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Dates of Interest:

Oct 3rd: District Executive
Meeting 4:00pm

October 8th: **Thanksgiving**

Happy Turkey Weekend



Oct 9th: Health & Safety
Meeting 4:00 pm

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2018 Provincial Election, Cabinet and Shadow Cabinet

On Thursday, June 7, Ontario elected a Progressive Conservative majority government. The PC's managed to win 76 seats, well above the 63 seats required for a majority government. The Ontario New Democratic Party is now the official opposition, winning 40 seats, and Ontario Liberals lost official party status, winning only 7 seats. Green Party Leader, Mike Schreiner, won the Party's first-ever seat in the Ontario Legislature.

Key appointments of interest to OSSTF/FEESO are:

Lisa Thompson, Minister of Education
Merilee Fullerton, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities
Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Laurie Scott, Minister of Labour

Andrea Horwath, Official Opposition Party Leader, has made the following Shadow Cabinet/Critic appointments:

Marit Stiles – Education

Oct 11th: Ed Services Meeting
4:00 pm

Oct 16th: OTPP Teachers'
Retirement Workshop 4:00 pm

Oct 17th: TBU Meeting
4:00 pm

Oct 22nd : Sudbury Municipal
Election - *Get out and VOTE!!*



Oct 23rd: OMERS Retirement
Workshop 4:30 pm

Oct 24th: CBC Meeting 4:00pm

Oct 26th: PD Day

Oct 29th: Human Rights
Meeting 4:00 pm

Oct 31th: Halloween



Nov 7th: District Executive
Meeting 4:00 pm

Chris Glover – Colleges and Universities
Monique Taylor – Children and Youth Services
Jamie West – Labour

As well, please be sure to take note of the upcoming municipal election. You can vote online and find all of the information regarding the election on our D3 website.

DISTRICT OFFICER'S MESSAGE

Retirement workshops: This is a reminder that the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan (OTPP) and Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) workshops will be held this month at the District 3 office. Please contact Donna at 705-692-3923 or osstf@d03.osstf.ca to reserve your spot. Spouses welcome!

OTPP: Tuesday, October 16th at 5:30 pm.

OMERS: Tuesday, October 23rd at 5:30 pm.

Student Achievement Awards: By now, each secondary school should have received posters and information about the 2019 Student Achievement Awards. Nine awards of \$1000 each will be made to provincial winners. This year's theme is *Ahead by a Century*, in honour of the 100th Anniversary of OSSTF. We would love to see entries from students of District 3 members in all categories. Check out the link at <http://www.osstf.on.ca/studentachievementawards>.

Deadline for submission to the District 3 office: November 16, 2019.

Professional Learning – October 26th, 2018: PD Place should now be open for members to register for the Equity-themed PD day scheduled for Friday, October 26th. We are very pleased to provide a total of nine OSSTF Equity workshops in two locations. We encourage secondary occasional teachers to attend. We are presenting *Classroom Management for OTs* just for you!



<https://www.greatersudbury.ca/city-hall/election-2018/>

Vote anywhere, anytime! From Monday, **October 15, 2018** to Monday, **October 22, 2018**, cast your electronic ballot anytime, anywhere. Voters who wish to vote at a voting location will be able to cast their ballot at any Electronic Voting Location of their choice on Election Day.

Ctrl and click on the link above to answer all of your Municipal Election questions.



The first National Thanksgiving in Canada was celebrated in the Province of Canada in 1859. The holiday was intended for the “public and solemn” recognition of God’s mercies. Some citizens objected to this government request, saying it blurred the distinction between church and state that was so important to many Canadians.

