

# Member News

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## *Moving Classrooms?*

Each year around this time I get many questions from members who have been told that they need to move classrooms for next year. Often the reason for this is a grade change or the addition of a class that necessitates a little bit of a shakeup in classroom assignments. While moving is never fun, remember that you aren't the only one who is being affected by the move. To that end, please try to work with your colleagues to make the process run as smoothly as you can. Ask your administrator for release time,

boxes and extra hands. They may be able to provide all, none or some of these. If no release time is provided, be creative with your time. Put two classes together for some outdoor activities, reading buddies, crafts or a movie. That can free up one of you to pack and move. Then return the favour on another day. In order to ensure both/all parties have a chance to get their rooms set up, please endeavor to have your things out of your room in a reasonable time frame (ie at some point in the first week of July).

**Salary Increase:** Just a reminder that as per the 2017-2019 extension agreement, we will see a salary increase of 1% on September 1, 2018. An additional 1% will be added on February 1, 2019 and 0.5% on August 31, 2019.

## *Redblacks*

Tickets are still on sale for the Ottawa Redblacks game on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$41.50 each and are on the south side. Due to the timing of the game and the deadline for ticket

sales, I need to have ticket sales wrapped up fairly soon. Please contact me at [allieryan@gmail.com](mailto:allieryan@gmail.com) to reserve your tickets as there are a limited number of tickets left.

## *Upcoming Dates*

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June 25

Report Cards go home

June 29

PA Day, Last day of school

July 6-August 20

Access to schools not permitted, swipe cards will be deactivated

September 3

Labour Day, no school

September 4

First day of school

September 14

PA Day

October 5

PA Day

October 8

Thanksgiving Day, no school



## **Surplus and Redundancy**

There are still a number of teachers who have not been staffed for next year. Please watch Apply to Education and your email throughout the summer as jobs will be posted as they become available. As openings occur, teachers with pull back rights will be consulted and those with recall rights will be staffed before members who are employed to their full entitlement. It is a stressful time for those involved in the process so please support your colleagues as you can.

## **Lead Teacher**

At your staff meeting in June your Principal is to review with all teachers the process for becoming Lead Teacher next year. Any interested teacher is to give the principal a letter of interest in early September. If this is not on your June staff meeting Agenda it needs to be, so be sure your principal is reminded about this.

## **Summer Emails**

I would ask that you not be emailing your principal throughout the summer. We ask that they respect our summer holiday time, and therefore we should be

respecting theirs. You are not expected to respond to emails during your holidays. Principals will be in their school for 5 days after school ends and will be in 5 days before schools starts, so emailing them then is preferable. After that, please limit emails sent to your principal to urgent matters only.

## **Pay**

This will be our first summer with bi-weekly pay. ☺ Our pay for the 2017-2018 school year will continue until August 30<sup>th</sup>. The first pay for the 2018-2019 school year will be on September 13, 2018.

## **Offence Declaration**

Please ensure you have completed your offence declaration in the Employee Self-Serve (ESS) Portal before June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Facebook**

Find us on Facebook! Search Renfrew County Teachers' Local and request to be added to the group!

## **Twitter**

Follow me on Twitter  
@rctl\_etfo

## **Websites of Interest**

[www.etfocb.ca](http://www.etfocb.ca)  
[www.etfo.ca](http://www.etfo.ca)  
[www.etfo-elhtbenefits.ca](http://www.etfo-elhtbenefits.ca)  
[www.renfrewteachers.ca](http://www.renfrewteachers.ca)  
<http://www.otffeo.on.ca/>  
[www.buidlingbetterschools.ca](http://www.buidlingbetterschools.ca)  
[www.edvantage.ca](http://www.edvantage.ca)  
[www.otipservices.ca](http://www.otipservices.ca)  
[www.otip.com](http://www.otip.com)  
[www.oct.on.ca](http://www.oct.on.ca)  
[www.educatorsfinancialgroup.ca](http://www.educatorsfinancialgroup.ca)

## **Local Office**

The Local Office will be closed for the summer holidays, starting on June 29<sup>th</sup>. I will check emails and voice mails periodically, but if you have an emergency please call 1-888-838-3836 and ask to speak to a duty officer in PRS. The office will re-open on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

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