

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

June is National Indigenous People's History Month, a period dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the strength, beauty, and diversity of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples across Turtle Island. It is not only a time for each of us to learn about the rich heritage Indigenous people bring to Canada but to personally contribute to achieving true reconciliation by educating ourselves about Indigenous histories and cultures, listening to Indigenous voices, and supporting Indigenous-led initiatives and organizations

As a social justice union, we acknowledge the painful history of colonialism that has sought to erase Indigenous identities and disrupt their ways of life. The injustices faced by Indigenous peoples are deeply rooted in systemic discrimination and historical wrongs that continue to impact their communities today. It is our collective responsibility to confront these truths and actively work towards reconciliation and healing. We stand in unwavering solidarity with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities, and commit to uplifting Indigenous voices by listening and (un)learning, advocating for their rights of sovereignty and self-determination, addressing systemic barriers and discrimination, advocating for sustainable practices and policies that honor Indigenous knowledge and leadership, and amplifying Indigenous voices in our campaigns, negotiations, and advocacy efforts, ensuring their perspectives are central to our work

On June 21, the summer solstice ushers in National Indigenous Peoples' Day, where people all over Canada celebrate in person the distinct heritage, language, cultural practices, and spiritual beliefs of Indigenous communities. Many First Nations communities in British Columbia (BC) invite the general public to attend National Indigenous Peoples' Day in their community, so be sure to look for opportunities to meet and celebrate with a community in your area on June 21.

Follow this link to learn about [K'ómoks Festival 2024](#).

To learn more:

- [VPL National Indigenous History Month links and books](#)
- [NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH AND PEOPLES DAY 2024 - Events and History](#)
- [Learning resources about First Nations, Inuit and Métis across Canada](#)
- [35 books to read for National Indigenous History Month](#)

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Jacqui Symons



Family Mini-Golf

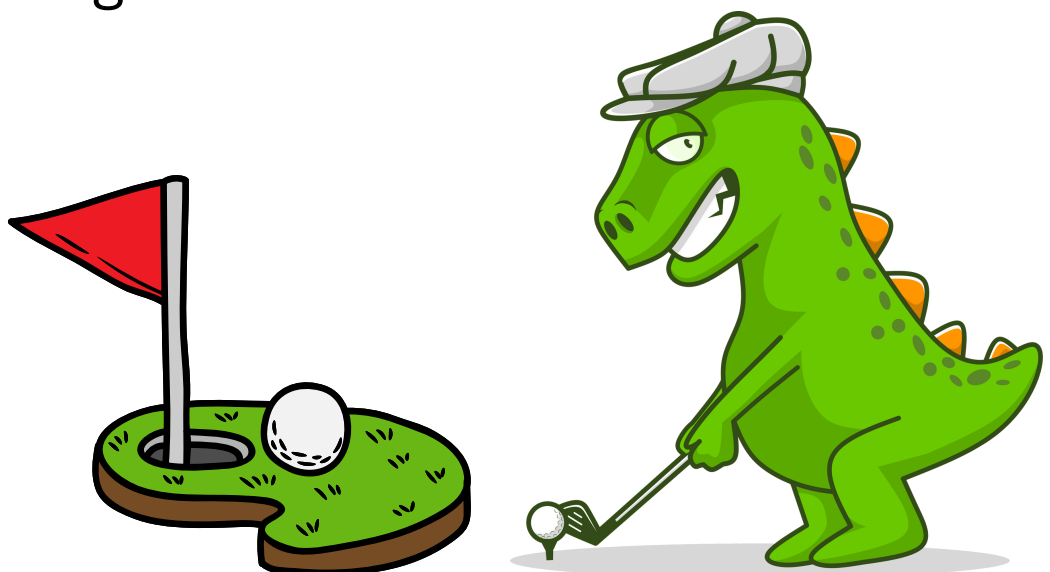
We've almost made it to the end of the 2023 - 2024 school year, and the first official weekend of summer is days away!

The CDTA is celebrating this milestone with an **End of Year Giveaway** for a round at Miracle Beach Mini Golf for members and their immediate family. We are giving away rounds of mini golf on Saturday, June 22nd and Sunday, June 23rd.

Click **here** to enter the End of Year Giveaway!

*Deadline to enter is Friday at noon

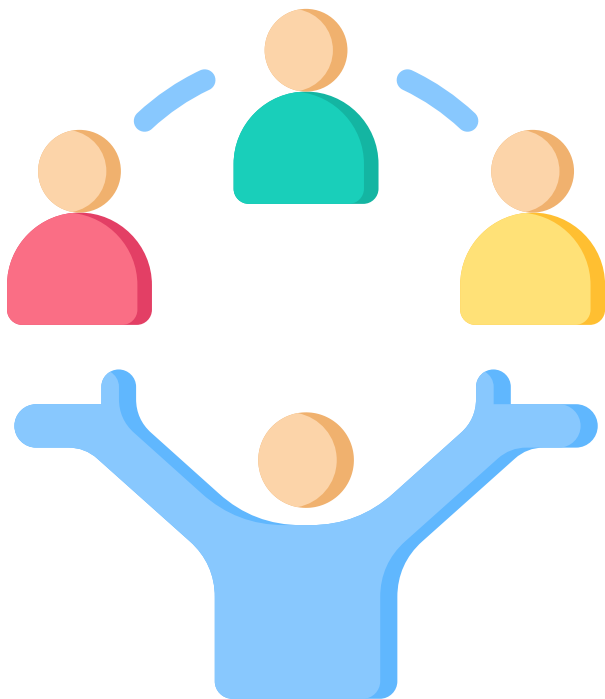
**Winners will be contacted by email on Friday afternoon by TTOC Chair, Mallory McLeod, from ttoc@cdta71.org



CDTA STAFF REPS

September 2024

Consider being the CDTA Staff Representative for your school in September 2024. Staff Reps are the school level, go-to source for any questions that teachers have about union-related information. Time commitment for Staff Rep meetings: one meeting a month either in-person or via zoom.



Attend local staff rep meetings and liase between local & school staff

Hold meetings to report on local/BCTF activities and concerns

Post information & policies

Represent members in meetings with administration

A Staff Rep will not be expected to know all the answers -- help is always available from the CDTA office.



== Cheers to ==
RETIREMENT!

**Congratulations
to ALL of
our CDTA
retirees!**

link for pictures



JOHS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

SEPTEMBER 2024

Consider being the CDTA representative on your school's JOHS committee in September 2024. Here are some ways to have input into Health & Safety in your school and to keep your colleagues and school safe!!

Volunteer for tasks

Review Incident Reports

Recommend corrective actions

Be involved in the Investigation



This gives teachers
a VOICE in H & S in the School