

# WELLINGTON WORKS

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## Agenda

JUNE JULY AUGUST

### Monday June 23th

Executive Meeting  
OECTA Office 4:15 p.m.

### Monday June 30th, Wednesday July 2 and Thursday July 3

Collective Bargaining  
Hampton Inn— all day

### Tuesday July 22 to Thursday July 24

OECTA Summer Workshops  
St. Michael School

### August 13 –15

Provincial Health and Safety  
Conference

*Have a safe and happy summer holiday!*

## Summer Office Hours

The OECTA office will be closed for most of the summer but Judy, George and/or Jim will be regularly checking email and voice mail. If you leave a message on the office voice mail 519 763-3043, one of us will get back to you ASAP. Feel free to contact any of us as needed during the summer.

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Serious problems, or emergencies, can be dealt with by contacting provincial office at 1-800-268-7230.

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Elementary VP Judy Mullen

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to provide important information to members

## Wellington OECTA Annual General Meeting and Elections

*Our local Annual General Meeting was held Monday June 9. Thanks to all members who were able to attend. The following are the highlights.*

### New Election Procedures Approved

New elections procedures, as outlined in previous Wellington Works, were approved for the election of the unit executive. These procedures were developed by a unit committee which conducted an extensive review of unit election process, and previously approved by the executive.

### New Executive Position Created

The membership approved a new position on the unit executive, that of Vice President (from Occasionals). An election for the position was then held.

### Wellington OECTA Executive 2008-09

The new executive for Wellington OECTA will take office as of July 1.

The following is the executive for 2008-09:

<b>President:</b>	Jim Whitechurch
<b>VP (Elementary):</b>	Judy Mullen
<b>VP (Secondary):</b>	George Giovinazzo
<b>VP (Occasional):</b>	Nancy Baker
<b>Secretary:</b>	Lynda Franchetto
<b>Councillors:</b>	Kathy Carere Grant Drohan John Maschio Mike Topolie Laurence Vignola

Thank you to Mary Hermann, who is not continuing on the Executive next year, for her service to OECTA.

### Collective Bargaining Proposals Presented

Proposals for the next contract for both regular and occasional teachers were presented to the members present at the meeting. Reps have also been provided with a summary of the provincial framework which will guide this round of negotiations.

### New Local Website Now On-line

The Unit's new website was officially launched June 9th. Check it out at [www.oectawellington.ca](http://www.oectawellington.ca).

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## LOCAL NEWS—MISCELLANEOUS

### Collective Bargaining Update

The Collective Bargaining Committee has completed its job of preparing for the next round of negotiations. The proposal packages for both regular and occasional teachers have been completed and were presented at the general meeting last week.

Now the CB Team, a smaller sub-group of the committee, takes over for the actual face-to-face bargaining with the Board's team.

The team is made up of:

George Giovinazzo  
Judy Mullen  
Alan McInnis  
Peter Marzo  
Roy Coughlin  
Jim Whitechurch  
David Church (Provincial Staff)

Dates have been established for bargaining Monday June 30, Wednesday July 2 and Thursday July 3.

STAY TUNED FOR FUTURE UPDATES

### Wellington OECTA “In Appreciation” Banquet

Wellington OECTA's annual “**In Appreciation**” Banquet was held on **May 28th** at the Italian Canadian Club. With over a 100 guests in attendance, Wellington OECTA honoured our retirees, and 25 year members as well as those who have served as OECTA Reps and Committee members. In addition, various Awards were presented to our members and friends in the community.

#### Retirees

Betty Boyd  
Joan Bloomfield  
Karen Brooks Nelson  
Joanne Guidoccio  
Mike Hamp  
Nancy Hebert  
Jean Mansfield  
Adele Pecore  
Rob Martin  
Nancy Scott  
Peter Scott

#### 25 Year

Mary Beth Bilodeau  
Antonella Cenedese  
Penny Larue  
Peter Maich

#### Awards Recipients:

Award of Merit - Community Member - Carlo Zen

Award of Merit - OECTA Member - Marty Bell

25 year in one Award - Merin Laxton

Rep of the year - Christine Conversano

### Wellington wins two Young Authors Awards

Following the provincial judging of local entries, we are pleased to announce that two Young Authors in Wellington have been selected for provincial recognition. Alice Kennedy from St Mary Catholic School in Elora was selected in the Grade 1-2 Short Story category for “Green Striped Pink and Purple?”. Her teacher is Claire McElhinney.

In the Grade 3-4 Poem category, Matthew DeVette-Johnston from Holy Trinity Catholic School was selected for his poem titled “The Cobra”. His teacher is Chris Bilodeau.

Congratulations goes to these young writers and to their teachers. We would also like to thank all teachers who made submissions and school reps who promoted this contest within their sites.

