



# ITA FRIDAY FLYER

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## JUST IN TIME FOR “I LOVE TO READ” MONTH, INTRODUCING THE ITA BOOK CLUB:

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN!!!** In our most recent survey done in October, you shared ways the ITA could increase its engagement with members, as well as help them with more information in the areas of Equity & Social Justice, and Indigenous Perspectives.

**You said...**your top priority for addressing equity in your classrooms was increased access to social groups, while supporting members with resources and workshops.

**So, we...**would like to invite you to join the ITA Book club.

**We will even pay for the book!**

Our first book study will be on *“The 21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act”*. All members are welcome to participate. The book is available in audio, Ereader and paperback form. We have not picked a start date yet, but we will aim for a first virtual meeting at the end of February. Anyone wishing to join is welcome and should register by emailing their contact info to...

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Are you looking for a way to infuse Indigenous perspectives into your school? One way to do this is through making adaptations to the physical the learning environment. Here is one company that specializes in blending Indigenous Art and images with pre-existing fixtures. <https://indigenousilluminations.com/>

By using this company, you would be supporting Indigenous businesses while creating a space for all students and staff to enjoy!

The new MTS campaign **#useyourvoice** is underway. Check out @mbteachers or @InterlakeTA. Re-tweet, post and share your story and pictures. Spread the message that years of inadequate education funding is unacceptable. How have your classroom and students been affected? How have you been asked to do more with less?

**FUND EDUCATION!**

Inflation (5 years) = 10 per cent

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Education funding (5 years) = 4.36 per cent

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Chronic underfunding of public education

THE MANITOBA TEACHERS' SOCIETY

**FUND EDUCATION!**

If there was more funding, there would be enough band instruments for all of my students. With the no-sharing rule, there aren't enough instruments to go around.

- Manitoba Teacher

#useyourvoice

THE MANITOBA TEACHERS' SOCIETY

**FUND EDUCATION!**

If there was more funding I would not have three badly hearing impaired students in one class with no educational assistant.

- Manitoba Teacher

#useyourvoice

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**FUND EDUCATION!**

The computers in my school are 10 years old and incapable of doing what is necessary for remote learning.

- Manitoba Teacher

#useyourvoice

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**“Picture this: My classroom. Our future.”**

Click [HERE](#) for more info and to hear the Radio ad from MTS President – James Bedford

**Look for these ads and more on print, radio and social media near you!**



## Benefits

## Pension Sustainability Seminar for Interlake Teachers

*(Please note this is **NOT** pre-retirement seminars)*

You are invited to attend the Lakewood region **virtual presentation for teachers of Interlake Teachers' Association on Thursday, March 18, 2021 from 4:30 to 7:00 pm.** The seminar is specific to the long-term sustainability of your pension and some projections on what it will resemble if some benefits change. The sessions are generic to any MTS member, and you may attend any one of them listed at [www.mbteach.org](http://www.mbteach.org).

This session is sponsored by The Manitoba Teachers' Society. The objective is to help you understand aspects of your pension, prepare for retirement, and **consider potential changes to the Pension. While the pension is in good shape, the other party to your pension, the Province, has indicated that they wish to discuss the pension, and teacher pensions across the country have changed, or are changing.**

Resource persons from MTS *and* The Teachers' Retirement Allowances Fund (TRAF) will be in attendance. Time has been built in for questions from participants.

Prior to the seminar, we encourage you to login to your TRAF Online Services account to download your most recent TRAF Benefits Statement (located under "My TRAF Documents") and your Teacher History record (located under "My Teaching Account"). If you have not yet signed up for Online Services, you can register through the TRAF website at [www.traf.mb.ca](http://www.traf.mb.ca).

To register for the seminar online go to the MTS website at [www.mbteach.org](http://www.mbteach.org), log in at **My Profile**<sup>i</sup>, click on the header **Events** and from the drop-down menu choose **Event Listings**, scroll down and click **the applicable Pension Sustainability Seminar** to complete the registrations process.

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<sup>i</sup> If you have not previously used My Profile on the member portal you will need to "Sign Up Now". Once you click on "Sign Up Now", complete these required fields:

1. First Name
2. Last Name
3. Password (you create your own password)
4. Confirm Password

Your MTS Number is your actual MTS membership number on your MTS Card. The next time you login, this is the number that you will use along with the password that you created.

## Rapid Testing FAST PASS ACCESS FOR ALL STAFF

To be eligible for a rapid test, education staff must:

- Have symptoms of COVID-19; or
- Be identified as a close contact of a school exposure; or
  - Live with someone who has symptoms.

**The rapid testing site in Winnipeg is located at 1066 Nairn Ave. Appointments must be made ahead of time by phoning 1-855-268-4318.**





FAB 5 workshops are intended to build capacity, confidence, and practical strategies focused on the mental, emotional, relational and physical aspects of teachers and teaching. FAB 5 2021 will be a real-time virtual conference on **March 5th** from **9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.** Participants can also access the work on-demand after the live event. Once participants have registered for either the live stream or on-demand, they will have access for 30 days.

To register, [click here](#)

For more information, [click here](#)

The banner for 'Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week' has a dark blue background with a faint grid pattern. On the left, the text 'Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week' is written in large, white, sans-serif font, with 'FEBRUARY 8-12' below it in a smaller, teal, sans-serif font. On the right, there is a white-bordered photograph of a group of people, including children, in a tent. Below the photo is a white speech bubble containing the text 'Thank you!' in a cursive font. At the bottom of the banner, there are two colored boxes: an orange one on the left with the hashtag '#teacherappreciation' in white, and a teal one on the right with the hashtag '#staffappreciation' in white.

As an on-going sign of our appreciation for all you do for your schools, your students and each other, lunch is again coming your way at a PD day coming soon. Thank you, Principal & Vice-Principal teachers, for helping us organize this important contribution to member health and well-being!