

Memo # 12

To: OECTA Secondary Teachers

From: Michele MacDonald

Re: Young Authors Awards 2018; Benefits; Movember;

1. Once again, OECTA is sponsoring the annual Young Authors Awards for students. Information has been sent directly to the OECTA Staff Representative at each school or work location. All staff representatives have the Policies and Procedures for the Young Authors Awards. If you choose to enter your students' work please make sure that you make two copies of each entry and each must have an entry form. Important deadlines to note:

- February 12, 2018 - school deadline - student or class entries must be received by the OECTA Staff Representative. OECTA staff Representative will judge the entries and send them to the Unit office.
- February 20, 2018 - Unit deadline - all entries must be received no later than this date at the Unit office. The PD Committee will judge the entries and select those to go to the next level of competition.
- March 19, 2018 - Provincial deadline - all unit entries must be received at the Provincial office
- June 14, 15, 2018 - Provincial winners announced.

2. We have continued to experience difficulties with enrolling new members and having those members with changes in leave or FTE to be enrolled properly in the benefits plan. It appears that the change files that are sent every two weeks from the Board contained a number of errors. It is our understanding that a new change file was just sent from the Board to OTIP. If you have not received an email (to your Board email account) with enrollment information please let me know ASAP. I will require your OTIP ID # (if you had one previously) and if you don't have an OTIP ID # then please send me your permanent address and employee ID #. It is our sincerest hope that everyone has now received the information to enroll. Please remember that you only have 31 days to enroll from the time you receive the enrollment email. OTIP and OECTA are working on a fix to the computer system so that in future these issues will be non-existent. Thank you to all those who have been waiting patiently to be able to enroll in the benefits plan, your understanding has been greatly appreciated.

3. Our annual MOVEMBER Social is taking place at the Flying Monkeys Brewery in downtown Barrie on Thursday, November 30, 2018, from 4-7 p.m. Come out and support those who grew a moustache for men's prostate cancer and mental health. It is a fun evening to join our colleagues to share a laugh or two. I hope to see all of you at the brewery.

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