

Memo #7

Date: November 8, 2016

To: Executive/Members

From: **Parent Teacher Conferences; Movember**

Parent Teacher Conferences

The Board's expectation is that every teacher is to make himself or herself available at least one evening a school year to meet with parents to discuss their child's progress. The evening that has been identified as the preferred date this year is either the Wednesday or Thursday evening prior to the PA day for reporting to parents – Wednesday, November 16th or Thursday, November 17th. The expectation is that we are available to meet with parents until 8:30 PM that evening.

As always, given that the sole purpose of the November 19th P.A day is for reporting to parents, the entire day (minus your lunch time and prep period) should be left open for conferences. Any time that is not assigned to a conference on that P.A. day is 100% teacher directed.

If there is an emergency that arises that will prevent you from being able to attend the identified evening set for conferences, then you have an obligation to communicate this to your administration and you will have to schedule alternative, mutually agreed times to meet with the remaining parents who are unable to come in on the P.A. day. Also, you should have a conversation around these alternate arrangements with your Principal – to ensure that they are available during those times as well.

Movember

“*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 is continuing 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.

Movember Social: (see attached flyer)

Where: Flying Monkeys Brewery (107 Dunlop Street East, Barrie)

When: Wednesday, November 30th

Time: 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**If you have any concerns, please contact the Unit office at 705-733-9625 or 1 800 558 4815
Thank you for sharing this information with OECTA members.**