



ELEMENTARY UNIT

Memo #7

Date: October 29, 2015

To: Reps/Executive/Members

From: Joe Martone, President

Re: Media Literacy Week -November 2-6, 2015; Reminder: Project Overseas Application
Deadline – November 1st; Movember; Potential Faculty of Education Staff Strike at Nipissing
University

Media Literacy Week -November 2-6, 2015

Media Literacy Week is an annual event that takes place every November. Co-led by MediaSmarts and the Canadian Teachers' Federation, the week puts a spotlight on the importance of digital and media literacy as a key component in the education of children and young people.

Working with Canadian schools, libraries, and educational associations and organizations, Media Literacy Week participants seek to inspire a leap in Canadians' thinking towards media education as an important – and innovative – approach towards creating thoughtful, engaged and informed young people. This initiative provides Canadians with a focal point for media-related activities and, at the same time, showcases the creative ways that digital and media literacy are being integrated into classrooms and communities across the country.

The official theme of Media Literacy Week 2015 is Respect in a Digital World, encouraging young people to be upstanding digital citizens by acting responsibly and ethically in their online environments by respecting themselves, others and the spaces they're in. For information on how you can become involved, visit the Media Literacy Week Website at:
www.medialiteracyweek.ca

Reminder: Project Overseas Application Deadline – November 1st

Would you like to assist teachers in a developing country? Are you interested in learning more about global education issues? Do you see yourself volunteering in Africa or the Caribbean?

Project Overseas (PO) is a joint initiative of the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF) and its member organizations, which includes OECTA. PO sends English and French-speaking Canadian teachers at the primary, elementary, and secondary levels to developing countries, mostly in Africa and the Caribbean, to conduct professional development in-service for their colleagues in those countries.

The deadline is quickly approaching, as applications need to be submitted by this Sunday, November 1, 2015. Visit www.oecta.on.ca for more details and to access the application.

Movember

Like it or not “*Movember*” is upon us once again, I wanted to remind everyone who would like to participate, by growing, donating and helping to have an everlasting impact on the face of men's health. During November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men’s faces, in Canada and around the world.

We have once again, set up a local team called “Bros and Sistas of Simcoe Muskoka”, please click on the following link for more information on signing up or other ways you can support this effort. <http://mobro.co/oectasimcoemuskoka>

This year Movember has added a new way to participate. This MOVEMBER, take the MOVE Challenge. Get moving! Big or small, any kind of physical activity counts. Post updates on your Movember fundraising page and share what you're up to. Get your friends, family, school or workplace involved to MOVE as a team, or challenge them to match your MOVEs. Set a fundraising target, and then smash it.

Potential Faculty of Education Staff Strike at Nipissing University

The union representing Faculty of Education staff at Nipissing University have set November 2, 2015 as their strike deadline date. Should the faculty staff strike their employer, all practicums are to be suspended for the duration of the strike.

Any Simcoe Muskoka Elementary Associate teacher should not accept faculty students or carry out any activities related to the practicum during the period of the strike.

**If you have any concerns, please contact the Unit office at 705-322-9625 or 1 800 558 4815
Thank you for sharing this information with OECTA members.**