



The Bare Essentials



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Young Men's Conference – A One-Day Event For Young Men

- For boys in grades 7 and 8
- A non-competitive, safe, and bias-free forum where young men can connect, interact, and learn from each other as well as role models
- Topics include: music in media, coping with stress, social justice issues
- May 4, Brock University
- **Look for flyer to be e-mailed to schools via school principals**

Silent Auction 2010 – Donated Items Still Needed

- Donated auction items due by April 14th
- Please see flyer in school for drop off location information or contact vp2@etfoniag.com to make alternate arrangements
- Please note: Only proceeds from auctioned items and personal donations go to women's shelters

Annual General Meeting (Local Constitutional Amendment)

- Annual General Meeting scheduled for May 5 – John Michael's
- Provides members oversight of the business of the Local organization as well as sets the Local's budget and provides an opportunity to share information
- Members can make amendments to local constitution (document that governs how local is organized)
- Proposed Constitutional Amendments due by **April 16, 2010** (see forms included with this package)

ETFO Niagara Local Elections – Nominations Are Now Open

- 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
- Questions? Please contact one of the following members of the election committee: Nikki Train – (905) 894-6587 Leona Watson (905) 937-0227

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P.D. Fund Still Open

- ETFO Niagara Professional Development Fund still has some funds available
- Fund gets heavily utilized by teachers wishing to take summer AQ Courses – therefore apply early if interested
- AQ courses that may lead to a change in salary category **ARE NOW** eligible for PD funding
- P.D. fund guidelines and application forms can be found at www.etfoniag.com under “Forms”
- If more information is required contact Terri Beck at vp2@etfoniag.com

Elementary Staffing Timelines – In First Class

- Outline of the staffing process timelines available in ‘First Class’
- Will assist teachers in understanding the staffing process as it unfolds
- Click on DSNB Education Centre, then Human Resources, then Elementary Staffing Information - Teachers

ETFO A.Q. Courses – Excellent P.D. At An Excellent Price

- ETFO offers AQ’s by teachers for teachers
- wide array of courses offered
- only \$650 per course
- for more information visit www.etfo-aq.ca

OTIP Teaching Award Nominations – Now Open

- Ontario Teachers’ Federation along with Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan sponsoring awards for 7th consecutive year
- \$1000 cash prize and plaque for each winning teacher and school
- 3 nomination categories
- Deadline for nominations is April 12, 2010
- For more information or an online nomination form go to www.teachingawards.ca

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

April 14	ETFO Niagara Executive Meeting
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 (see flyer on website)
April 22	Retirement Session # 3 (see flyer on website)
May 4	1 st Annual Boys Conference
May 5	ETFO Niagara, Annual General Meeting
June 3	ETFO Niagara Retirement Dinner