



**CONFERENCE
PROGRAM**

BRANDON

OCTOBER 18, 2018

8:00-18:00

THE FAB 5 BEGINNING TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Fab 5 sessions are balanced with a selection of breakout workshops intended to build capacity, confidence, and practical strategies in the areas of classroom management, student engagement, social media, teamwork, and parent partnerships.

Fab 5 offers new teachers an opportunity to network with other beginning teachers and strengthen skills to support their day-to-day classroom practices. The registration fee is minimal, and it includes a breakfast, lunch, and wine and cheese reception.

Designed for
teachers in their
first five years of
teaching

Keynote &
various sessions

Location:
Victoria Inn Hotel
& Convention
Centre
(Brandon)

Registration fee:
Only \$40

Register online:

<https://memberlink.mbteach.org/Events.aspx>



Fab 5 Beginning Teachers' Conference

October 18th, 2018

Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre
3550 Victoria Avenue (Brandon)



Keynote: Sylvia Marusyk

Conference Agenda

- 8:00 Registration & Breakfast
- 8:30 Session 1
- 11:30 Keynote: Sylvia Marusyk
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 Short Snapper Sessions
- 13:30 Session 2
- 16:00 Wine & Cheese / Networking

Honour Yourself



You've chosen a rewarding but demanding profession, and you need to honour yourself in order to be your best. Protective factors such as resiliency, empathy, perspective, faith, serenity and humour will be promoted in this keynote session, and a Medicine Wheel approach to looking after one's body, mind, emotions and spirit will be described.

Sylvia Marusyk is fun, sassy, and passionate about wellbeing, work life balance and health! As an occupational therapist with years of practice in the field of stress management, illness prevention, and health promotion, Sylvia knows prevention is the key to creating happy, healthy individuals, employees, and businesses.



Throughout the day

Visit the Manitoba Curriculum Support Centre display. Rita Braun will showcase examples of the materials and resources the centre has to support Manitoba teachers. Explore some of the latest books, educational kits, puppets, and more! As a member of the centre, teachers can also access eBooks, video streaming and electronic databases. Any participant who doesn't have one already will be able to register for a membership card on the spot. The centre is located at 1181 Portage Avenue in Winnipeg but provides support and services to all members throughout the province.



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Session Descriptions

Session 1 – 8:30-11:30

Classroom Management and Student Engagement

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

Presenter: **Darin Arnold**

Short Snapper Sessions – 13:00-13:30

(Each topic is 10 minutes long. You will have time to access 3 topics in this time slot)

The Manitoba Teachers' Society Structure and Services

Learn about all of the services available to MTS Members through various departments, including who to call when you need help.

Presenter: **Sarah Gazan**

EAP Services

Find out about the array of counselling services available to Manitoba Teachers' Society members and how to access them in person or online.

Presenter: **Zach Schnitzer**

Rights and Benefits

Learn about the protections you have as a teacher in legislation and through your collective agreements as well as provisions for maternity and parental leaves.

Presenter: **Arlyn Filewich**

When to Call for Help and Who to Call

Learn about the resources and support provided to members by local teachers' associations.

Presenter: **Peter Buehler**

Session 2 – 13:30-16:00

Fishing for Fun

The ability of teachers to collaborate and work together is paramount to student success, yet in the business and stress of teaching, collegial relationships can become strained and unfocused. Participants will learn about the Fish! Philosophy, a mindset that inspires creativity, joy, and productivity to enhance the work we do with students. Topics include working with a gameful mindset, choosing attitude, finding joy, and being present.

Presenter: **Robin Plouffe-Hingley**



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Speaker Bios

Darin Arnold

Darin is a member of the Teacher-Led Learning Team and has been in the Portage la Prairie School Division for 7 years. He is currently a technology coach and broadcast media teacher at Portage Collegiate Institute. Darin is currently working on becoming a Google Certified Educator. He is passionate about increasing student engagement and learning by integrating technology in K-12 classrooms.

Peter Buehler

Peter is the president of the Brandon Teachers' Association and has many years of experience as a teacher and community leader. He is passionate about the welfare of the teachers in his Local and brings many years of experience to his role.

Arlyn Filewich

Arlyn is a staff officer in the Teacher Welfare department of The Manitoba Teachers' Society.

Sarah Gazan

Sarah is a staff officer in the Professional and French Language Services department of The Manitoba Teachers' Society.

Robin Plouffe-Hingley

Robin is a member of the Teacher-Led Learning Team and is a divisional itinerant instructional support teacher in the Louis Riel School Division. As a teacher with a diverse portfolio of experiences spanning 18 years, she endeavors to collaborate with colleagues to use practices that meet the needs of all of her students. Robin is passionate about supporting learning communities with compassion and humour.

Zach Schnitzer

Zach is a counsellor for the Educator Assistance Program (EAP) of The Manitoba Teachers' Society.

What is LIFT?

