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Agenda



Friday May 1

Collective Bargaining Workshop
Toronto

Monday May 11

Executive Meeting
OECTA Office 4:15 p.m.

Board Volunteer and Staff Recognition
River Run Centre 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday May 13

TRIFIT Workshop
Fit 4 Gardening
OECTA Office 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY May 14

Close of nomination for
2009-10 Unit executive 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday May 20

TRIFIT Workshop
Fit 4 Golf and Baseball
OECTA Office 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, May 22

OECTA/ Program Dept
Board Office 11:45 a.m.

THURSDAY May 28

"In Appreciation" Banquet
Italian Canadian Club
Cocktails 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, May 29

FACE (Friends and Advocates of
Catholic Education) Workshop—Toronto



WEDNESDAY June 3

Final REPS COUNCIL Meeting
Wellington OECTA Local AGM
Orchard Park Office 4:30 p.m.

THURS. June 4 & FRI. June 5

Council of Presidents Toronto

WELLINGTON "In Appreciation" BANQUET Thursday May 28

Wellington OECTA's "In Appreciation" Banquet will be held on **May 28th** at the Italian Canadian Club. At this banquet we honour our retirees, and 25 year members as well as those who have served as OECTA Reps and Committee members. In addition, we present our various Awards for our members and friends in the community.

As of May 1, the list of honorees includes:

Retirees

Mary Hermann	James Lafferty	Randy Remigis
Carol Gordon	Jean Laveck	Johanne Martin
Margie Zuccala	Ginny Rigby	Bernadette Wells

25 Year

Mary Hermann	Eliana Marcone-Dilello
Beth McCabe	Bernadette Wells

Awards Recipients:

Reps were given award nomination forms at the April Reps Meeting. Award winners will be finalized by the executive on May 11th. Please feel free to nominate people prior to that date for the following awards:

Award of Merit - Community Member

Award of Merit - OECTA Member

25 year in one Award

Salami Award (political faux pas award)

Winners will be announced at the banquet.

Additional tickets may be purchased from the OECTA office.

The OECTA Banquet is always a fun night. We hope to see you there.

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LOCAL NEWS—MISCELLANEOUS

Young Authors' Awards - 2009 - Local Recipients

Many thanks to all those teachers and students who participated in this year's Young Authors Contest. Local winning "authors" will receive a certificate and a gift certificate.

Winning local entries have been forwarded to the Provincial Competition. Provincial Award recipients will be officially announced at the June Council of Presidents meeting (June 4-5).

We congratulate the following Young Authors and their teachers:

LOCAL WINNERS

Grades 1-2

Short Story

"Amelia's Socks"

by Olivia Miotto, Holy Trinity
Teacher: Luciana Pizziola

Grades 3-4

Short Story

"The Dark Shadows"

by Teagan Smith, St. Joseph
Teacher: Barb Manera

Poem

"Dogs, Dogs, Dogs"

by Anna DeVette-Johnston, Holy Trinity
Teacher: Oliva O'Connor

Grades 5-6

Short Story

"Female Emperor Penguin"

by Sarah Zsigmond, Holy Trinity
Teacher: Candace Occhuito

Poem

"Dr. Seuss Heaven"

by Dane Nespoli, St. Paul
Teacher: Alijha Girgis

Grades 7-8

Short Story

"Curse of the Fire Serpent"

by Sean Gibbons, St. Joseph Fergus
Teacher: Jane Abate

Short Story - French

"Le Petit Geant"

by Hannah Allera, St. Joseph Guelph
Teacher: Ed McAnany

Poem

"Silent Cries"

by Sarah Sims, St. Joseph Fergus
Teacher: Jane Abate

Nonfiction

"Ghosts"

by Reilly Everitt-Cunningham, St. Paul
Teacher: Vladimir Koledin

Grades 11-12

Short Story

"Addolorato"

by Braydon Hall, St. James H.S.
Teacher: Rosetta Piteo

Teacher Participant Draw Winner



All teachers who participated in the local contest were entered into a draw for a \$100 Staples Gift Certificate. This year's Winner was Luciana Pizziola.