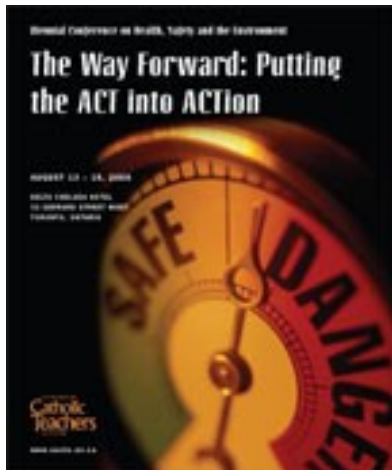


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PROVINCIAL NEWS—MISCELLANEOUS



The Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA) is pleased to present its fourth biennial conference on health, safety and the environment.

The conference theme, "**The Way Forward: Putting the ACT into ACTION**" calls on you as teachers to become more active in the areas of health, safety and the environment as these continue to affect teachers in the classroom. Major environmental hazards that teachers and students encounter include poor air quality and exposure to mould. Violence, bullying and harassment in the school setting can also endanger students and staff.

Association representatives, health and safety representatives and teachers in general can benefit from exposure to conference presenters and the opportunity to receive training so they are better able to lead the way in recognizing and finding remedies to unsafe work situations.

On a personal level, teachers need to examine the work-life balance in their lives in order to improve and maintain their own well-being. The conference will provide opportunities in these areas as well.

If you want more information or are interested in attending please contact the unit office ASAP.

Biennial Conference on Health, Safety and the Environment

**The Way Forward: Putting the ACT into ACTION**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13  
to  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2008  
DELTA CHELSEA HOTEL  
TORONTO, ONTARIO

**SUMMER PROGRAM AROUND THE PROVINCE - LOCALLY AT ST MICHAEL**

OECTA Summer Program

2008

OECTA is pleased to offer a Summer Professional Development Program for elementary and secondary OECTA members during July and August. The OECTA Summer Program consists of a selection of courses developed for teachers by teachers, offered in partnership with local OECTA units.

Locally, pending numbers, Wellington will be offering some courses from July 22 to July 24 at St Michael School. For further information on the local program contact George Giovinazzo in the unit office. The tentative course offerings have been sent out to all schools and are available on the OECTA Provincial Website. Dependent on numbers, the courses which may be available in Guelph are:

- Elements of Music
- Social Justice in the Classroom and Community
- Math: F.U.N. Fundamental Understanding of Numbers
- Best Practices in Assessment & Evaluation

There are numerous other courses being offered as well. You may sign up for any of the workshops that are available across the province at any OECTA workshop site.

Each course will be 15 hours provided over a three-day period and is available at no cost to OECTA members. Lunch and refreshments are provided daily. Upon completion of a course, participants will receive an OECTA PD Certificate for their Professional Teaching Portfolios.

**Registration is required and is available online only. Go to [www.oecta.on.ca](http://www.oecta.on.ca)**

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## THANK YOU

As another school year comes to an end, on behalf of all members of Wellington OECTA, I would like to thank the following:

... the members of the **Unit Executive** who served this year, attending multiple monthly meetings and making important decisions on behalf of Wellington OECTA members. A particular thanks to my fellow **release officers** George and Judy for their work this year.

... all **associations reps** who faithfully served our members in schools and other locations during this past school year, by attending meetings (sometimes long meetings), distributing and collecting material, advocating, mediating, problem solving, and sticking their necks out for all of us. These front-line workers are the key to our success as a union.

... all **members** who served on OECTA committees, attended OECTA events and supported their professional association throughout the year.

... the **AGM delegation** who sacrificed the first weekend of March Break to attend our provincial Annual General Meeting as representatives of Wellington unit.

... our **faithful Wellington Works readers** who take the time to be informed and to care about the issues and each other.

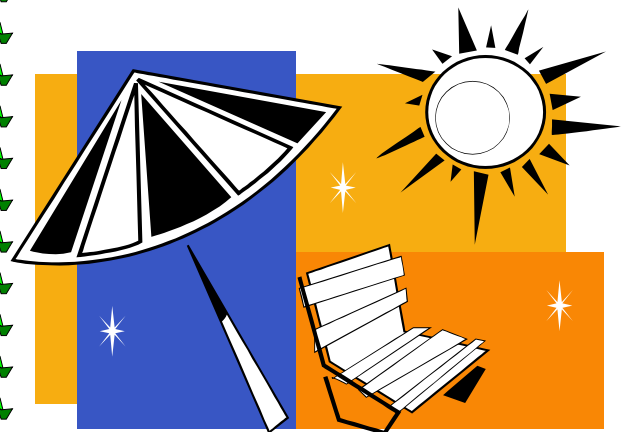
... and, yes, the **Board staff and administrators** who have helped make our lives here at Wellington Unit Office interesting, sometimes challenging and at times even frustrating, yet in the end, mostly positive, rewarding, and fruitful. Your compassion, commitment and open communication is acknowledged and appreciated.

Enjoy your much deserved break!

**JIM WHITECHURCH,**  
Wellington Unit President



Have a safe,  
restful  
and  
happy summer.



See you  
in  
September!!!

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