

Memo # 30

To: OECTA Secondary Teachers

From: Michele MacDonald

Re: Every Vote Counts; Summer Workshops; Indigenous Cultural Competency Training;

1. On Thursday, June 7th is Election day in Ontario! If you didn't vote in an advance poll please do not forget to VOTE on June 7th. You need to bring with you your voting card and a piece of photo identification. Pollsters continue to report an unusually high rate of undecided voters at such a late stage of a campaign. Still undecided about your local candidate? Visit our website - www.oectasimcoemuskoka.on.ca - to see how your local candidate responded to questions from Simcoe Muskoka Unit. You can also check out the Members' Area at - www.catholicteachers.ca - Remember Every Vote Counts.

2. Simcoe Muskoka Catholic Teachers (Elementary and Secondary) are running FREE Summer Workshops dealing with technology Wednesday, August 29 and Thursday, August 30. There will be two sessions each day exploring the world of technology and the classroom. See attached flyer for information. Please complete the Conference Application form and return to the Unit office not later than June 28th. The maximum number of participants is 20 for each session (10 elementary & 10 secondary) the spots will be filled on a first come first served basis. Sign up early so as not to be disappointed.

3. The Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres (OFIFC) is offering this one-day workshop which focuses on the early relationship in Canada with Indigenous people, intergenerational trauma and an introduction of the OFIFC's relationship framework.

OFIFC trainers will guide participants through a series of questions: "Who are Indigenous peoples?", "Where have they been?", "Where are they going?" Learning can then focus on answering, "What are our responsibilities?" These questions offer a critical pathway to action that strengthens cultural awareness, informs relationship building and begins to enhance organizational programs and policies.

Cost of the workshop is \$300 and includes lunch and refreshments, for more information or to register, go to <https://bit.ly/2JtxZ2O>.

PLEASE POST AND DISTRIBUTE TO ALL OECTA MEMBERS

Free Summer Workshops

Wednesday, August 29 & Thursday, August 30, 2018

Two sessions per day

Simcoe Muskoka Unit Office
61 King Street, Unit 12
Barrie, ON



Open to Elementary and Secondary Teachers
Maximum 20 participants per session (10 participants from each panel)

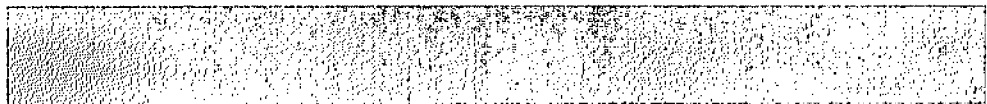
Wednesday, August 29
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Build your Digital Toolbox: Explore a variety of digital tools and resources offered by the Ministry of Education, GSuite, and SMCDS.

Staying Organized: Explore digital tools that can help manage your day-to-day tasks, reflections, comments, and to-do lists.

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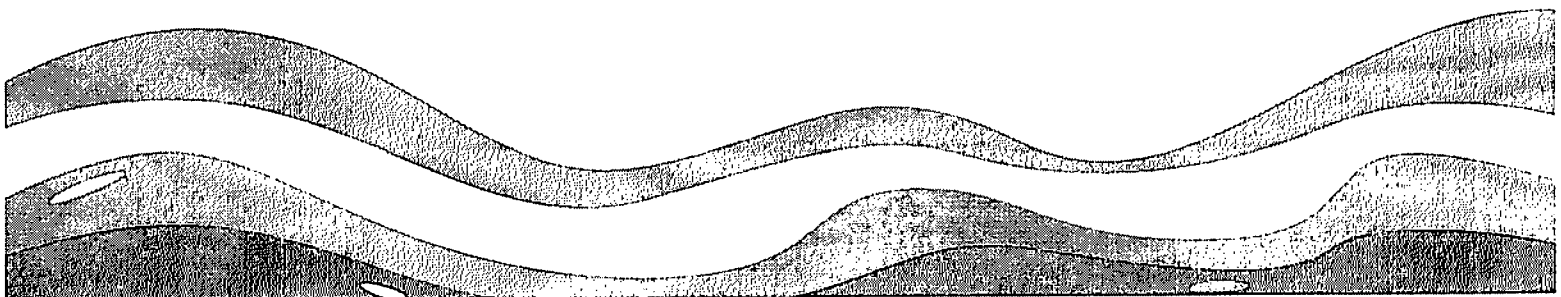


Brightspace: Successfully blend learning strategies to integrate technology in the classroom and explore how Brightspace can improve your practice and student learning.

Get Creative: Explore your artistic talents! Use creative digital tools to customize templates, posters, invitations, presentations, image maps, email signatures, and more.

Those interested in participating must complete and submit the Conference Application form to the Unit Office before Thursday, June 28, 2018.

Refreshments will be provided at each session.



SIMCOE MUSKOKA SUMMER WORKSHOP

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Member Status: Elementary Secondary

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