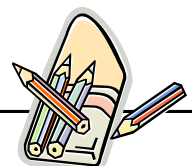
OECTA: THE NEXT GENERATION

Twelve beginning teachers from Wellington attended OECTA's annual Beginning Teachers Conference OECTA: The Next Generation. As in the past, Wellington Unit sponsored several delegates in addition to the three provincially funded representatives. By all reports, the event was extremely worthwhile and we anticipate that it will remain a popular event for new members of our profession.

The following was shared by one of the local participants :

"The best part of the conference were the guest speakers Harry Wong and Chelonnda Seroyer. Harry Wong is the author of "The First Days of School" a book given to all NTIP teachers to help them prepare for establishing procedures in the classroom. Chelonnda Seroyer is a dynamic teacher in her fourth year of teaching who is featured in his book. She shared practical approaches to common problems,

like what to do for homework incompletes, lates, etc but the most important thing she shared was the importance of consistency within the classroom. The classroom should always be a safe place, physically and mentally. I found myself re-evaluating my own teaching practices in terms of consistency and procedures, and have made some changes already!" - Lindsay Marien



WELLINGTON ANNUAL BANQUET - MAY 28 - ICC

LOCAL AGM AND ELECTIONS - JUNE 3 - ORCHARD PARK

**UNIT Workshops on
Wellness, fitness, maternity**

TRIFIT

The OECTA Trifit Wellness program continues to progress. Several sites got involved in the Nutrition Challenge in March. Participants in the challenges were randomly selected to receive gift certificates from Sportchek. They were:

- Andrea Welsh-Devlin St. Francis
- Adelina Visentin St Michael
- Ben Hayne St Mary Elora
- Sue Miller St Joseph Fergus

In April, Last 10 lb boot camps were offered at four sites.

In recognition that summer will, believe it or not, eventually arrive, the following workshops will be held at the OECTA office.

May 13 Fit4Gardening

May 20 Fit4Golf and Baseball

Look for posters on these workshops and other Trifit information in your staff rooms. All Trifit info can also be found on our Unit website www.oectawellington.ca.

Maternity Workshop

On Wednesday April 22, the Unit held a Maternity workshop. Participants were provided with important information about legislation and other rules around maternity leaves. The workshop was presented by resident maternity expert Unit VP George Giovinazzo. This is the second time that this popular mini-workshop has been offered and will be offered again as needed.

Board Staff and Volunteer Recognition

May 11, 2008 – River Run Centre

On Monday May 11, the Board will recognize volunteers and staff for their contributions to Wellington Catholic in a variety of categories. We would encourage other members to come out and support their colleagues who are being recognized by the Board. In addition to the individuals recognized in the Volunteer category, the following OECTA members and other Board employees will be honoured in these categories:

Catholicity

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| *Jeff Warner | Bishop Macdonell |
| Norina Morris | Central Office |
| *Bill Flaherty | Our Lady of Lourdes |
| Heather Maciag | St. James |
| *Beth McCabe | St. John, Arthur |
| *Frank Doyle | St. John Brebeuf, Erin |
| *Jane Abate | St. Joseph, Fergus |
| Linda Coons | St. Joseph, Guelph |
| *Joan Jeffery | St. Mary, Mt. Forest |
| *Josephine Rafitis | St. Patrick |

Student Achievement

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| *Deb Kewin | Bishop Macdonell |
| *Julie Vandenheuvel | Sacred Heart |
| *Judy Vuylsteke | St. Francis of Assisi |
| *Patti Spedler | St. James Catholic |
| *Wendy Willmets | St. Mary, Elora |

Organizational Improvement

- | | |
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| Tracy McLennan | Central Office |
| Mary Murray | Holy Rosary |
| *Mary Nettleton | Holy Trinity |
| *Mary Hermann | Mary Phelan |
| Eric Catteau | Our Lady of Lourdes |
| *Nicole DeFrancesco | St. John, Guelph |
| *Andrew Chaput | St. Michael |
| *Hilary Clark | St. Paul |
| *Stefanie Palmer | St. Peter |

* indicates OECTA member

**CONGRATS
TO ALL!!!**



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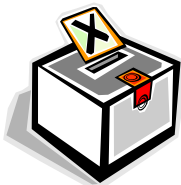
ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

WEDNESDAY June 3 4:30 p.m.

