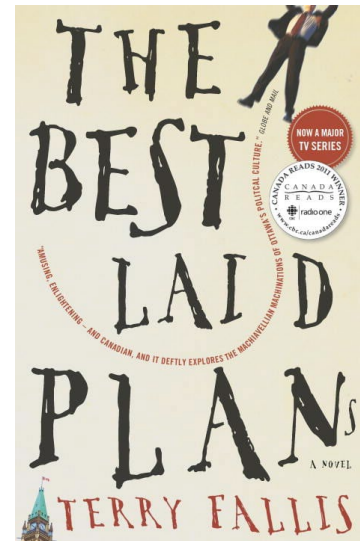
In this charming series, Mma Ramotswe - with help from her loyal associate, Grace Makutsi - navigates her cases and her personal life with wisdom, good humor, and the occasional cup of tea. This first novel in Alexander McCall Smith's series tells the story of the delightfully cunning and enormously engaging Precious Ramotswe, who is drawn to her profession to "help people with problems in their lives." Immediately upon setting up shop in a small storefront in Gaborone, she is hired to track down a missing husband, uncover a con man, and follow a wayward daughter. But the case that tugs at her heart, and lands her in danger, is a missing eleven-year-old boy, who may have been snatched by witchdoctors.

The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency received two Booker Judges' Special Recommendations and was voted one of the International Books of the Year (1998) and the Millennium by the London Times Literary Supplement.

3. The Best Laid Plans - Terry Fallis

The peccadilloes of Parliament Hill's political animals animate Terry Fallis's comic debut novel. Engineering professor Angus McIntock agrees to run in an election he's sure to lose, but then the unthinkable happens — and federal politics will never be the same. In this pointed and irreverent political satire, the best laid plans are giddily undone, and perhaps for the better, as idealism and pragmatism clash in the corridors of power.

The Best Laid Plans won the 2008 Stephen Leacock Medal for humour.



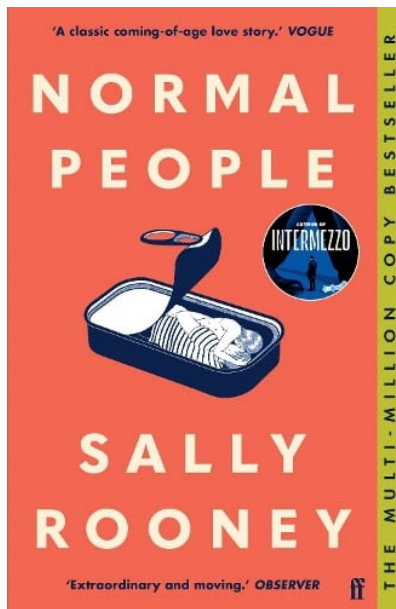
4. Normal People – Sally Rooney

Connell and Marianne grow up in the same small town in the west of Ireland, but the similarities end there. In school, Connell is popular and well-liked, while Marianne is a loner. But when the two strike up a conversation - awkward but electrifying - something life-changing begins.

Normal People is a story of mutual fascination, friendship and love. It takes us from that first conversation to the years beyond, in the company of two people who try to stay apart but find they can't.

Normal People was the British Book Award winner for 2019 and was a multi-million copy bestseller.

Normal People is available as an Audio Book.



More Recommended Audiobooks

Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng

The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt,

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

Daisy Jones & The Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen,
narrated by Rosamund Pike

And Then There Were None by Agatha
Christie, narrated by Dan Stevens

The Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis,
narrated by Kenneth Branagh and others

Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women

Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly

The Fun and Games Pages

A. Trivia for Everyone

1. What event is commonly believed to have sparked **World War I**?
 2. How many stripes does Adidas have in its logo?
 3. In what country would you find the Lakes of Ounianga?
 4. What term describes a very deep crack in the surface of the earth?
 5. What is the deadliest animal in the world?
 6. Which animal can be seen on the Porsche logo?
 7. Which Canadian province is officially bilingual in English and French?
 8. What is the loudest animal in the world?
 9. What does "Wi-Fi" stand for?
 10. What type of flower was once used as money?
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B. Change One Letter

Go from one word to another by changing only 1 letter at a time. COAT TO SHOE could be done this way: COAT → COOT → SOOT → SHOT → SHOE.

1. FIRE → CODE (in 3 steps)
 2. DOOR → POST (in 4 steps)
 3. SILK → WOOD (in 5 steps)
 4. HULA → BOWL (in 5 steps)
 5. LOCK → AWAY (in 6 steps)
 6. BLUE → MOON (in 6 steps)
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C. Categories

Think up something belonging in each category from the left that also begins with the letter above each column. Many possibilities, some quite challenging.