D3 Election Readiness

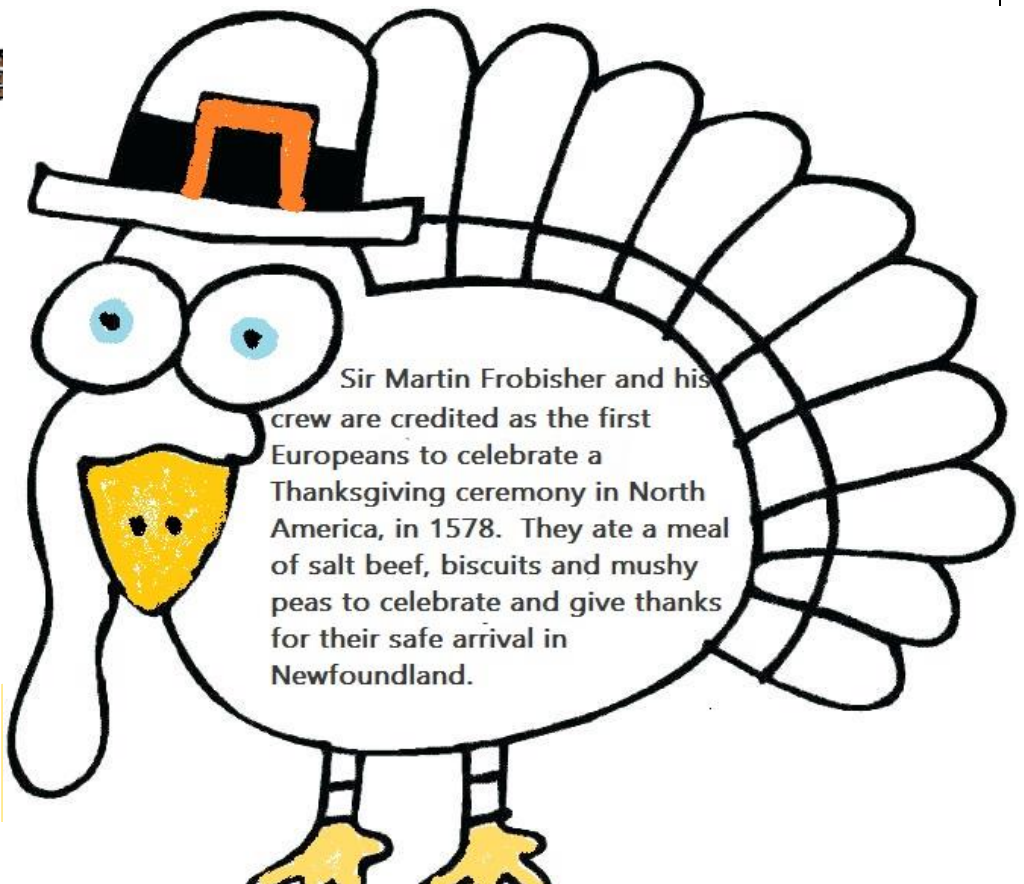
The *Election Readiness* section of the D3 website has shifted focus toward the upcoming municipal and trustee elections. It is very important to become informed about the local candidates and the election process so that you can help choose the people who will best represent your interests.

Under the *Election Readiness* tab on the D3 website (<http://www.d03.osstf.ca/>) you will find lots of information about topics such as:

- the newly introduced online voting system being used in the upcoming election;
- background and contact information for the candidates for mayor, city council, and school board trustees;
- ideas for questions that you could ask your local candidate(s);
- media articles related to the election and the RDSB

The information contained here is a work in progress and will be updated regularly when new material is released. Visit the D3 website regularly to stay informed.

Origins and History of Thanksgiving in CANADA



Sir Martin Frobisher and his crew are credited as the first Europeans to celebrate a Thanksgiving ceremony in North America, in 1578. They ate a meal of salt beef, biscuits and mushy peas to celebrate and give thanks for their safe arrival in Newfoundland.

The first Thanksgiving after Confederation was observed on April 5th, 1872. A national civic holiday rather than a religious one, it was held to celebrate the recovery of the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII) from an illness. Thanksgiving was first observed as an annual event in Canada on November 6, 1879.

Why is Turkey associated with Thanksgiving?



We can thank our neighbours to the south for this tradition...



In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgivings. The colonists hunted wild turkeys in that autumn of 1621 and since turkey is a uniquely North American bird, it became the Thanksgiving meal of choice for Americans after Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1863.



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Beginning in 1921, Thanksgiving and Armistice Day (introduced in 1919) were celebrated on the same day - the first Monday in the week of November 11th.

In order to give more recognition to veterans, November 11th was set solely as Remembrance Day in 1931.

Thanksgiving was again proclaimed annually and typically observed on the second Monday in October.

It was not until January 31, 1957 that Parliament proclaimed the observance of the second Monday in October as "a day of General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the bountiful harvest with which

So, now you know everything you ever needed to know about Thanksgiving!

Eat the turkey, drink the wine, enjoy the holiday with family and friends!

CHEERS!

This Fall Focus on Gratitude

Fall is a season of change, from the colours of the trees to the weather, but Fall also brings a very special holiday, Thanksgiving. It's a time to show gratitude while spending time with loved ones and enjoying a delicious dinner. Did you know that there are health benefits to being thankful and showing gratitude in your daily routine? According to scientists, counting your blessing year-round is good for your mental health and well-being.

To learn more, visit www.otipinsurance.com/article26



OSSTF District 3 ARM (Active Retired Members) Chapter Memory Garden Dedication – Sept 17, 2018



Lee Ferguson and her ARM Committee have created a beautiful Memory Garden on the property at the District Office on 9th Avenue in Lively to commemorate the education workers in District 3 that have passed on.

The dedication for the Memory Garden took place on Sept 17th. Many retired teachers attended the ceremony to pay homage to spouses, friends, and colleagues from the teaching community by remembering these loved ones in "The Memory Book". The Memory Book will be located in the District 3 office and is available for all members who would like to share their remembrances.



Front Row Bob Smith, Denis Plouffe, Val Lalonde, Pat Miller, Pat Beatty, Pat James, Sylvia Bass, Marilyn Young, Roma Shewciw,
Back Row Carolyn Otto, Linda Storey, Doreen Dewar. Lee Ferguson, Josée Blais, Sue Melville, Sandy Bass



Members... Check out the link to OTIP OSSTF members page:

<https://www.otipinsurance.com/OSSTF3>

