

OCTOBER 18-19, 2017

THE FAB 5 BEGINNING TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Wednesday 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Thursday 8:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Plenary sessions are balanced with a selection of breakout workshops intended to build knowledge and strategies in the areas of classroom management, student engagement, team work, building parent partnerships and supporting diversity.

FAB 5 offers new teachers an opportunity to network with other beginning teachers and develop skills to support their day-to-day classroom practices. The registration fee is minimal and includes a light supper and a wine and cheese reception on the first evening; as well as a breakfast and a lunch during the full day.



**CONFERENCE
PROGRAM**

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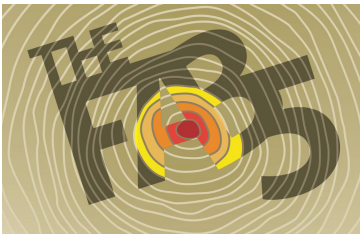
Designed for
teachers in their
first five years of
teaching

Two Keynotes &
Nine Breakout
Sessions

Location:
Clarion Hotel
& Suites
(Brandon)

Registration fee:
Only \$40

Register online:
<https://memberlink.mbteac.h.org/Events.aspx>



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Clarion Hotel & Suites (Brandon)

Wednesday Keynote: Michael Labun

Building Relationships – with Kids and Colleagues



Finding your place in a school community can be one of the most rewarding aspects of your career. *Kick off* the 2017 FAB 5 with a fun and engaging plenary session hosted by Michael Labun. Learn more about personal work styles and how to use your strengths to communicate, collaborate and contribute to healthy teamwork.

Mike Labun has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and a Certificate in Conflict Resolution. He has been leading workshops for twenty years, helping a variety of organizations become better workplaces. He has written courses on communication, emotional intelligence and mediation. Mike believes that education and training is largely about giving hope and finding solutions.

Conference Agenda

Wednesday

- 5:30 Registration & Light Supper
- 6:30 Keynote: Michael Labun
- 8:00 Wine & Cheese / Networking

Thursday

- 7:45 Breakfast
- 8:45 Keynote: Ashley Richard
- 9:30 Stretch Break
- 9:40 Session 1
- 12:15 Lunch
- 13:00 Session 2
- 14:15 Refreshment Break
- 14:30 Short Snapper Sessions
- 15:30 Wrap-up

Thursday Keynote: Ashley Richard

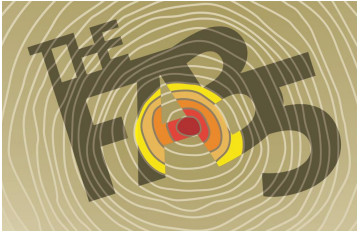
Through a Student's Eyes



Teachers may never know the impact they have on a student's life. Ashley Richard will tell her story including how teachers helped her to develop resilience and achieve success.

Ashley Richard is an executive search professional and co-founder of Red Rising Magazine. She is a proud Indigenous woman who lives and works in Winnipeg. Ashley is a Bachelor of Commerce (Hons.) graduate from the Asper School of Business, where she majored in Aboriginal Business Studies. She received the Aboriginal Business Scholarship and the 20th Anniversary Manitoba Aboriginal Youth Achievement Award. Ms. Richard has worked as a Project Coordinator for Former Treaty Commissioner James Wilson where she was proud to promote the mandate "We Are All Treaty People."





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Session Descriptions

Session 1 – 9:40-12:15 p.m. (Select One)

Classroom Management & Student Engagement

Explore proactive and responsive strategies to enhance classroom management and student engagement. Topics include relationships, the role of the teacher, brain-friendly teaching and strategies for responding to challenging behaviours.
Presenter: Arlene Macduff

Cultivating the Super Powers in your Teams: Working with Educational Assistants

Explore practices and guidelines that enhance dynamic working relationships between teachers and EAs. Topics include roles and responsibilities of Educational Assistants, MTS policy and provincial regulations, effective communication strategies, preparation, guidance, and supervision of EAs.
Presenter: Lindsey Sturgeon

Current LGBTQ* Realities

Learn strategies for developing LGBTQ inclusive classrooms and schools. Topics include terminology (gender and sexual identities), societal norms of sex, genders, orientation and gender expression, supporting students who are coming out, starting and maintaining a GSA, and addressing everyday discrimination.
Presenter: Curtis Lowton

Prep for a Sub

There are times when you have to be away from your classroom. This session will help you prepare yourself and your students for these inevitable occasions. Learn time-tested techniques, planning tips and other aids that will allow these occasions to be smooth transitions for you, the students, the school and the substitute teacher.
Presenter: Pam Stinson

Working Effectively with Parents

Building positive relationships in an inviting environment are key to a successful partnership with parents/guardians. This session will explore a variety of communication strategies to support your skills as a teacher and touch upon recognizing a variety of parenting styles in order to best support each student's learning.
Presenter: Christine Anderson

Session 2 – 13:00-14:15 p.m. (Select One)

Pensions: Will You Have One?