**ORCHARD PARK OFFICES — IGNATIUS CENTRE
Highway # 6 North**

All OECTA members are encouraged to attend this important meeting

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS — May 14th



Visit our unit website at www.oectawellington.ca



Wellington OECTA Annual General Meeting and Elections 2009

Our local Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday June 3. The meeting will include the elections of the executive for 2009-10 and consideration of any proposed changes to unit by-laws.

It is likely that the AGM will take place in the Orchard Park Office Complex (same building as our unit office is located) on the Ignatius property. The specific location of the meeting will be confirmed following the Nomination Deadline (May 14th). The meeting on June 3rd will start promptly at 4:30 p.m. with the election of the executive for 2009-10.

The positions to be elected this year.

Unit President - 2 year term

Vice-President (from Occasional Teachers) - 1 year term

Secretary - 1 year term

Councillors (5) - 1 year term

(Vice- Presidents from Elementary and Secondary are in the middle of a two-year term, so there will be no election for these two positions this year, unless one of them chooses to run for a different position.)

The rules and procedures for unit elections are outlined in the unit's By-laws. The key provisions are outlined below.

Candidates for all positions must be nominated 20 days in advance of the election meeting date. To be nominated, simply inform one of the Election/Nomination Co-chairs (George Giovinazzo or Judy Mullen) **by 4:30 on Thursday May 14th**. Further nominations may be made from the floor only for positions which remain open after the nomination deadline.

The names and a brief profile of all candidates will be published in the Wellington Works due out at the end of May.

Where the number of nominated candidates exceeds the number of positions, there will be a secret ballot held to determine the winner. Candidates for President will have a maximum of five minutes to address the meeting, followed by a short question and answer period. Voting will begin immediately thereafter. Voting will remain open until at least 5:15 (may be extended at the discretion of the meeting chair). Candidates for all other positions will have three minutes. Order of speakers will be determined by lot.

In the event of a contested election for President (or Vice-President Elementary or Secondary), there will be opportunities to cast your ballots in advance for this position only. During the week prior to the election there will be two locations (one county, one city) for anyone wishing to cast her ballots in advance. The specific dates and locations for the advance polls will be announced following the close of nominations on May 14. Also on the day of the election, the polls will be open prior to the general meeting (3:30 to 4:15). In accordance with provincial and local by-laws, no proxy votes are permitted.

Defeated candidates may "drop down" to run for other positions simply by stating this intention at the time nominations are opened for that position. For councillor position, you may vote for any number from one to five.

All members of OECTA as described in the OECTA handbook are eligible to vote for or run for all positions, with the exception being that only occasional teachers may run for Vice President Occasional. (as for VPs Elementary and Secondary)

Members of the executive meet twice a month on Monday nights and sit on a variety of committees and sub-committees. For more information, please e-mail or call.

PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING THIS IMPORTANT EVENT!

NOMINATION AND ELECTION TIMELINES 2009

Monday May 4 (4:30)

(30 days prior to election)

- Current Officers must declare intentions to seek a different Officer position.

- any resulting vacancy declared open and advertised

Thursday May 14 (4:30)

(20 calendar days prior to election)

- Close of Nominations for **all** positions

- All subsequent nominations for positions remaining open must be made from floor on June 3

Thursday May 21

(10 -12 days prior to election)

- Candidate profiles due to be published in May Wellington Works (week of May 25)

May 25 – May 29

(week prior to election)

- * Advance voting (in the event of a contested election) for Officer's positions only: one city/ one county location TBA 3:30—6:00

Wednesday June 3

- * Advance voting allowed for contested Officer position(s) 3:30—4:15 (prior to meeting)

- General meeting begins 4:30

- * Voting for Officer position(s) remains open until 5:15 min.

** only necessary if contested election*

**ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING
ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS
SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO
GEORGE GIOVINAZZO OR JUDY
MULLEN (ELECTION CO-CHAIRS)**



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