	C	H	A	R	T	S
Means of Transportation						
Space Program words						
Towns in BC						
Loud Things						
World Countries						

D. Following Directions – Follow each instruction to discover a surprise answer.

1. Print the phrase HOW SPIES EAT WAFFLES omitting the spaces.
 2. Change the W's to Y's.
 3. Replace the next-to-last letter with a U.
 4. Double the sixth letter.
 5. Delete one F.
 6. Change the first I to a T.
 7. Switch the fifth letter from the left with the fifth letter from the right.
 8. Eliminate the first letter.
 9. Move the next-to-last consonant to the third position.
 10. Place the first vowel just after the U.
 11. Delete the first E and change the second E to an R.
 12. Switch the seventh and eighth letters.
 13. Change the fourteenth letter to a U.
 14. Eliminate the A.
 15. Move the seventh letter to the position just after the R.
 16. Delete the middle S.
 17. Reverse the order of the entire row of letters.
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E. Strike Out – Strike out words in the table according to the instructions. When you are finished, the remaining words in the table will spell out a quote when you read them from left to right, top to bottom.

1. **STRIKE OUT** words that sound like their first letter (like "pea" sounds like "p") in Column A and Row 7.
2. **STRIKE OUT** kinds of doors in Columns C and E and Row 1.
3. **STRIKE OUT** forms of entertainment having more vowels than consonants in Rows 2 and 6.
4. **STRIKE OUT** wild cats in Column C and Rows 3 and 7.
5. **STRIKE OUT** units of time in Columns B and E and Row 4.
6. **STRIKE OUT** anagrams of "education" in Rows 7 and 8.
7. **STRIKE OUT** words that rhyme with "frieze" in Columns B and D and Row 8.
8. **STRIKE OUT** animal homes in Columns A, C, and D.
9. **STRIKE OUT** outerwear in Rows 6 and 9.
10. **STRIKE OUT** entertainers with distinctive first names in Columns A, C, and E.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	MARIAH	DECADE	THE	DOUBLE	PLURAL
2	RODEO	OF	TIGER	MOUSE	MILLENNIUM
3	IS	LYNX	DEN	MICE	PUMA
4	HOUR	TREES	SO	YEAR	THE
5	PLURAL	OF	OPRAH	LAIR	SWINGING
6	CAPE	CLOAK	OPERA	SPOUSE	RADIO
7	AUCTIONED	JAGUAR	QUEUE	JAY	WEEK
8	NEST	SHOULD	DUTCH	BREEZE	CAUTIONED
9	SEIZE	MINUTE	FRENCH	BE	COAT
10	TEA	CHEESE	WHOOPI	SPICE	ARETHA

F. Common Combos – Listed below are groups of 3 unrelated words. Find a word that either precedes all the words in each group or follows all the words in each group.

e.g. **BRUSH NET SHIRT** → HAIR

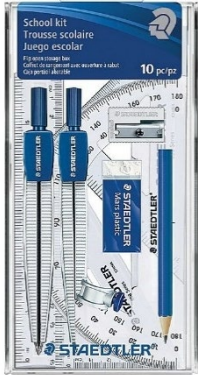
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|------------|-------|--------|-------|
| 1. WHEEL | TIGHT | FALL | _____ |
| 2. HOP | TOWER | JAR | _____ |
| 3. HOUSE | WAY | KEEPER | _____ |
| 4. BRAKE | SNOW | OVER | _____ |
| 5. CAKE | BOARD | SIDE | _____ |
| 6. LEG | TEAM | HARD | _____ |
| 7. BROTHER | ROOT | HOUND | _____ |
| 8. BLANK | RAIN | RUBBER | _____ |

G. Missing Signs – Add the missing sign (+, -, X, or ÷) to each calculation to make the equation correct.

- a) $1 ? 2 \times 3 + 4 ? 5 = 35$ _____
- b) $1 ? 2 ? 3 ? 4 - 5 = 41$ _____
- c) $1 ? 2 \times 3 ? 4 + 5 = 14$ _____
- d) $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 ? 5 = 5$ _____

Concerning News - *Teacher Arrested at JFK*

A public-school teacher was arrested this morning at John F. Kennedy International Airport as he attempted to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a compass, a slide-rule, and a calculator. At a press conference just



before noon today, the Attorney-General said he believes the man is a member of the notorious Al-Gebra movement. Although the A-G did not identify the man, it was confirmed that he has been charged with carrying weapons of math instruction.