The objective of this seminar is to help you understand aspects of the sustainability of your pension, the likelihood of changes to your pension, and help you prepare for retirement even though it may seem a long way off. It is your pension, if you don't pay attention to it someone else will.
Presenter: Glen Anderson

Sex, Lies and Mobile Devices

As a profession, we have made a public statement about what can be expected regarding the conduct of teachers who are entrusted with the education of students. We will explore how this premise shapes our work and conduct as professionals especially in the use of social media and off duty conduct.
Presenter: Arlyn Filewich

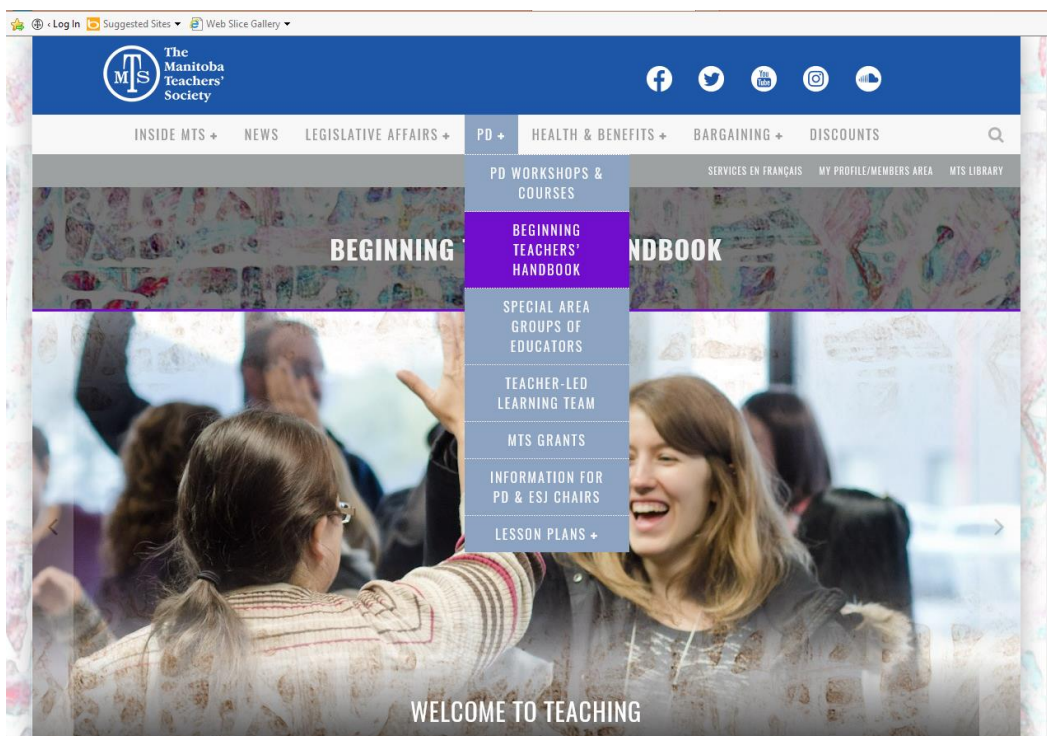
Teacher Evaluation: What to Expect

Before you know it, you are being asked to begin the process of your evaluation! Knowing your division's policies and protocols and what to expect, can help ease your mind. Join Dr. Smith to better understand the purposes and processes of teacher evaluation as you develop as a professional throughout your career.
Presenter: Dr. Cathryn Smith

Workplace Safety & Health – What this Legislation means to you!

WSH legislation impacts teachers and education. The session will include an explanation of the process for dealing with and reporting violence in the classroom, as well as dealing with potential harassment situations.
Presenter: Terri-Lynn Hill

Check out the Beginning Teacher resources online at www.mbteach.org



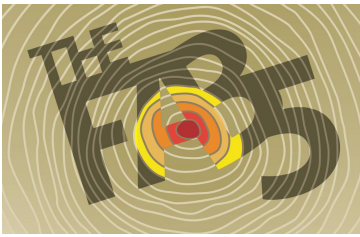
Short Snapper Sessions – 14:30-15:30 p.m.

