



# The Bare Essentials



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## **Steward Training Sessions**

4 after school sessions (4:30) in 4 regional areas:

- March 1<sup>st</sup> – The Best Western Beacon Harbourside, Jordan
- March 4<sup>th</sup> – Club Italia, Niagara Falls
- March 8<sup>th</sup> – ETFO Office, Fonthill
- March 11<sup>th</sup> – Old Bank Bistro, Fort Erie

Stewards are encouraged to register in **one** of the sessions at a location of their choosing

Please register via e-mail to [vp1@etfoniag.com](mailto:vp1@etfoniag.com) by **February 25**

## **Staffing Process Information Session**

- ✓ Information session to discuss: Increase/Decrease Teaching time, Transfer process, Surplus, Redundancy, the application of seniority and the Posting Process
- ✓ Opportunity provided for question and answers
- ✓ **Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – please see registration flyer**

## **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Young Boys' Conference Replaces "Golden Opportunities" for 2010**

- ✓ ETFO Niagara is one of 4 Locals in Ontario to be funded for "Our Future Has No Violence Against Women" – a conference for young boys
- ✓ Conference designed in collaboration with the "White Ribbon Campaign"
- ✓ Conference will take place on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Brock University – more specific details and information to follow
- ✓ Golden Opportunities will be offered again spring 2011

## **You are Needed for Local Committees**

- ✓ Members needed to serve on 2 constitutional committees
- ✓ Budget Committee – establishes the operating budget for the local
- ✓ Elections Committee – oversees the election for the ETFO Niagara Local executive and the election of delegates to the provincial Annual Meeting in Toronto
- ✓ Interested members, please contact Todd Rimmington at [vp1@etfoniag.com](mailto:vp1@etfoniag.com)

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## **New York City – Part 2 (A bigger, Big Apple experience)**

- ✓ Based on evaluations, another night has been added
- ✓ **May 21 – 24, 2010 (Friday to Monday)**
- ✓ \$349 per person, includes: 3 days, 2 nights – with shopping stop, two nights at a hotel, two breakfasts/one supper & guided bus tour
- ✓ Please see poster for registration details – register early – limited space available

## **PenFinancial “Skates For Kids” program update**

- ✓ PenFinancial in collaboration with Silvestri Sports in Welland and Front Row Sports in Thorold ensured disadvantaged kids received skates
- ✓ 540 total pairs of skates were donated to students at schools including Maywood, Empire, Alexandra, and E.I. McCulley

## **Pregnancy and Parental Leave Workshop**

- ✓ **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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## **Orchard Park Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

- ✓ **Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 4:30 – 8:30 – Grand Opening and Fun Fair**
- ✓ If you have pictures-school memorabilia, please contact Sherry Mannella, Secretary (905) 354-3916 or [sherry.mannella@dsbn.edu.on.ca](mailto:sherry.mannella@dsbn.edu.on.ca)

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

March 29	Early Learning (Full Day Kindergarten) Focus Group
March 31	Staffing Information Session
April 15	Pregnancy and Parental Leave Workshop
April 21	ETFO Niagara Silent Auction
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Boys Conference
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	ETFO Niagara, Annual General Meeting
May 21-24	ETFO Niagara – trip to New York City