

Unit Updates

Did you hear what happened in Bob's class ...

Bob McGahey, President

Important Dates

- Silver Celebration
Feb 8
- Beginning Teachers
Conference (Toronto)
Feb 8 and 9
- OECTA Funspiel
Feb 10
- OCCSB New Teacher
Orientation
Feb 19
- AGM Delegates Dinner
Feb 28
- Unit General Meeting
Mar 7
- OECTA AGM
Mar 9–12
- March Break
Mar 12–16
- Good Friday
Apr 6
- Easter Monday
Apr 9

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Many of us have been victims and many of us have been participants; telling stories out of class can be a hard habit to break.



We've had a number of concerns raised lately about the problems caused by gossip. Sometimes what starts out as an innocent conversation can quickly devolve into unprofessional behaviour that can be very hurtful.

The standards of our profession require us to treat colleagues in a respectful manner. Talking about someone behind his/her back is not only disrespectful but could

lead to a serious problem if harassment charges are leveled or a complaint is made to the College of Teachers.

Abstinence is the best solution. If you have a concern about a fellow teacher, you should address that concern directly to the individual. If you hear that a colleague has been speaking about you, again, you should address the concern to the individual. In both cases, the discussion should take place in a professional manner.

OECTA can not get involved in settling disputes between members as that responsibility lies with the school administration. We do, however, encourage all of our members to be proactive in ensuring professional conduct. If you find yourself party to an unprofessional conversation you have a responsibility to express your discomfort to the participants. Only the members of the profession have the ability to maintain the standards. This is a responsibility that we all must take very seriously.

Pension Presentation On-line

The OTF Pension Presentation "What About My Teacher's Pension" is now available on the OTF website

www.otffeo.on.ca

Flash Reader is required to access the material and is available as a free download from the OTF link at the bottom of the page entitled "Looking Ahead".