

Program Chair Report
January 20 & 21
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- **The PDTCa is pleased to have been able to facilitate Dr. Temple Grandin speaking in the Imperial Ballroom, at a public event, on Wednesday, February 22nd at 7pm. Tickets may be purchased via <http://www.autismcalgary.com/2017/01/autism-calgarys-25-anniversary-event-an-evening-with-temple-grandin/> Please encourage parents, educational assistants, etc. to attend this exciting opportunity!**
- **Highlights of 2017 Program:**
 - Thursday Morning Featured Speakers
 - Dr. Temple Grandin
 - Mark Tewksbury
 - George Couros
 - Other "Featured Speakers":
 - ATA President Mark Ramsankar
 - Bill Belsey
 - Ariel Haubrich
 - Brandon Love
 - Joel Hilchey
 - Chris Wejr
 - Mario Trono
 - 224 sessions: 207 on-site, 17 off-site
 - Offsite session locations include:
 - Calgary Zoo
 - Bell National Music Centre
 - Whispering Equine Wellness Facility
 - Mount Norquay
 - Fish Creek Provincial Park
 - SAIT
 - Palliser School - Heritage Christian Academy hosting 3 specialty sessions
 - There is NO transportation provided to any offsite session. Delegates are responsible for finding their own way there and back
- **Pre-Registration is now open! Please promote this with your teachers!**
 - 40 sessions require pre-registration (some are already filled)
 - All on-site sessions with pre-registration will have a Board member assigned to monitor entrance of registrants only
- **Sched.com app is now populated with the program**
 - <http://www.pdtca.org/sched-mobile-site.html>
 - Mobile version (above) 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
- **Can be found on Facebook at**
 - Palliser District Teachers' Convention
 - <https://www.facebook.com/pdtca>
- **Teachers in sessions filled to capacity will be asked by a Board member to produce an ATA card as identification.**
 - may be a plastic, paper or digital version
 - available through online ATA account My Profile -> Member Card
- **Owl's Nest Books is on-site book vendor.**
 - Will again be located at far end of pre-convention area
 - Any interested teachers who wish to suggest book titles or topics for the convention are welcome to email contact@owlsnestbooks.com, Attn. Susan Hare; **before January 30th**