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December 2021

Elementary

ETFO Hastings-Prince Edward Teacher Local

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It does so in a Climate of Mutual Respect, Fairness, Equal Opportunity, Collegiality, Clarity of Process and Democracy.

ETFO-HPE **FEBRUARY 19-21, 2022**

Free Streaming of:

**A FILM EXPLORING THE REAL COST OF PRIVATIZING
AMERICA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

BACKPACK FULL OF CASH

NARRATED BY MATT DAMON



**"A BEAUTIFUL FILM—TREMENDOUSLY MOVING! ...EVERYONE
WHO VALUES DEMOCRATIC EDUCATION NEEDS TO SEE THIS."**

— JONATHAN KOZOL, ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN AND AUTHOR OF *SAVAGE INEQUALITIES*

REGISTER by 4pm on **FEBRUARY 16TH** <https://bit.ly/BackpackHPE>



STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE

Chair: Shani Doucet, Prince of Wales

Thank you to all who participated in our first book club of the year. I am looking forward to hearing your thoughts and opinions on our second book in January. The 3rd book club will be held in the spring. Plans have started for International Women's Day 2022 so keep your eyes open for that. The Status of Women's committee is also looking at doing a hygiene donation drive for local shelters in the new year. We are actively seeking new ETFO members to join this committee and help plan some fun events. The committee meets virtually the second Wednesday of every month at 5pm. Please send an email to statuschair.efohp@gmail.com if you are interested or want more information. Have a safe and wonderful holiday.



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMITTEE

Chair: Lynn VanderWoude, Bird's Creek

Paint night was successful! Over 20 people enjoyed Lori Meeboer's instructions for a beautiful fall art project (see photos on page 8). Watch for other PL activities in the future. Have a well deserved break and rest up for a busy January! Merry Christmas from your PL committee.



Equity and Social Justice Committee

Chair: Brooke Ray, York River

Happy Holidays! Wishing you a safe and joyful holiday season, however you celebrate. Keep an eye out for news about an upcoming workshop in the new year. If you are interested in joining our committee, email Brooke at equitychar.efohp@gmail.com.



NEW MEMBERS COMMITTEE

Chair: Sherry Simms, Trent River

We are so excited to have so many new members this school year. We are hoping to have a virtual or possibly in person event in the new year. Please continue to check your non board email for ETFO updates. If you are interested in joining the New Members Committee reach out to chair Sherry at newmembers.efohp@gmail.com.



POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Chair: Danielle Saunders, Queen Elizabeth

The Political Action Committee will be sponsoring a virtual screening of the film, Backpack Full of Cash this February. It is a film about the privatization of public schools. We are also ramping up our efforts to organize and mobilize in advance of the provincial election this June. It is vital that the issues that impact public education be brought to the forefront and that we support the parties that have the best interests of education in their platforms.



SOCIAL AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Chair: Derek Watt, Trent River

The Social Committee has been busy planning events for 2022. We will again offer Yoga online (5 -6pm) every Tuesday in February. Other events (covid numbers allowing) may include a bowling night, axe throwing, an online trivia night, Escape rooms, a Belleville Senators game, and hopefully a return to our Social and Show! The safety of our members will always come first, so stay tuned! We wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy Holiday season. See you in 2022!



HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chair: Kim Isaak, York River

As winter weather begins to arrive, be safe on the ice. Each school should have enough cleats for each person on yard supervision. Do you know where they are located at your school?

If you are involved in a violent incident at work, please fill out the forms on Clevr and the ETFOHP website. It does make a difference.

New members are always welcome to join the H & S committee. Contact Kim Isaak at healthandsafety.efohp@gmail.com.

