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Dates of Interest:

*June 5th: H&S Training
4:00 pm
District Office*

*June 7th: Ontario Election
Polls close - 9:00 pm*

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President's Message:

Election June 7th

As many of you are aware, the OSSTF has endorsed all three NDP candidates in our district. France Gelinas (NB), Mike Mantha (A-M), and Jamie West (SUD). The D3 communication political action department recently hosted "Pints and Politics" at the TapHouse restaurant to take advantage of the advanced polls and increase member voting. Many who attended found it to be a very fun and informative event. I would like to thank all of those who attended to make it a success.

The D3 CPAC is now directing our attention to voting day, June 7th. We will be hosting another social event, drawing attention to voting day so that we can encourage our members to get out and vote in this pivotal election. After you vote on June 7th, please come and join us at the Doghouse on Elgin Street in Sudbury to watch the

**June 7th: Poll Results
at the Dog House on
Elgin Street!**



Join D3 members for
complimentary wings and
drinks at the Dog House
8:00 pm - 11:00pm

June 7th : Ed Services
Committee - 4:30 at the
TapHouse

June 18th: P.A. Day

June 19th:
TBU Retirement Dinner
6th Avenue Golf Course
5:00 pm

June 20th: Combined TBU
District Meeting at the
Hourglass 4:00 pm
followed by a cruise on the
William Ramsey 6:00 - 8:00pm

June 21st: First day of
SUMMER!
ESSU members Cruise on the
William Ramsey

June 29th: Last day of school



July 1, 2018 - Canada Day



results roll in. The event will run from 8 pm until 11 pm. I know it is a bit late for early risers, but the polls don't close until 9pm. Please join us if you can, and bring a colleague to watch the results roll in and discuss the political future of Ontario!



May 28th – thanks to all who came out to vote at the advance polls, then joined the Communication/Political Action Committee at the TapHouse for eats and drinks!

Fun Summer Facts



Popsicles were accidentally invented by an 11-year-old boy in San Francisco in 1905...

He left a glass of soda sitting outside and overnight it had frozen.

He began selling the frozen treats at an amusement park in New Jersey.

Top flavour? Cherry!



Prior to 1867, schools did not have summer vacation.



Rural kids had school off during spring planting and fall harvest, while urban schools were essentially year-round. The long summer holiday didn't come about until the early 20th century...

Watermelon is summer's most popular vegetable. It is part of the cucumber, pumpkin, and squash family.



Sue Melville- District Officer' Message

I don't know why it happens this way, but the second semester of every school year seems to fly by. In fact, this whole year seems to have done just that. As we head toward summer vacations, I would like to thank the members of District 3 for their support in my first year as District Officer. I knew coming into the job that Laurie had left big shoes to fill, but it wasn't until I was actually in the job that I realized how steep the learning curve would be, and how broad a job it is. I am delighted to have been appointed to a two-year term for 2018-2020.

Next year promises to be interesting as we adjust to a new provincial government, wind up our current extended contracts, and prepare for the next round of negotiations. If you are thinking about becoming involved in OSSTF at the local level, consider joining a standing committee next year. Most committees meet 4-6 times per year. OSSTF District 3 has a policy for reimbursing members who incur childcare or dependent care costs to attend union meetings, and we always serve a good meal!

Best wishes for a safe and relaxing summer.

OSSTF Rainbow District 3 Citizenship Bursaries and Technical Award winners

Congratulations to the 2018 recipients of the **OSSTF Rainbow District 3 Citizenship Bursaries:**

Brooke Addison – Manitoulin Secondary School (Daughter of Lisa Corbiere-Addison)

Joshua Noble – Manitoulin Secondary School (Son of Irving Noble)

Eric Orford – Manitoulin Secondary School (Son of Alison Orford)

Isabelle Paquette – Lasalle Secondary School (Daughter of Sylvie Monette)

Bethany Wesno – Manitoulin Secondary School (Daughter of Ina and Mike Wesno)

We also congratulate this year's recipients of the **OSSTF District Technical Awards:**

Dawson Oliver – Confederation Secondary School

Caleb Smith – LoEllen Park Secondary School

Meet your OSSTF Executive!!

A BIG thanks to all the reps who allowed us to get to know them during this past year! Thanks also to the reps, for the time and effort you give to your members!

This month, we meet Shawn Piette...

The expression “Dog Days of Summer”, has nothing at all to do with dogs... this saying refers to the dates from July 3rd to August 11th. They are named after the Dog Star (Sirius) in the constellation of Canis Major.

Education reformer, Horace Mann, is responsible for summer vacation in the US. In the 1840s, Mann introduced the idea, arguing that overworked minds could lead to insanity and that sitting in hot classrooms could pose health risks.

Ancient Pagans celebrated midsummer with bonfires.



It was believed that the crops would grow as high as a couple could jump across the fire. Additionally, bonfires would generate magic by boosting the sun's powers. **OSSTF does NOT recommend you try this at home or camp!**

In southern England, more than 35,000 people gather at Stonehenge to see the summer solstice.



Hello fellow OSSTF D3 members,

My name is Shawn Piette and I proudly serve as your secretary on the District 3 Executive team.

My teaching career began 21 years ago when I left Sudbury to teach in York Region. There, I spent four years in the Elementary panel teaching grades 5 through 8, and another four years teaching French Immersion Social Science courses at Aurora High School. It was during my time in York Region where I initially became involved with teacher federations, first as a steward with ETFO, and later as a school representative with OSSTF D16.

In 2005, an opportunity to return home to Sudbury arose and I embarked on a new journey with the Rainbow District School Board. For the past 13 years, I have called Lo-Ellen Park Secondary home. Throughout my years at Lo-Ellen, I have taught French Immersion Social Sciences, French courses and Philosophy. I also served as Program Leader of Laptop Learning, Literacy and Modern Languages.



It is also at Lo-Ellen where I had an opportunity to continue my active participation with OSSTF. Thanks to mentors like George Valiquette and Bonnie Depencier, I was encouraged to serve as Teacher Bargaining Unit rep and later as a District Member rep for our school.

I have particularly enjoyed my participation at the District level. Working with fellow OSSTF D3 members from OTBU, ESS, PSSP, and SSSC units has been extremely satisfying. Our district is blessed to have such a diverse membership and it is this diversity that truly contributes to our overall strength as a collective.

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OSSTF D3 - SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

Did you know? OSSTF District 3 has a tradition of supporting students and local community agencies with charitable donations. This year's recipients included:

Canadian Cancer Society
Girls Run Sudbury 2018
Sudbury Food Bank
Sudbury Secondary School Annual Holiday Feast
Sudbury Science Fair
Sudbury Workers' Education and Advocacy Centre (SWEAC)
United Way general campaign
United Way Tampon Tuesday campaign
Walking with Our Sisters

**From The District 3 Office, we wish you a safe and happy
summer break!
See you in September!**



James Clyke
Sue Melville
Donna McKinnon

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The “no white after Labour Day” rule first came into the fashion scene at the turn of the 20th century. Back then, the “summer season was bracketed by “Memorial Day (USA) and Labour Day” when city folks shed their heavy layered sidewalk frocks for more comfortable and light fabrics at the seaside. Snobby New England elitists used the trend to keep a new upwardly mobile middle class from settling on their turf.

It was difficult to tell the difference between old money of the respectable families, and those who only had vulgar new money. By the 1880's, the women had created dozens of fashion rules that everyone “in the know” had to follow.



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