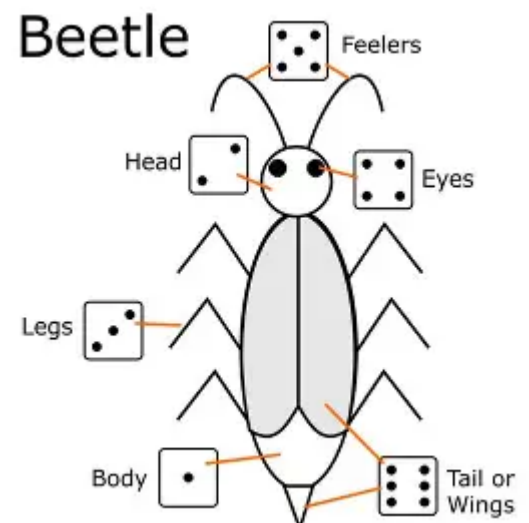
‘Al-Gebra is a problem for us’, the A-G said. ‘They derive solutions by means and extremes and sometimes go off on tangents in search of absolute values. They use secret code names like “X” and “Y” and refer to themselves as “unknowns” but we have determined that they belong to a common denominator of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country. As the Greek philosopher Isosceles, used to say, “There are 3 sides to every triangle.” The A-G went on to say, “Teaching our children sentient thought processes and equipping them to solve problems is dangerous and puts our government at risk.”

Source - from Peter Scurr’s Facebook Page

From the Games Lady

BEETLE - a game using 1 die for any age

Each player needs a pen(cil) and paper to complete a drawing of a beetle. Players roll a regular 6-sided die to determine which body part of a beetle they draw (1-6, in order, body, head, leg, eye, feeler, wing or tail). Body parts must be drawn in order, so the appendages cannot be drawn until you’ve rolled a 1 and drawn the body and you can’t draw in the eyes and antennas until you roll a 2 and draws the head. Continue numerically until whomever finishes their beetle drawing first is declared the winner.



Spring Colouring Page



Library News **Birdwatching Backpacks**

Summer is on the way, and so are the birds! Borrow a Birdwatching Backpack from FVRL and head outside to look for birds in your neighbourhood or local park. Each backpack includes birding guides, binoculars for adults and a kid-friendly monocular, making it a fun, easy birdwatching adventure for the whole family.

What's Inside a Birdwatching Backpack? - Vortex Crossfire binoculars with a soft case; Nocs monocular and case; The National Geographic Pocket Guide to the Birds of North America; British Columbia Birds: A Folding Pocket Guide to Familiar Species; Laminated birding guide with tips and a parts list; A customer feedback survey

Birdwatching Backpacks were created in partnership with Wild Birds Unlimited – Vancouver, with support from the City of Delta and Bird Studies Canada.

Feel Good Summer Songs

Here's a list of a few of my favourite summer hits from way back when. What special summer tune of yours did I miss?

The Beatles, "Here Comes the Sun" 1969

Seals and Crofts, "Summer Breeze" 1972

George Gershwin, "Summertime" 1934

Katrina and the Waves, "Walking on Sunshine" 1985

Mungo Jerry, "In the Summertime" 1970

Jan & Dean, "Surf City" 1963

The Lovin' Spoonful, "Summer in the City" 1966

Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta, "Summer Nights" 1978

Jimmy Buffett, "Margaritaville" 1977

The Drifters, "Under the Boardwalk" 1964

Starland Vocal Band, "Afternoon Delight" 1977 Grammy winner

Brian Hyland, "Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini" 1960

Chad and Jeremy, "A Summer Song" 1964

Nelly, "Hot in Herre" 2002

Sheryl Crow "Soak Up the Sun" 2002

Fun and Games - Answers

A. Trivia

1. Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria in Sarajevo.
2. Three
3. Namibia
4. Chasm
5. The mosquito
6. Horse
7. New Brunswick
8. The Sperm Whale. Its call can reach up to 230 decibels, louder than a jet engine during take-off.
9. Nothing, really although some say the term itself is a brand name, not an acronym.
10. Tulips, whose bulbs were once used as a form of currency in Holland!

B. Change One Letter - other chains are possible

1. Fire, fore, core, code
2. Door, moor, moot, most, post
3. Silk, milk, mild, mold, mood, wood
4. Hula, hull, bull, ball, bawl, bowl
5. Lock, sock, soak, soap, swap, sway, away
6. Blue, glue, glut, gout, bout, boot, boon, moon

C. Categories – your answers are as good as mine

D. Following Directions – HOW SPIES EAT WAFFLES becomes SYRUPTITIOUSLY

E. Strike Out – “The plural of mouse is mice, so the plural of spouse should be spice.”

F. Common Combos – 1. Water 2. Bell 3. Gate 4. Shoe 5. Walk 6. Work 7. Blood 8. Cheque

G. Missing Signs –

a) $12 \times 3 + 4 - 5 = 35$

b) $12 + 34 - 5 = 41$

c) $12 \times 3 \div 4 + 5 = 14$

d) $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 - 5 = 5$