Halloween Fun



Bird's Creek
Public School



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Bird's Creek
Public School

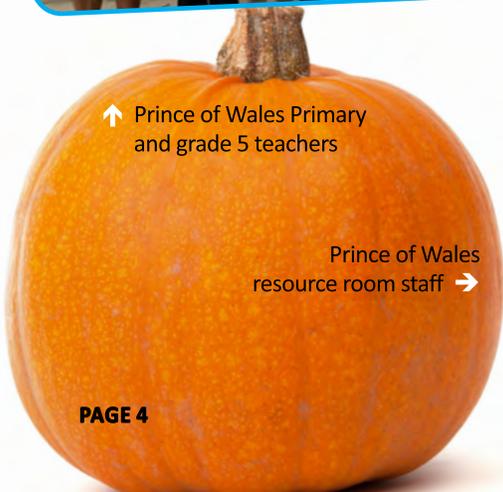


↑ Foxboro Kindergarten Team as the
Scooby Doo and Mystery Inc.



↑ Prince of Wales Primary
and grade 5 teachers

Prince of Wales
resource room staff →



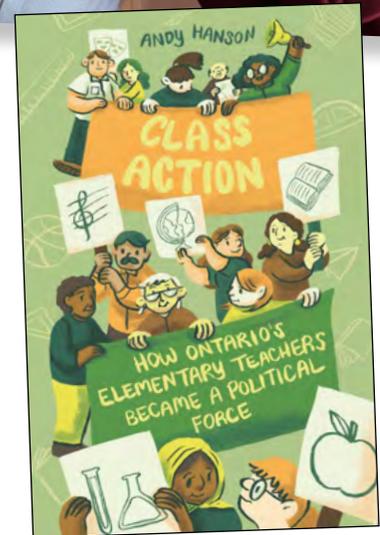
THE STATUS OF WOMEN
COMMITTEE
ENCOURAGES MEMBERS TO

Share the Love

THE COMMITTEE IS
LOOKING FOR
DONATIONS OF
PERSONAL HYGIENE
PRODUCTS TO BE
DONATED TO LOCAL
WOMEN'S SHELTERS.

Collection of these items will be in
mid February. More details to
follow in the new year.

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CLASS ACTION

The Political Action Committee will be sponsoring a book club in the new year featuring former Vice President, Andy Hanson's book *Class Action*. *Class Action* is the history of how the Elementary Teacher's Federation became a political force in Ontario. Watch your non-board email for registration information.

With the increase in number of cases in our elementary classrooms we'd like to pass on some information.



If you believe you have been exposed to COVID-19 at work but are not ill (do not have a diagnosis of COVID-19 or symptoms), you can file a WSIB Worker's Exposure Incident Form. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, seek testing through the Public Health Unit. If a diagnosis of COVID-19 is confirmed and you believe that you contracted the virus at work, report the illness as an occupational illness on Clevr using the Accident/Incident Reporting Form and ensure a WSIB claim is filed.

Please contact the Local Office for assistance.

Keep your holiday spending in check with these 7 practical tips

1: Do your shopping homework (*i.e.*, compare prices).

It's a good rule of thumb to comparison shop before you buy. One of the perks of online shopping (*besides avoiding the hustle and bustle*) is that you'll instantly be able to compare prices, which will save you time and money.

2: Set a spending limit.

Be sure to review your budget first to determine how much disposable income you can comfortably spend on holiday purchases. The key is to not overstretch your budget when it comes to spending (*i.e.*, making credit card purchases that you can't immediately pay off).

3: Be cautious when using department store-issued credit cards.

While retailers may offer incentives such as 'X% off' your purchases, department store credit cards also charge excessively high interest rates. This means that if you don't pay off the card in full by the time the statement comes in, those interest charges could override any 'amazing' discounts you initially received.



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*[Read](#) full contest rules.

4: Cash in on loyalty rewards.

If you've been saving up rewards points/dollars, you might be sitting on a sizeable sum of money that could be put towards offsetting a portion (*or even all*) of your holiday purchases.

Whether your rewards tally up to just a few dollars, or a few hundred dollars—cashing in on loyalty rewards is definitely a win-win when it comes to holiday shopping.

5: Don't forget the coupons.

