

Program Chair Report
September 23 & 24
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• **Highlights of 2017 Program:**

- Thursday Morning Featured Speakers
 - Dr. Temple Grandin
 - Mark Tewksbury
 - George Couros
- Other Featured Speakers:
 - Mark Ramsankar: ATA President
 - <http://www.pdtca.org/featured-speakers-other.html>
- 8:30 Start Both Days / earlier, 2:15 Finish on Friday
- Delegates must produce ATA Membership Card as identifier IF ASKED (Full Sessions)
 - Teachers can print one from the ATA website
 - Publicize this EARLY and OFTEN!
- Emphasis on Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action
 - Documentaries
 - Blanket Ceremonies
 - Treaty Recognition
 - Project of Heart <http://projectofheart.ca/what-is-project-of-heart/>
- Free WiFi in all Convention Centre Telus and Glen Sessions, Thursday and Friday

• **By the Numbers:**

- 220 sessions
 - 208 on-site sessions
 - 13 offsite sessions
 - Phase of Production: High School Construction Projects
 - Norquay: Experiential Education on Skis
 - Longview: Outdoor Council of Canada – Compass Module
 - Calgary Zoo:
 - Drawing Workshops
 - Destination Africa Tour & Journalling Workshop
 - Classroom Program Seminars – K-3, 4-6 & 7-12
 - Heritage Christian Academy (Palliser School)
 - Power Up! Cooking with Milk and Eggs
 - Moodle Design Workshop
 - HIGH FIVE: NCCP National Certification & PD Credit Course
 - Whispering Equine Wellness Facility
- Overall totals, based on how sessions were categorized FIRST*:

Administration	9	Fine Arts - Visual	9	Religion	7
Assessment	2	French Immersion	6	Science	14
Counseling	2	Issues in Education	14	Social	9
CTS	13	LA / English	19	Student Leadership	4
Diversity / Learning Support	18	Math	15	Technology	14
Effective Teaching Practices	21	Miscellaneous	2	Wellness	16
Fine Arts - Music	8	Other Languages	3	* each session has two curricular foci tied to it (ie – Diversity/Learning Support & Counselling for an LGBTQ Session). The numbers in this table are based on how a speaker classified his/her session "FIRST".	
Fine Arts - Performing	2	Physical Education	14		
For "All Grade Levels" (*as indicated by speaker)	120	Early Childhood / Elementary (K-6)	46	Secondary (7-12)	54

- 59 sessions by Local presenters ***ALL local submissions were accepted**
- 31 FREE sessions

• **What Else?**

- Owl's Nest Books will be our vendor again, in same location
- Sched.org will house program in Mobile App
- Follow program highlights on Face Book - Palliser District Teachers' Convention
- See highlights on Twitter @palliserc