

OT UPDATE

***CONTRACT:**

The staff reps in each school will be given a yellow-covered Collective Agreement that will be available in the OT area of the OECTA bulletin board for your convenience and quick reference. The entire contract is also on-line at www.oectaottawa.ca.

***UGM:**

Watch the website for date, time and location of our annual meeting. This will be in May 2009.

***CBC:**

As you may have heard, our national broadcaster is under economic stress. Major cuts to this advertisement-free radio provider will impact us all. If you are concerned, here are a couple of websites you can use to sign in to show your support for the CBC.

http://avaaz.org/en/save_the_cbc

<http://canadianlabour.ca/en/canadian-labour-congress-action-centre/tell-parliament-restore-cbc>

***PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS:**

- Status of Women OECTA committee is planning a financial workshop on May 27th. Details will be noted on the OT site soon. You are welcome to attend this workshop. Registration is on-line. Call if you have any problems signing up.
- Beginning Teachers OECTA committee is planning our 2nd “Just Breathe” workshop on May 21st at 4:30 pm in the library of Notre Dame HS...food and fun. *If you are an OT who is in your 1st 5 years with the Board*, come and join us. Information will be on the www.oectaottawa.ca site soon.

***IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

Article 13:03(d) states your responsibility re: occasional teaching with the OCSB. Please review this article to see if the information is pertinent to you. There are 200+ persons waiting to get a position on our OT list. This is your responsibility, not HR's.

***Hints from Ron Morrish from his “Effective School Discipline & Class Management” Workshop, delivered last week at Immaculata HS:**

- consistency in your approach with students is most important;
- staff needs to establish clear expectations related to school environment and communicate them to the students;
- effective discipline is 90% prevention and 10% reaction;
- class management is a personal set of techniques that work for you;
- discipline is not the same as class management which is the specialized set of techniques used to run the learning environment and maintain a high level of on-task behavior.

Major Major, President, Occasional Teachers