



**CONFERENCE
PROGRAM**

BRANDON

OCTOBER 24, 2019

8:00-16:00

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 an optional reception.

Designed for
teachers in their
first five years of
teaching

Keynote &
various sessions

Location:
Victoria Inn Hotel
& Convention
Centre
(Brandon)

Registration fee:
Only \$50

Register online:

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



Fab 5 Beginning Teachers' Conference



October 24th, 2019

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

Conference Agenda

- 8:00 Registration & Breakfast
- 8:30 Session 1
- 11:30 Session 2
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 Short Snapper Sessions
- 13:30 Session 3
- 14:50 Keynote
- 16:00 Reception (optional)



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Session Descriptions

Working with Educational Assistants 8:30-11:30

Participants will explore practices and guidelines that enhance dynamic working relationships between teachers and EAs. Topics: Roles and responsibilities of Educational Assistants; MTS policy and provincial regulations; effective communication strategies; preparation, guidance, and supervision of EAs.
Presenter: **Lindsey Sturgeon**

Manitoba Education and Training 11:30-12:00

Learn how to navigate the online resources the Department of Education has to support student learning. Discover all the eBooks, video streaming, online journals and electronic databases that are available to access. Participants will also be able to hear more about the Department's Alternate Formats Collection for students with print and visual disabilities.
Presenter: **Laura Roy**

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.)

1 The Manitoba Teachers' Society's Structure and Services

Learn about all of the services available to The Manitoba Teachers' Society's members through various departments, including who to call when you need help.

Presenter: **Réjean LaRoche**

2 Educator Assistance Program (EAP) and Services

The Manitoba Teachers' Society has many departments including the EAP. Find out about the array of counselling services available to Members and how to access them in person or online.

Presenter: **Louise Lamont**

3 Maternity and Parental Leaves: An overview

Learn about provisions for maternity and parental leaves and benefits.

Presenter: **Tim Breen**

4 When to Call for Help and Who to Call

Learn about the work of the Local and the resources and support provided to their members.

Presenter: **Tammy Tutkaluk**

5 LIFT

The purpose of the LIFT Conference is to offer quality professional development on a variety of topics/interests offered through over 50 various sessions.

Presenter: **Alison Johnston**

Open Here in Case of an Emergency!
13:30-14:45

There are many situations that arise when an impromptu lesson or activity is needed. Learn about lessons and resources you can open for emergencies for almost any curriculum, topic or grade level. Topic: How to prepare ahead of time for times when you are away.

Presenter: **Jason Oliver**

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!

Keynote: Jey Thibedeau

Build your Professional Network – Intentionally!

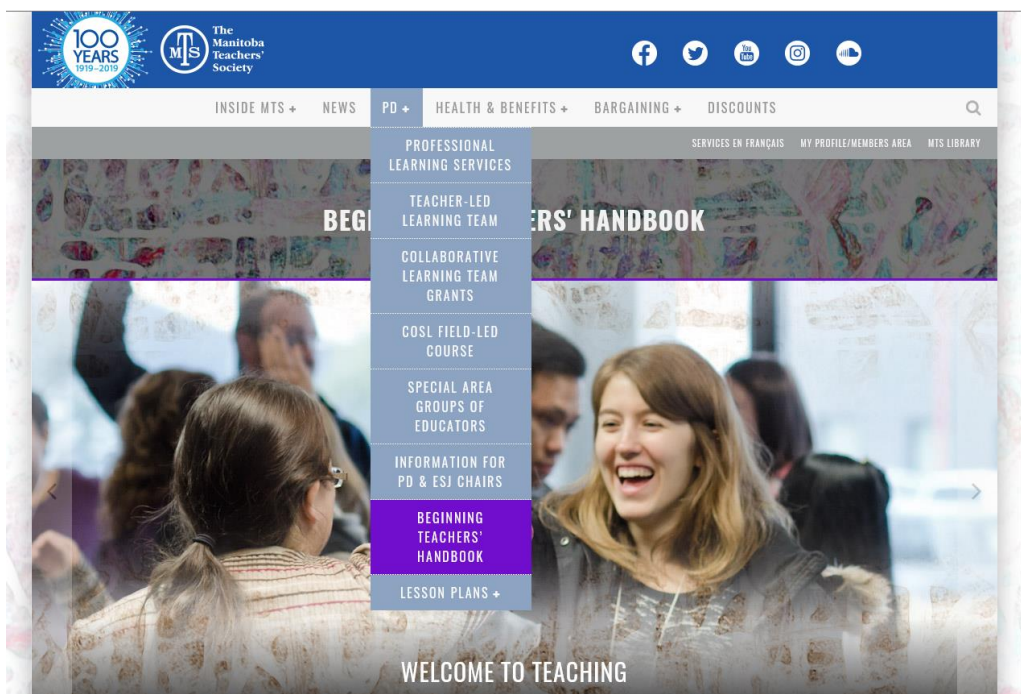


Congratulations! You have completed your degree and are on your way to fulfilling your professional aspirations as a teacher. During your first five years of teaching, it’s natural to spend the majority of your energy and time immersed in all things curricular and extra-curricular. It’s also important to begin building your professional network. As you move forward, you will become a member of various *communities* shaped by the responsibilities placed upon you by the school, school division, your growth as a professional and your own personal interests.

Discover how to make a positive first impression, improve your presence and practice a more interesting way to describe your work; in other words, build your professional portfolio, networks and presence intentionally.

Jey Thibedeau is a life-long arts educator who inspires others through storytelling, physical awareness and communication. She is an educator in the 7 Oaks School Division and an Instructor at the University of Winnipeg. Jey has facilitated workshops from Kenora, ON to Victoria, BC with learners of all ages and career stages.

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





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Speaker Bios

- Tim Breen** Tim is a staff officer in the Teacher Welfare department of The Manitoba Teachers' Society.
- Alison Johnston** Alison is a teacher in the Brandon School Division. She has served as the Brandon Teachers' Association President and a member of the LIFT planning committee for many years.
- Louise Lamont** Louise is a counsellor of The Manitoba Teachers' Society Educator Assistance Program located in Brandon.
- Réjean LaRoche** Réjean is a staff officer in the Teacher Welfare department of The Manitoba Teachers' Society.
- Jason Oliver** Jason has been a technology educator in the River East Transcona School Division for 13 years and teaches Graphic Communications. He has taught grades 5 to 12, specializing in the areas of Technology Education, Graphics, Manufacturing, Plastics and Woodworking and served as a technology coordinator for the school division.
- Laura Roy** Laura is the Coordinator of the Manitoba Education and Training Department's Blind/Visually Impaired Services Unit.
- Lindsey Sturgeon** Lindsey is passionate about working with students who require additional support both in the classroom and in the community. Her eleven years of teaching experience span several positions at a variety of levels, and she is currently working as a resource teacher at Stonewall Collegiate Institute.
- Tammy Tutkaluk** Tammy is the Vice-President of the Brandon Teachers' Association. She has been a classroom teacher for 16 years and has been active within her local for the last 15 years. Tammy has held the role of VP, Collective Bargaining Chair, Elected Member of Executive, Resolutions Chair, and Thinking of You Committee Chair.

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
- give your teaching the informed edge
- share insights with peers
- exercise your autonomy in professional development

The 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