

# **Program Chair Report**

**January 15 & 16**

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(\*much is a repeat of September, but that was a long time ago!)

- **Highlights of 2016 Program:**

- Thursday Morning Featured Speakers
  - Dr. David Posen: Running on Empty: Manage Your Energy, Manage Your Stress
  - Paula Kluth: Don't We Already Do Inclusions? 100 Ways to Improve Inclusive Schools
  - Sheldon Kennedy: Child Advocacy
- Friday Morning Featured Speaker:
  - Voice – Advocacy – Action: A Conversation with ATA President Mark Ramsankar
- 201 on-site sessions (2 speaker cancellations since last meeting)
- 9 new offsite sessions
  - SAIT: work working/cabinetry, plumbing, sheet metal work
  - Kananaskis: 2-Day Outdoor Education Certification course
  - Longview: Navigation Module & Field Session (Full Day Thursday)
  - Masters Academy Gymnasium: Brazilian Martial Arts, Net-Ball and Speed Badminton (is there a Board member willing to host?)
  - Canadian Centre of Beef Excellence: Beef Basics (for Culinary Arts teachers)
- WiFi will be provided on Friday in the Technology sessions scheduled in the CTCC rooms.

- **Pre-Registration opens February 1<sup>st</sup> for 31 sessions**

- **Sched.org app is now populated with the program**

- <https://pdtca2016.sched.org/>
- Mobile version for phones
- Also works on desktops / laptops in a different view
- Teachers who wish to create a profile and schedule are advised not to use personal information (ie – full name as username)

- **Please pass on and promote Twitter**

- @palliserc
- #pdtc

- **Owl's Nest Books; new on-site book vendor. (Hooray!)**

- Will be located at far end of pre-convention area
- Offering 4 gift basket draws, worth approximately \$100.00 each. There will be 1 basket for Grades K – 3, 1 for grades 4 – 6, 1 for grades 7 – 9, and 1 for grades 10 – 12. Teachers will be welcome to enter all 4 draws, and the winners will be announced at noon on the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Any interested teachers who wish to suggest book titles or topics for the convention are welcome to email [contact@owlsnestbooks.com](mailto:contact@owlsnestbooks.com), Attn. Susan Hare; before January 25<sup>th</sup>