



The Bare Essentials



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ETFO Children's Christmas Party

- ✓ Sunday, December 6th, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. at the Welland Lions Club
- ✓ Register via e-mail to admin@etfoniag.com or via fax (905)892-9733
- ✓ **Registration Deadline was November 16th** - if still interested contact ETFO Niagara Office **ASAP**

Christmas Stockings For Women's Shelters

- ✓ Please help us provide support to our most vulnerable women and children
- ✓ Stockings now in schools
- ✓ **Stockings due by Dec. 10**
- ✓ Please see flyer in school for drop off locations or contact Terri Beck (vp2@etfoniag.com) at ETFO Niagara Office to make alternate arrangements

School Visits Now Underway

- ✓ ETFO Niagara released officers have begun annual school visits
- ✓ Opportunity for members to provide ETFO Niagara with direct feedback
- ✓ Please contact Todd Rimmington (vp1@etfoniag.com) to book visit

Pop Culture Trivia Night is Back

- ✓ Friday, January 8th @ 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)
- ✓ Parkway Convention Centre, 327 Ontario Street, St. Catharines
- ✓ \$100 per team (\$10 per person for a team of 10)
- ✓ See flyer for more details

Fraternity, a Forum, and Football (A Follow-up Focus Group)

- ✓ ETFO Niagara Equity Committee forum on issues of gender representation in education - **November 26, 2009 – Scorecard Harry's**
- ✓ **Still spaces available – Contact Todd Rimmington at vp1@etfoniag.com ASAP to register**
- ✓ Focus: Participants to explore issues relating to the decline in the number of male teachers
- ✓ Goal: to identify ways that ETFO can support gender based issues
- ✓ See flyer for more details

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

November 27th
December 6th
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ETFO Niagara Executive Meeting
National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
ETFO Niagara Children's Christmas Party

**UPCOMING ETFO CREDIT COURSES OFFERED THROUGH DRAKE UNIVERSITY
(Courses held at ETFO Niagara Office)**

M.A.G.I.C. (Meaningful Activities to Generate Interesting Classrooms)

- ❖ This course trains educators to develop classroom relevance for students through activities, games, and simulations.
- ❖ Instructor: Contact Bruce Herbeson: bherbeson@cogeco.ca
- ❖ Wednesday, January 13, 20, 27, February 3. Saturday, January 16 & 30

Differentiated Instruction

- ❖ Educators will gain expertise making practical and flexible instruction decisions based on your own students' learning needs.
- ❖ Instructor: Dale Robinson: drobinson41@sympatico.ca
- ❖ Monday, February 8, 15, 22, March 1. Saturday, February 13, 27.

T.T.L.C. (Teaching Through Learning Channels)

- ❖ This course explores the process of increasing academic success for all students through the identification and use of LEARNING CHANNELS.
- ❖ Instructor: Contact Bruce Herbeson: bherbeson@cogeco.ca
- ❖ Wednesday, April 7, 14, 21, 28. Saturday, April 10, 24.

Learning to Read: Beginning Reading Instruction

- ❖ This course will allow educators, at all grade levels, to learn the components of a balanced and integrated reading program, and to recognize the skills necessary for reading proficiency and effective practices for teaching those skills.
- ❖ Instructor: Dale Robinson: drobinson41@sympatico.ca
- ❖ Tuesday, May 4, 11, 18, 25. Saturday, May 8, 15.

Please Note: As a result of local collective bargaining, the P.D. Fund CAN be accessed for courses that will result in a change in salary category.