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Welcome to the new school year! I hope that you had a restful summer break. We are planning an eventful year for you with Professional Learning Opportunities as well as opportunities to gather with your colleagues in more social settings. If you have any suggestions for Professional Learning, please submit them to our Professional Learning Chair, Maryanne Goldsmith [here](#). Applications are being accepted for Professional Learning Funds. Please read the current [PL Fund Guidelines](#) which will be updated later this week at our first Executive Meeting of the school year. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Please ensure that you complete your Annual Health and Safety Training. This training can be found via the Staff Portal under Applications and Power School Professional Learning. You can view the Board Memo [here](#). Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. Also, ensure that after you complete each module that you click the "finished" tab so that it shows as complete.

Our new Collective Agreement is now available on our website as well as through the Staff Portal. The new Daily Rate for Elementary Occasional Teachers is \$271.60 + \$10.86 (4% vac pay) = \$282.46.

Important Dates

Fall General Meeting - October 17, 2024
Seasonal Social - December 4, 2024
Annual Meeting - May 21, 2025

We will also be hosting Zoom Check-ins throughout the year. these run for one hour and are drop-in based but you must register in advance when the link is sent out.

PA Days

September 13, 2024
October 8, 2024
November 15, 2024
January 20, 2025
April 11, 2025
June 6, 2025
June 27, 2025

Board Holidays

September 2, 2024
October 14, 2024
December 23-31, 2024
January 1-3, 2025
February 17, 2025
March 10-14, 2025
April 18, 2025
April 21, 2025
May 19, 2025

I would like to personally thank you for your dedication as an Elementary Occasional Teacher in Grand Erie. I cannot wait to see you at our upcoming events! If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at our Local Office by phone at 519-427-6993 or via [email](#).

Stay Safe and Healthy,
President Amanda

"United we stand, divided we fall." Aesop

A Message from OTIP

Starting the new school year off strong and supported



Welcome back to another school year! We hope you're feeling refreshed and inspired after the summer break. Now is an ideal time to reflect on your accomplishments and plan for the future, both personally and professionally. We want to reassure you that our team is committed to supporting your health, wellness, and financial security so you can thrive in your pivotal role within the education community. You may be most familiar with Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan (OTIP) as your group benefits provider, but did you know that we also offer personal insurance coverage?

Read on to learn more about what we're proud of at www.otip.com/article185.
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As our way of saying thank you for getting an auto and/or home insurance quote, we'll send you a \$20 gift card of your choice. Plus, when you get a quote throughout September and October, you'll be automatically entered into our Back to School Bonus Contest for a chance to win \$1,000 cash! [Get an online quote](#) or call 1-888-892-4935 and mention this offer.