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WELCOME BACK OR NEW WELCOME!

In some ways it is hard to believe that summer is over and we are heading back to work or perhaps ready to work for Wellington for your first time or in a new school or role. Hopefully everyone had a very enjoyable summer and enjoyed the tremendous hot weather. However, I know many of us worked at least several weeks either at summer school, courses or other teacher related activities.

As you head into school take some time to welcome all new staff members to the school. Introduce yourself. Smile more in the halls and say hello. These small gestures will help new staff members and new colleagues feel at home quickly.

Have a great first day everyone!

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JOIN A LOCAL OECTA COMMITTEE

Beginning Teachers	Communications (website)
Elementary	Secondary
Finance	Guelph District Labour Human Rights
Legislation Bylaws	OTs New Exec will be elected in Sept.
PAC (Political Action Committee)	PD (Professional Development)
Social	Wellness Women's

If you are interested please contact any of the Executive for more info.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon Sept 5

Labour Day Riverside Park

Mon Sept 12

Prov Benefits ELHT

Toronto Mark

Tues Sept 13

*SERT Meeting

OECTA Office Noon

*EXEC Meeting

OECTA Office 4 pm

Wed Sept 14

WELLNESS WORKSHOP

OECTA Office 4 pm

Thurs Sept 15

*Joint H and S Noon

*OTBU AGM ELECTIONS

OECTA Office 4 pm

Tues Sept 20

Theo on Tap

Albion 7 pm

Fri Sept 23

Prov Benefits ELHT

Toronto Mark

Mon Sept 26

REPS?EXEC Meeting

OECTA Office 4:30 pm

Tues Sept 27-28

OTIP Conference

Mark Yvonne Peter

Wed Sept 28-29

OECTA GRIEVANCE WORKSHOP

Mark Yvonne Peter

Thurs Sept 29-30

OTBU Pres Workshop

Toronto

OECTA BEGINNING TEACHERS CONFERENCE

If you are a teacher in your first five years on the job, consider attending OECTA's Beginning Teachers Conference. You will learn valuable information, tips, and strategies to help you create a 'bag of tricks' that you can draw from in your classroom and beyond.

**Fri October 14 and
Saturday October 15, 2016
Toronto**

OECTA considers teachers in their first five years of teaching as Beginning

Teachers. Provincial has sent all Local's the guideline to be used to select delegates.

If you are interested in attending this excellent conference please forward your name to either Mark or Yvonne.

We are allowed three delegates paid from Provincial and can hopefully sponsor two more Locally.

Please apply now if interested to avoid disappointment. Email Yvonne or Mark.

WELLINGTON PROVINCIAL INVOLVEMENT

Our Unit had several members serve on Provincial Committees last year and even more have been selected this year. Tim remains an alternate for President's Council to represent OTs in our region, Peter will be on a committee again next year, this time PD, Yvonne was selected for the Women's Committee and Laurence will be on H and S. Mark continues to take part in training and preparation of the Prov ELHT (Benefits) Trustee Committee as an Alternate.

While on the PD Network front many members continue to serve the Province. Deb ran two Summer Institutes (including Guelph's) in July. Cathy, Deb, Joe, Abby and Jeff are all contacts for OECTA Conferences on the Prov PD Network.

Get involved in Your OECTA!
Call for Prov Committees is in April
Local Committees are open now!

Wellington OECTA Community Involvement

Did you know that Wellington OECTA supports a variety of organizations through out the year?

Wellington sends representatives to the Guelph Wellington Coalition for Social Justice as part of our membership in this organization. The Coalition includes all the Teacher Federations, Retired Teachers, U of G CSA, OPIRG, the Wellington Health Coalition, Wellington Water Watchers, York Road Green Hub and the Council for Canadians to name a few of the member Organizations. OECTA has been a member since the early 90's and was very involved during Brenda McGinnis's terms of office. Suzan Reid is our OECTA Rep for each monthly meetig and Mark or Tim attend as well.

Their website guelphcitizenaction.ca

Their Facebook Page is

Guelph Wellington Coalition for Social Justice

OTBU ELECTIONS AND AGM

The Occasional Teachers will have their Annual General Meeting and Elections on Thursday, September 15th. The following positions are up for election:

OT Executive (President, Secretary, Treasurer) and the reps to reps council. The OTBU President automatically becomes the VP OT on the Unit Executive.

Nominations for all of the above positions are due to the Election Chair, Amberlea Daigneau by 4:00 p.m. on Friday September 9, 2015.

