



STEWARD BULLETIN



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Dates to Remember 2007-2008

Jan. 10th
Pregnancy & Parental Workshop
Educators' Centre
4:30 p.m.

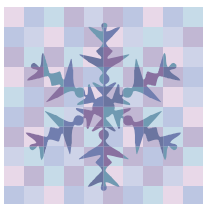
Jan. 21st, 22nd or 24th
Steward Training
(Full-day & half-day p.m. only release)
Educators' Centre

Jan. 31st
New Teacher Workshop
Educators' Centre
Full-day conference

Feb. 5th
Equity Conference
Educators' Centre
Full-day conference

Feb. 7th
Pregnancy & Parental Workshop
Educators' Centre
4:30 p.m.

Feb. 11th
General Membership Meeting
Mississauga
Convention Centre
4:30 p.m.



Have a Safe
and
Happy Holiday



Issue Items

Effective January 7, 2008 the Executive Officers will be the liaison with the following

Executive Officer:	Schools in the Superintendency of:
Tim Cunningham	Hiraishi, CBO
Kurt Uriarte	Sinclair-Artwell, Massey, Kazlovskis, Peel Alternative Schools
Suzanne Gill	Gingell, Teal, Special Programs
Sabina Freemantle	Moynihan, Tomasevic, Miles, Early Literacy Teachers

Members with questions or concerns should direct their calls to the Executive office responsible for their Superintendency.

Teachers' Pension Plan Update

Please remind members at your site that there will be a contribution rate increase to the Teachers' Pension Plan of 0.3% in January 2008 and another 0.8% increase in 2009.

An average teacher earning \$65,000 a year will contribute \$6,581 in 2008 and \$7,101 in 2009 to their pension plan. The increases will be partially offset by lower taxes because pension contributions are tax deductible. The Ontario government and designated employers will continue to match total member contributions at the new, higher rates.

Please refer members with questions to OTF (416-966-3424 or 1-800-268-7061) and/or the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board (416-226-2700 or 1-800-668-0105).

PETL Executive for 2007-2008

President Tim Cunningham **Vice-Presidents** Suzanne Gill Kurt Uriarte Sabina Freemantle

Secretary-Treasurer: Janice Balesic
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Checklist:

If you have not already done so, **please complete** the **Steward Training form** and fax it to the Local office as soon as possible.

Reminders:

All-Member Emails/E-Newsletters

Please encourage the members at your site to read the **all-member emails/e-newsletters** as they contain important **information that is pertinent** to all members.

Steward Message Board

Please continue to check the Steward Message Board at least once or twice per week to ensure that you and your staff are kept informed of Local information. If you are a new steward and have not yet registered for access to the message board, please contact Janice Balesic at the Local office (treasurer@etfopeel.com or 905-564-7233) to discuss gaining access to the secure site.

The new username and password for the Member Message Board is posted in the steward's area. If you have not already done so, please share these codes with your PETL colleagues as soon as possible so they are able to access the secure area of the Member Message Board. The username and password should be given to PETL members only.

Please note that the current and past issues of the Steward Bulletin are all available on the website (www.etfopeel.com).