

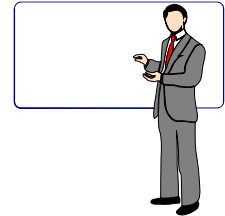
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR OCCASIONAL TEACHERS (CASUAL OT'S AND LTO'S)

Friday, April 27, 2007

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



**J.D. HOGARTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
FERGUS, ONTARIO**

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Registration/Refreshments

9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Workshops:



The Computer Empowered Occasional Teacher
Occasional Teachers' Sub-Vival

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker - Jennifer Kalari

“Empower Yourself -

Creating a Positive Classroom Environment”

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Buffet Lunch/Social

Please return **REGISTRATION FORM BELOW** to

Marina Howlett, President:

Orchard Park, Suite B2
5425 Highway 6 North
Guelph, ON N1H 6J2

- by Royal Mail
- by Board Courier from each school site
- by FAX to 519-836-9759

DEADLINE: Wednesday, April 18, 2007

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

THE COMPUTER-EMPOWERED OCCASIONAL TEACHER

Maurace Scott, Occasional Teacher
Toronto DSB



This course is designed for every occasional teacher who wishes to learn more about computers, utilize them while on assignment, and gain confidence in accepting computer-teaching assignments. Become a valuable asset to any school as a computer-enabled teacher with the skills to continue teacher-assigned projects. Learn to use Ministry-licensed software, troubleshoot, apply monitoring techniques while students are on the Internet, develop class management techniques specific for computer labs, and much more. Gain the skills that will put you in demand in the often hard-to-fill computer assignments.

SUB-VIVAL

John Bertram, Retired/Consultant
Formerly with Toronto DSB



Are you an occasional teacher? How can you do it all, even when there is no daybook evident? How can you meet your students with respect and achieve their co-operation? This workshop will not only get you set to work with a wide variety of students, but will also provide you with a “grab-bag” full of ideas which will work in any classroom. A workshop booklet will be provided for you to plan, make notes, entries, add clues, ideas, and suggestions. You will also be provided with a one-page reference guide to assist you with classroom management ideas.



REGISTRATION FORM

Please return completed Registration Form to Marina Howlett by Wednesday, April 18, 2007.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Workshop Choice (Choose one only): The Computer-Empowered Occasional Teacher
 Sub-Vival

I will attend the P.D. Activities and Lunch Buffet.

I will only be able to attend the P.D. Activities.



SCHOOL CLOSURES

Tuesday, March 6, 2007

Severe weather conditions caused all schools in the UGDSB to be closed Tuesday, March 6, 2007. It is a rare occasion for all schools to be shut down completely but, with changing weather patterns, it is hard to predict future weather conditions.

Please visit the UGDSB website (www.ugdsb.on.ca home page, right column, click yellow box) or listen to your local radio station between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. for information re: future bus/taxi cancellations and school closures.

If a Board public announcement states that schools are shut down/closed to staff and students, it is not necessary to report to the school for which you were given a job. As a courtesy, please call the school, leaving a message if necessary, to advise the school that you have heard the public announcement about school closure.

If schools are closed on No-Bus Days, teachers - including occasional teachers - are expected to be at schools. If weather conditions prevent you from reporting to work at the assigned school, please call that school (leaving a message if necessary) and make arrangements to report to the nearest UGDSB school.

The following schools are in isolated areas and are totally dependent on buses to deliver students to school. These schools are closed to students on No-Bus Days:

Aberfoyle	Brisbane
Centre Peel	East Garafraxa
Eramosa	Harriston Sr.
John Black	Kenilworth
Laurelwoods	Maryborough
Minto Clifford	Mono Amaranth
Ponsonby	Primrose



Reminder - Annual Offence Declaration Form

Declaration Forms were sent to all Occasional Teachers last December. Approximately 60 elementary Occasional Teachers need to return these forms ASAP. The deadline is March 23, 2007. Reminders have been sent and, if you fail to return these forms, you are at risk of being removed from the Occasional Teacher list.