In addition to cashing in on your loyalty rewards, don't forget to take advantage of the fine art of 'couponing'. With online bargain sites such as [rakuten.ca](https://www.rakuten.ca) and [smartcanucks.ca](https://www.smartcanucks.ca), you have instant access to a wealth of coupons in a single click.

6: Shop Canadian to avoid duties, fees, and shipping charges.

If you're ordering gifts from retailers outside of Canada, remember that you'll most likely be incurring a host of additional charges that include currency conversion, shipping, duties, taxes, and customs broker fees. To avoid this not-so merry list of charges, it's best to keep your holiday shopping within the Great White North.

7: Protect yourself and your money from fraudsters.

The holiday season also tends to see a major spike in scams of all kinds. With each passing year, scammers are becoming increasingly adept at developing ways to trick consumers into giving them their money.

For more details on holiday spending tips, check out:

<https://www.educatorsfinancialgroup.ca/affiliate/article004>

For financial advice, contact us today: <https://www.educatorsfinancialgroup.ca/affiliate/F2212/get-started>

ETFO Intermediate Conference 2022
Reimagine the Intermediate Grades

How to Create a Learning Culture with Adolescents

Friday evening, February 25
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
&
Saturday, February 26
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

ETFO Provincial Office
136 Isabella Street, Toronto

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) is hosting the **2022 Reimagine the Intermediate Grades Conference**. The overarching theme for the conference is meant to recognize the diverse nature and needs of our intermediate students and Teachers while supporting them during these challenging times. ETFO believes in the education of the whole child. Children learn, question, and grow throughout all areas of the curriculum and we reflect this belief in our conference and the workshop offerings.

Whether you are responsible for a single classroom, split grades or a specialized assignment, this conference has something for you! Be prepared to learn, laugh, and feel energized about integrating new strategies into your intermediate classroom.

Registration deadline is January 17, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. (EST).

Registration fee is \$50.

To apply, please visit events.etfo.org

Keynote **Inspired by Mi'kmaw Knowledge: Enacting Equity in Mathematics Teaching and Learning**

Featuring: Dr. Lisa Lunney Borden

Dr. Lisa Lunney Borden, John Jerome Paul Chair for Equity in Mathematics Education, St. Francis Xavier University

In this session the keynote will share stories from her research and teaching life that have been influenced by the knowledge learned from time spent alongside Elders and knowledge keepers within the Mi'kmaw community in Mi'kma'ki or what we now call Nova Scotia. Dr. Lunney Borden will share her own journey of coming to an understanding of ways to decolonize mathematics education. The keynote will describe this understanding and how this in turn shapes her mathematics teaching.

Registration Information:

- Participant expenses covered and reimbursed per ETFO provincial guidelines: travel, meals, single accommodation, and dependent care, where applicable.
- Spots are limited. Selection of participants (within locals) will be by random draw.
- To attend this function, ETFO participants are required to attest to their vaccination status.

Preference will be given to participants who:

- a) have not attended an ETFO Intermediate Conference before;
- b) have not attended another ETFO provincial conference during the 2020 - 2021 school year; and
- c) represent a variety of locals from across the province.