Please make arrangements to attend this important meeting.

Annual General Meeting
For
Occasional Teacher Members Of
Wellington OECTA Occasional Teacher Bargaining Unit
To be held
Thursday September 15, 2015
At the Wellington OECTA Unit Office
Orchard Park Business Complex
St. Ignatius Property Highway # 6
3:45 Refreshments 4:00 sharp meeting/elections

WHEN FAITH MEETS PEDAGOGY 2016

‘Mercy: Wellspring of Joy, Serenity and Peace’
Inspired by Pope Francis’ declaration of the Year of Mercy
Presented by Catholic Curriculum Corporation
OCT 27 TO 29 2016
INTERNATIONAL PLAZA HOTEL TORONTO AIRPORT

Teachers wishing to apply for this OECTA sponsored Conference should send their name to their site/school Rep. The Reps will forward each name to the OECTA PD Committee Chair Yvonne Runstedler. OECTA will sponsor one teacher from each school provided they qualify for funding. Please apply early. See First Class.

Keynote Speaker Dr. Anne Jamieson
Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Hamilton

*Elections for
Association
School/Site
REPS

Each school or
site Rep must
be elected by
the staff at a
staff only
OECTA
meeting by
Sept 9th.*

**OECTA
AQ
NEWS**

**FALL REGISTRATION
OPEN FOR COURSES
UNTIL SEPT 9**

**A \$ 450 SUBSIDY
AVAILABLE FOR MATH
AND KINDERGARTEN
COURSES**

**SEE THE PROVINCIAL
OECTA WEBSITE
FOR DETAILS**

**CONTACT
YVONNE FOR
AQ RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
PART I**

**SUBSIDY AVAIL-
ABLE THROUGH
OUR BOARD!**

**MORE THAN JUST 'CHICKEN SOUP'
EMPOWER YOURSELF FOR WELLNESS!**

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY SEPT 14
FOR A WORKSHOP FOR YOU
WORK LIFE BALANCE, DEALING WITH CONFLICT, SELF REFLECTION
BRENDA KENYON WILL RUN THROUGH STRATEGIES AND TIPS FOR
TEACHERS TO ENSURE THEY ARE ABLE TO BE MORE AWARE WELLNESS STARTS
WITH THEM IN A NEW MORE DEMANDING WORK PLACE
AT THE OECTA OFFICE 4 PM REFRESHMENTS AND LIGHT SNACKS
RSVP YVONNE

Your ALP Annual Learning Plan

Your ALP is your profes-
sional personal plan and
document. No one can
tell you what you have to
put on your ALP.
OECTA does promote
our members taking re-
sponsibility for their pro-
fessional growth and
planning. You are en-

couraged to fill out your
plans and use a variety of
anticipated goals.
For everyone who is in a
new role or new grade/
subject that can be part
of your ALP. For those
in Kindergarten or in the
grades affected with new
resources that should be

in your ALP.
Perhaps you wish to take
advantage of after school
OECTA PD or Winter
Workshop opportuni-
ties. All of you should
include 'and any other
PD opportunity that I
believe is relevant to my
professional growth'.

BE WARY BE WISE

Each year members are
confronted with issues in
how we interact with
students, parents, and in
the community. If you
have the slightest ques-
tion about whether you
should do something

with students, after
school, driving, commu-
nicate through technol-
ogy then you probably
shouldn't.
FACEBOOK, Twitter,
Snap Chat, email and
text messages plus a host

of others I don't know
about may place you in
jeopardy. Social media
and technology are tools
but they are not your
friends in dealing with
students in education in
many cases. Call for help.



THEOLOGY

ON TAP

SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 AT 7 PM | **THE ALBION HOTEL GUELPH**
TOPIC: "BLISTERS, BEDLAM, BREAKTHROUGH: TRAIL MIX ON THE CAMINO"
SPEAKER: YVONNE RUNSTEDLER | **LIVE CELTIC BAND:** HOUSE OF GOOD CHEER





OECTA AT THE GUELPH DISTRICT LABOUR DAY PICNIC

If you are able to assist in either set up, working at the lunch or clean up that day please contact Mark. (set up 10-12, corn roast 12-3, clean up 3-4)

This is our fourth year as members in the Guelph and District Labour Council. Provincially we are also members of the Ontario Federation of Labour and the Canadian Labour Congress.

Your participation today will help win support tomorrow.

TOGETHER FAIRNESS WORKS