(Each topic is 10 minutes long. You will have time to access 6 sessions in this time slot)

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| Canadian Museum for Human Rights | Sarah Watkins will introduce you to the newest resources, tours and materials available to you from the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. |
| LIFT | The purpose of the LIFT Conference is to offer quality professional development on a variety of topics/interests. Last year approximately 1100 teachers chose from 50 sessions. Alison Johnston will share information about the various sessions that will be offered this year. |
| When to Call for Help (and Who to Call) | Local Association President Peter Buehler will share information on the role of the Local Association and the type of help and support you can find when you call. |
| Know Your Rights | Join Terri-Lynn Hill to learn about the protections you have as a teacher in legislation and through your collective agreement. Terri-Lynn will also answer questions about term contracts. |
| Why do I have so Many Deductions from my Pay Cheque | Glen Anderson will highlight some of the benefits you are getting from the deductions on your pay cheque. |
| Maternity Leave and Benefits | Arlyn Filewich will outline provisions for maternity and parental leaves and benefits. |
| Educator Assistance and Balance Program | Did you know that as an MTS member you have access to counselling services? Louise Lamont will outline what is available (including online resources) and how to access help when you need it. |
| Social Media Savvy | Join Ray Job to explore fun ways to use social media for professional development and to connect with other teachers. |

Throughout the day Thursday

Visit the Manitoba Education Library display. Nancy Girardin will help conference attendees navigate all the great services and resources the Library has to support your teaching. The Library has books, DVDs, educational kits, puppets, and more! As a member of the Library, teachers can also access eBooks, video streaming and electronic databases. Participants will be able to register for a Library card at the display. The Library is located at 1181 Portage Avenue but provides support and services to all members throughout the province.



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Speaker Bios

Christine Anderson

Christine has been an educator for 28 years. She has served as a Teacher, Guidance Counsellor, Vice Principal and Principal in River East Transcona School Division. She has extensive experience in the K-9 setting.

Glen Anderson

Glen is a Staff Officer in the Teacher Welfare Department of the Manitoba Teachers' Society. For many years he has overseen the many benefit programs offered to the members of The Society.

Peter Buehler

Peter is a teacher-librarian and former English teacher. He believes that unions are a powerful force for good. After many years' service in various roles to union locals and the MTS, he is now the President of the Brandon Teachers' Association.

Arlyn Filewich

Arlyn is a Staff Officer in the Teacher Welfare Department at The Manitoba Teachers' Society.

Nancy Girardin

Nancy is the Program Manager at the Manitoba Education Library and actively works to increase teachers' knowledge and use of the extensive print, media and electronic resources available there.

Terri-Lynn Hill

Terri-Lynn is a Staff Officer in the Teacher Welfare Department of The Manitoba Teachers' Society.

Ray Job

Ray is the Public Relations Facilitator of The Manitoba Teachers' Society. He oversees many public events hosted by The Society throughout the province. Ray will highlight innovative ways to use media effectively to enhance your teaching practice.

Alison Johnston

Alison is a teacher, former President of the Brandon Teachers' Association and has served as the Chairperson of the BTA LIFT Conference Committee for the past six years.

Louise Lamont

Louise is a Counsellor of The Manitoba Teachers' Society Educator Assistance Program located in Brandon.

- Curtis Lowton** Curtis teaches grade 5/6 at Samuel Burland School in Winnipeg. He has over twenty years of classroom teaching experience in four school divisions. Curtis has written and produced Fringe theatre plays that celebrate LGBTQ culture. Recently certified as a school counsellor, Curtis advocates for diversity, positive relationships, and proactive mental health strategies.
- Arlene Macduff** Arlene has 28 years of teaching experience which span early and middle years. She presently teaches grade two at Stony Mountain School and has a special interest in creative development, universal design, and inquiry learning. Arlene has two PBDE's, a Special Education Certificate, and a Level 1 Administrator's Certificate.
- Dr. Cathryn Smith** Dr. Smith is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Leadership and Educational Administration, at Brandon University. Her research and writing focus on leadership development, change agency, social justice and action research. Her facilitation is informed by her extensive teaching and school leadership experience in multiple contexts including special education and Winnipeg's inner city.
- Pam Stinson** Pam is currently a High School teacher in the Portage la Prairie School Division. Combined, she has over 30 years of experience teaching a variety of grades and courses in various Manitoba communities. She has served Manitoba teachers in a variety of capacities, including serving as the Portage La Prairie Teacher Association's President and as a member of the Manitoba Teacher Society's Provincial Executive.
- Lindsey Sturgeon** Lindsey is passionate about working with students who require additional support both in the classroom and in the community. Her Ten years of teaching experience span several positions at a variety of levels, and she is currently working as the resource teacher at Stonewall Collegiate Institute.
- Sarah Watkins** Sarah is a representative from the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.