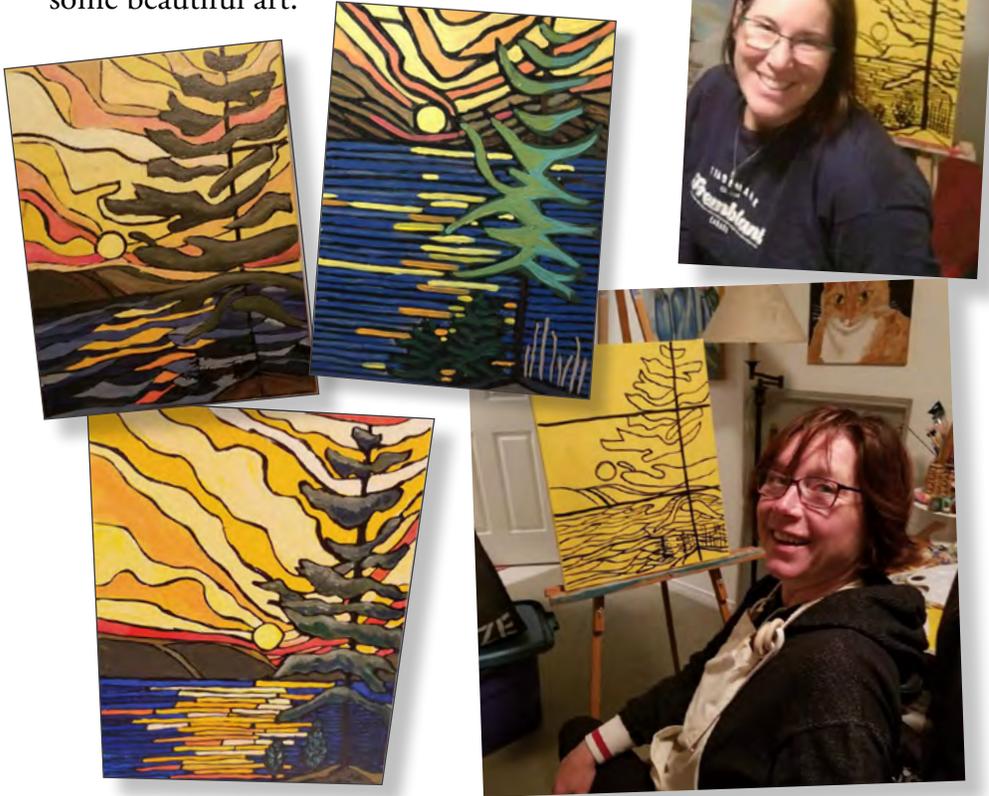
Registration opens December 8, 2021

Be sure to register by January 17, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. (EST)

ETFO will notify successful participants by email before January 24, 2022. ETFO will refund the registration fee \$50 to those applicants not selected.

Virtual Painting Workshop

The Professional Learning Committee hosted a virtual painting workshop with local artist Lori Meeboer. Our members were able to learn new painting skills that they can use for arts instruction in the classroom, and they created some beautiful art.

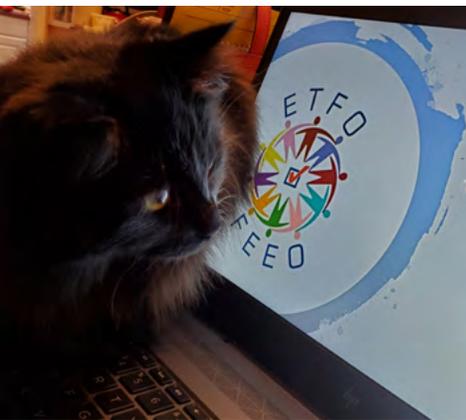


Congratulations To:

- **Miranda Curry** (Tweed E.S.) on the birth of her baby
- **Emily Stapley** (Susanna Moodie) on the birth of her baby
- **Madison Bennett** (Centre Hastings) on the birth of her baby
- **Rebecca Welch** (Parkdale) and **Ryan Vieira** (Prince Charles Belleville) on the birth of their new baby
- **Sarah (Keller) Nobel** (Prince Charles Belleville) on her recent wedding

Our Sincere Condolences To:

- **Amber Foster** (Susana Moodie) on the loss of her sister
- **Kim Caron** (Stirling) on the loss of her grandmother
- **Natalie Crawford** (Harmony) on the loss of her mother
- **Michelle Cooney** (Coe Hill) on the loss of her grandfather
- **Paul Geller** (Prince Charles Belleville) on the loss of his grandmother



ETFO's Virtual Retirement WORKSHOP

An ETFO Retirement Workshop was held on November 17. The workshop was presented by Mark Butt from ETFO Provincial. All participants were very engaged with the presentation.

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