



# The Bare Essentials



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## **Steward Training Sessions**

- Another session added (for those who could not attend previous sessions)
- April 7<sup>th</sup> – ETFO Office, Fonthill, 4:15 pm
- Please register via e-mail to [vp1@etfoniag.com](mailto:vp1@etfoniag.com) by **April 1<sup>st</sup>**

## **Silent Auction 2010 – April 21<sup>st</sup>, Club Italia**

- Ticket orders must be received at the ETFO by April 7<sup>th</sup> – seats cannot be reserved without payment
- Donated auction items due by April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Will make every reasonable effort to meet specific dietary requirements if they are provided to ETFO with ticket order
- Ticket order information in schools and drop off locations to follow
- Please note: No proceeds from ticket sales go to women's shelters

## **New York City Trip – cancelled**

- Due to lack of registrations, ETFO trip to New York City has been cancelled
- Deposits will be returned to those who registered
- For questions, please contact Terri Beck at [vp2@etfoniag.com](mailto:vp2@etfoniag.com)

## **Pregnancy and Parental Leave Workshop**

- Spaces still available
- **Thursday, April 15 at 4:30 pm** at the ETFO Niagara office
- Topics covered include: salary, benefits, staffing and pension implications, dealing with Human Resources Development Canada and the Employment Insurance Act
- A registration flyer about this workshop is in your school
- Registration deadline April 8<sup>th</sup> – contact Todd Rimmington at [vp1@etfoniag.com](mailto:vp1@etfoniag.com)
- Spouses/Partners Welcome
- Pregnancy and Parental Leave information package available on website at [www.etfoniag.com](http://www.etfoniag.com)

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## **ETFO Niagara Local Elections**

- Nominations for all ETFO Niagara Executive positions are open
- Nominations also open for delegates to Annual General Meeting in Toronto
- Nominations close Thursday, April 22, 2010, 4 pm
- Nomination forms, Candidate Bio forms, and Campaign Guidelines are included with this mailing as well as located on the ETFO website at [www.etfoniag.com](http://www.etfoniag.com)
- Questions? Please contact one of the following members of the election committee: Nikki Train – (905) 894-6587 Leona Watson (905) 937-0227

## **Getting More Benefit Information**

- Sun Life has a member services website that offers claims information
- “Benefits Online” video outlines how to check claims history, verify coverages and annual maximums, eligibility dates, and allows members to print their drug card
- [www.Sunlife.ca/MyBenefitsOnline.ca](http://www.Sunlife.ca/MyBenefitsOnline.ca)

## **Oakridge Public School Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

- Oakridge School Open House
- Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 4 pm
- e-mail [org@dsbn.edu.on.ca](mailto:org@dsbn.edu.on.ca)

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

March 29	Early Learning (Full Day Kindergarten) Focus Group (see flyer on website)
March 31	Staffing Information Session (see flyer on website)
April 15	Pregnancy and Parental Leave Workshop (see flyer on website)
April 15	Retirement Session #2 (see flyer on website)
April 21	ETFO Niagara Silent Auction
April 22	Retirement Session # 3 (see flyer on website)
May 4	1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Boys Conference
May 5	ETFO Niagara, Annual General Meeting
June 3	ETFO Niagara Retirement Dinner