Payment for Tuesday, March 6, 2007

Casual OT's:

You will be paid if you had a job assignment and a SEMS job number. Simply complete your timesheet as usual (date, teacher's name, SEMS number, school) and write "All Schools Closed" beside (under/adjacent to) the March 6 assignment. On completion, send the timesheet to Donna Perry, HR Dept., Guelph Board Office, for authorization.

If you received a cancellation call AFTER 8 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2007 from SEMS, the school principal, vice-principal, school secretary, or the teacher, consider that call to be a Courtesy Call. You are the only person who can cancel a job in SEMS after 8 p.m. of the day prior to the job.

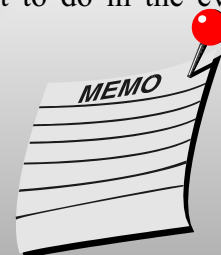
LTO's:

For LTO's on a contract or casual OT's approaching LTO status (e.g. day 8, 9, 10, 11), Tuesday, March 6 will not count as an interruption or missed day and you will be paid for that day. Please record the day as usual on your timesheet, indicating "All Schools Closed" for March 6, and send your timesheet to Donna Perry, HR Dept., Guelph Board Office, for authorization.

For Future Reference: please retain the following mailings:

- February 2007 Newsletter - Currently Speaking
- UGDSB Memo - Occasional Teacher on No-Bus Days (memo is double-sided)
- March 2007 Newsletter - Currently Speaking

These mailings will provide future guidance regarding what to do in the event of inclement weather.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Professional Development

The front page of this newsletter highlights the Professional Development activities that the Executive has planned for Friday, April 27, 2007. A significant amount of money has been invested in this P.D. Event. We have selected two workshops from ETFO's Presenters on the Road programme and engaged our Guest Speaker, Jennifer Kalari from Toronto, Ontario. The Workshop Leaders and the Guest Speaker come with high recommendations from our colleagues. We hope you will find these workshops worthwhile and the Guest Speaker quite engaging! The day will only be successful with your participation. I encourage you to reserve your spot early since there are space limitations for the workshops.

Please join us for a P.D. Experience and the chance to re-connect with your O.T. Colleagues!

E-Mail Addresses

If you have been hired as an LTO teacher or joined the Casual OT list since last June 2006, we may not have your e-mail address. Please forward your e-mail address to John Parkyn at john.parkyn@rogers.com and he will add it to our list.

Have you changed your e-mail address? Any changes should be forwarded to John Parkyn at john.parkyn@rogers.com to keep our e-mail addresses up-to-date.

Website www.ugot.org



Please visit the website for:

- current information,
- Professional opportunities,
- an Executive contact list,
- Executive Meeting Minutes,
- Currently Speaking (our OT newsletter), etc.

Information will be posted on the website when it is sensitive to pending deadlines and communicating by Newsletters is not possible.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Federation Dates



Fri., April 27, 2007.....**P. D. Workshops**
for LTO's and Casual Daily Occasional Teachers
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m..... J.D. Hogarth P.S., Fergus

Thurs., June 7, 2007.....**Annual Meeting**
And Election of Executive for 2007-08
Time: 4:45pm Location: Wellington County Museum

Aug. 13-16, 2007.....ETFO Annual Meeting
(Provincial)

Board Employment Insurance Workshop

June 2007.....Date and Location to be
announced

Executive Meetings December 2006 - June 2007

Tues., March 27, 2007Orchard Park

Tues., April 24, 2007Orangeville

Ruth Tomlin's home

Tues., May 22, 2007Orangeville

Tues., June 19, 2007John Ritchie's home

Professional Development Days

Fri., April 27, 2007

Fri., June 8, 2007

Fri., June 29, 2007

Holidays

June 30 - September 3, 2007.....Summer Holidays

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