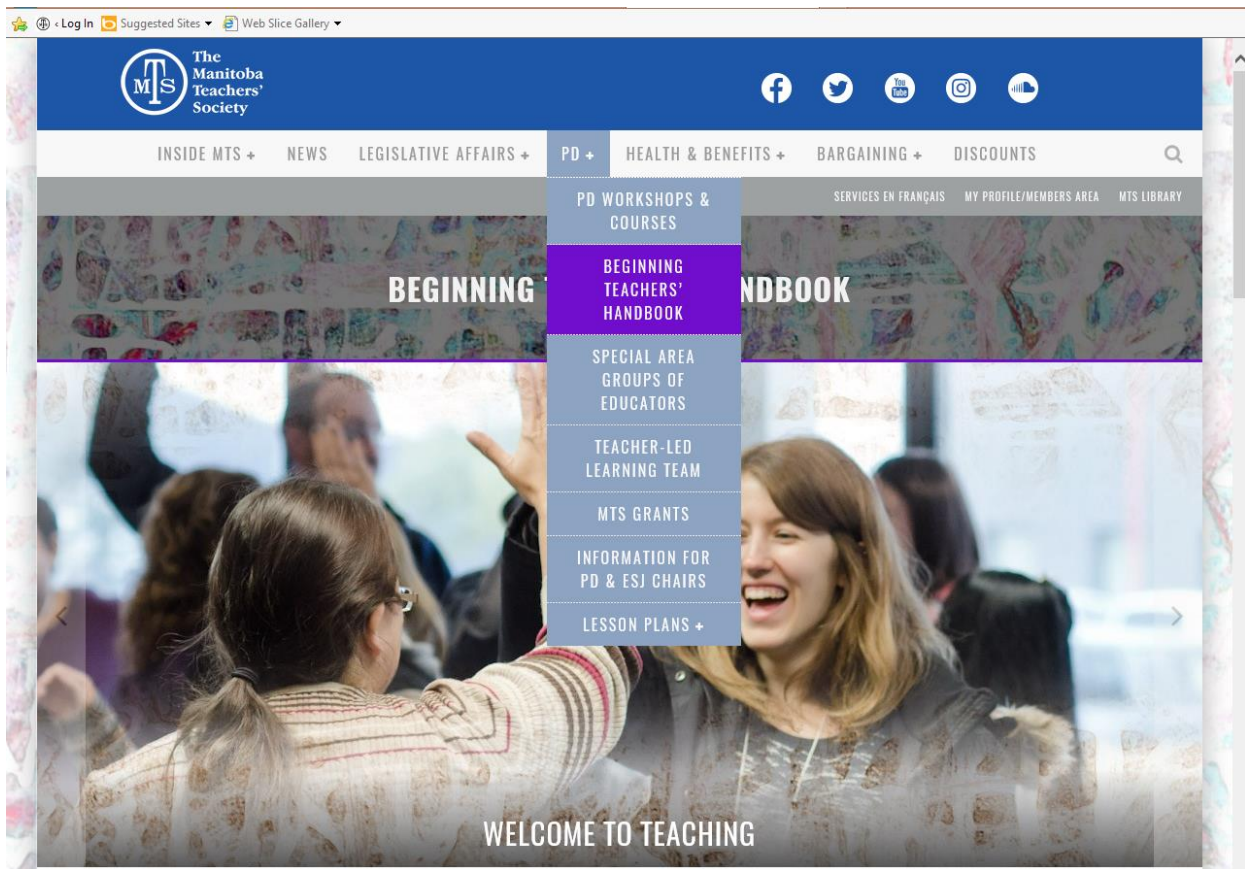
Learning Information For Teachers (LIFT)

Hosted by the Brandon Teachers' Association

LIFT is a professional development conference organized by teachers, for teachers. It is held in Brandon on The Manitoba Teachers' Society Professional Development Day.

Using the feedback provided from previous attendees, a wide variety of sessions are offered to meet the different needs and interests of teachers. These sessions may include effective teaching practices, the use of technology, health and wellness and much more!

Check out the beginning teacher resources online at www.mbteach.org.



What are Special Area Groups of Educators (SAGE)?

Teaching is a demanding career

The challenges, responsibilities, expectations—and rewards—are great! Invest in your own professional development and personal success with Special Area Groups of Educators (SAGE) memberships.

SAGEs help you:

- keep on top of changes
- share insights with peers
- give your teaching the informed edge
- exercise your autonomy in professional development

The 30 SAGEs affiliated with The Manitoba Teachers' Society are your link to a network of professional educators striving for excellence. Professional development opportunities, camaraderie, professional learning networks, and a forum to share your ideas and insights are all benefits of being a member of a SAGE.

The professional development edge

MTS PD Day, conferences, and workshops present the best ideas from the brightest minds in teaching. But SAGEs do much more than sponsor a one-day PD conference.

SAGE reinforces your personal professional development by:

- developing skills in a friendly, non-competitive environment
- keeping you on the leading edge of thinking in your areas of interest