



# The Bare Essentials



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## **Retirement Dinner – All Fun and “Games”**

- Game show theme established a winning tone as ETFO Niagara celebrated our retiring colleagues
- ETFO Niagara would like to thank the planning committee: Brian Barker, Mike McMurray, and Robyn Mortley for their hours of hard work and dedication
- ETFO would also like to thank the cast and crew of the evening’s festivities, namely: Mike Burns, Courtney and Carey McLean, and Jennifer Rimmington

## **A New ETFO Publication for Kindergarten Teachers**

- A Day in the Life of Early Learning Educators, designed to provide an overall vision of how teachers and ECE’s will work together in a collaborative way
- The resource provides examples of potential organizational/logistical situations and suggestions of best practices to overcome issues
- Members can download the document from the provincial website at [www.etfo.ca](http://www.etfo.ca) or it can be purchased from shopETFO for \$2.00

## **ETFO Summer Academy 2010 is Now Accepting Registrations Online**

- Bright blue Summer Academy flyers should be in your school
- 76 courses offered across the province including Niagara
- Spots are filling quickly. Register at <http://summeracademy.etfo.ca>

## **Travel Information and Your Benefit Plan**

- Member benefit plan covers out of province health insurance
- **Cuba now requires visitors to carry proof of medical insurance**
- Without proof of medical insurance, travelers will not be permitted to enter the country
- In case of an emergency, you will need to contact the 24 hour helpline that is listed on your Medi-Passport Travel Assistance Card **Immediately**
- To obtain a Medi-Passport card go to [www.sunlife.ca](http://www.sunlife.ca) to print it

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### **Information ETFO Niagara is Collecting**

- Moving? Please fill out and submit a “Change of Address” form which can be found on our website at [www.etfoniag.com](http://www.etfoniag.com)
- Who is your Steward next Year? – please submit the name of your schools steward along with a home e-mail address for the 2010-2011 school year once that decision has been made. This allows us to distribute communication quickly in the new school year
- Supervision Schedules: please forward your 2010-2011 supervision schedules to the local office by September 30th

### **Pension Updates – The 95/20 Rule is Retiring**

- Beginning September 1, 2012, all retirees will be subject to a single limit to the number of days they may work.
- New limit will be 50 days for everyone, irrespective of your number of years of retirement
- For more information go to the OTF website at [www.otffeo.on.ca](http://www.otffeo.on.ca)

### **More ETFO Niagara Teachers Celebrated**

- Congratulations to Bryce Honsinger at Applewood school for winning the Premier’s Award for **Teacher of the Year**
- Congratulations to Ian Darling in Design and Technology for receiving an **Excellence in Teaching Award** from the Ontario Council of Technology Education for his contributions to the development of elementary technology programs

### **PD Fund Expense Claims During the Summer Months**

- Summer P.D. will be considered part of the 2009-2010 school year
- To get reimbursed for summer PD, a statement of expenses along with original receipts and proof of course completion must be submitted – failure to include some of the required documentation will delay the processing of your claim
- Please include your home address so that a cheque can be mailed to you
- **After June 24<sup>th</sup>** – drop off PD applications and expense claims at the ETFO office (drop box located to the left of door or mail to:

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### **Dates to Mark on Your Calendar**

June 30	Professional Activity Day (Board Directed)
September 1	Professional Activity Day (Board Directed) – First Day Back