

March Update: 2020

Tips to give you peace of mind during your March break vacation

A March break family vacation is a great time to build lasting memories, strengthen family bonds and escape from normal day-to-day life. When you're getting ready for a vacation, make sure you're also taking steps to give yourself peace of mind while you're away by protecting your home and car. Follow the tips below to ensure you have the important things covered before you hit the road!

For more information, visit www.otipinsurance.com/article63.



TGIF
Solidarity Social

Our first ever solidarity social! Join us for a fun get together to relax and socialize with our partners from other affiliates. We are excited to announce live music provided by "Strike Pay" and other local education-friendly bands. A beverage and snacks will be provided. Remember to wear your Red for Ed to show off your solidarity spirit!

Where: The Mansion
When: March 27th
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

#Solidarity

Enjoy your March Break!

On a final note, both Jane and I would like to wish you a wonderful March Break. This is your time, a much needed break to rest, relax and rejuvenate. Whether you are travelling or planning a staycation, we hope that you will enjoy the change in routine. Either way, a change is as good as a rest, they say!

Central Bargaining Update

Phase 7 Strike Protocols

In addition to Phase 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 WTR Strike Protocols, Effective Monday, March 9, 2020, all ETFO members* will:

- picket outside of their school/worksites for a minimum of twenty minutes at least one day per week;
- ask parents in their school community to join ETFO members on the picket line or ask parents to arrange and/or participate in a "walk-in" (i.e., an action during which parents and educators rally, march or gather outside their school, before or after school, to defend public education) on one morning of the week;
- make a personal phone call to a Progressive Conservative (PC) MPP to discuss the impact of the Ford government's cuts to public education. MPP contact information can be found at: ola.org/en/members/current/contact-information;
- send a template letter through ETFO's Building Better Schools website to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Executive Council highlighting key issues of concern during the 2019 round of bargaining. OPSBA is an important decision-maker at the central bargaining table; it's critical that OPSBA support positions at the bargaining table that are fair for students and educators. The OPSBA template letter is found at BuildingBetterSchools.ca/OPSBA;
- post/share a message or visual image on social media that corrects misinformation the Ford government's Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce, is communicating to the public regarding key bargaining issues and the impact of education cuts. Tag your message with the hashtags #ETFO, #Istrikebecause and/or #CutsHurtKids.

EFFECTIVE MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020, ALL ETFO MEMBERS* WILL RESUME FULL WITHDRAWAL OF SERVICES STRIKE ACTION.

*****Please note** that all other phases are still in place. That means we cannot cover other classes, collect money, hand out forms, book field trips, extracurriculars, etc. **Remember that we are still following the 30/15 rule before and after school.** When in doubt check with your Steward. You can also visit www.etfocb and/or our ETFO Limestone website for a review of strike protocols.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 27th, 2020: 3:00-7:00 pm
**TGIF Solidarity Social, The Mansion,
506 Princess Street, Kingston**

April 8th, 2020: 4:30 pm
ETFO Limestone Local Annual Meeting

May 1st, 2020: 3:30-6:30, **ETFO TGIF,
Union Cocktail Bar**

May 5th, 2020: 4:30 pm
**ETFO Retirement Workshop
ETFO Office: 739C Arlington Park Place**

June 18th, 2020, 5:30:
ETFO Limestone Local Retirement Dinner