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The LINK



D3 Office Calendar

Oct 2nd: D3 Executive Meeting 4:30 pm

Oct 3rd: "Let's Feed Ford" Rally - James Jerome Sports Complex - Centennial Drive Sudbury 4:45 pm
(Loading bus to attend rally at local restaurant where Ford will be dining. Wear your RedforEd t-shirt!)

**Every
Friday
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RED
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President's Message:

With September firmly behind us, members are now back into the groove of another school year. I hope that things are running smoothly and that students are experiencing success, guided by all the education workers they interact with on a daily basis. Despite this groove, all sites are now experiencing the effects of the CUPE job action. While showing support on your own time is encouraged, all OSSTF members are reminded to carry out their regular duties as normal. Showing your solidarity will go a long way in helping those members feel encouraged while they perform these job actions.

On the bargaining front, now that the central/local issue split has been sorted, central negotiations have begun for teachers, occasional teachers, and support staff. As was well publicized last month, OSSTF has gone public with their central briefs which can be seen at <http://bargainingforeducation.ca>. The site will be updated periodically as new information on the bargaining process becomes available. Here in District 3, most bargaining units have pushed back the start of local

Oct 15th - OTPP Workshop
5:00 pm



Oct 16th: TBU Meeting
4:00 pm

Oct 23rd: ESSU Meeting
4:30 pm

Oct 29th: OMERS Workshop
5:00 pm



Oct 29th: Ed Services
Meeting 4:00 pm

Nov 6th: District Exec
Meeting 4:30 pm

*"In October dung your fields, and
your land its wealth shall yield."
-Farmer saying*

*"If the October moon comes
without frost, expect no frost till
the moon of November."
- Farmer saying*

*"Rain in October means wind in
December."
- Farmer saying*

negotiations to late October or early November, giving them time to adjust local briefs ahead of potential future bargaining dates.

Lastly, Sue and I will start to hit the road in October for the semi-annual site visits. We very much look forward to meeting with members and discussing various issues. As dates and times are determined over the next couple of weeks, District Reps will be notified, and information will be passed along.

District Officer's Message

Calling all party planners! The **Annual OSSTF District 3 Children's Holiday Party** needs your help. We are looking for 4-5 individuals to assist in planning this year's party. If the first meeting is effective, we may not need a second. The tentative date for the actual event is Sunday, December 8th from 1pm to 3pm. Those interested in helping plan the event should contact Donna at osstf@d03.osstf.ca by Friday, October 11th.

This is a reminder that the **Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan (OTPP)** and **Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS)** workshops will be taking place in October. Please contact Donna by email or phone (705-692-3923) to register. Spouses are welcome. Both workshops will be held at the Lively office. As these are annual workshops, there will not be another opportunity to attend again until next fall.

OTPP – Tuesday, October 15th at 5pm
OMERS – Tuesday, October 29th at 5pm



It happened in October - Trivia:

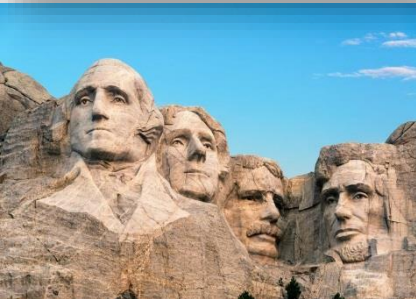
1810 - Oktoberfest begins: In Germany, the Bavarian royal family invited the citizens of Munich to join the celebration of the marriage of Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen.

1814 - The Great Beer Flood - More than 323,000 gallons of beer burst out of the Meux and Company Brewery and poured into the streets of St. Giles, London, England. 8 people were killed.

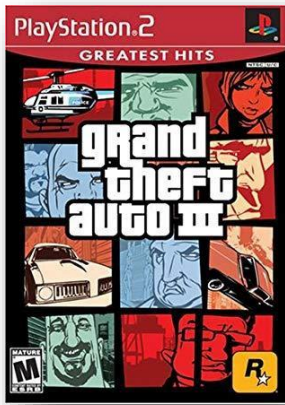
1818 - The Convention of 1818 was signed between the US and the UK which settled the Canada/United States border on the 49th parallel for most of its length.

1850 - The first National Women's Rights Convention opened in Worcester, Massachusetts.





- 1860** - Telegraph line between Los Angeles and San Francisco began operating.
- 1872** - The Bloomingdale brothers opened their first store at 938 Third Avenue, in New York City.
- 1878** - The Edison Electric Light Company began operations.
- 1879** - Thomas Edison tested the first practical electric incandescent light bulb - it lasted 13 1/2 hours.
- 1880** - First electric lamp factory was opened by Thomas Edison.
- 1907** - Panic of 1907 - A run on the stock of the Knickerbocker Trust Company set events in motion that lead to a depression
- 1908** - For \$825 each, Ford's Model T car was put on the market.
- 1925** - John Logie Baird performed the first test of a working television system.
- 1929** - Oct 24th "Black Thursday" to 29th "Black Tuesday" Stock market began to lose ground on the New York Stock Exchange. - The New York Stock Exchange crashed on "Black Tuesday"
- 1938** - Orson Welles broadcast his radio play of H.G. Wells's The War of the Worlds.
- 1941** - Mount Rushmore is completed after 14 years, featuring the sculpted head of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln.
- 1944** - Suffrage was extended to women in France.
- 1949** - The People's Republic of China was established and declared by Mao Zedong.
- 1954** - Texas Instruments introduced the first Transistor radio.
- 1956** - Fortran, the first modern computer language, was shared with the coding community for the first time.
- 1957** - The USSR launched Sputnik 1, the first artificial satellite to orbit the Earth.
- 1962** - First broadcast of The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson.
- 1962** - The Beatles' first single, Love Me Do backed with P.S. I Love You, is released in the United Kingdom – the rest is history.
- 1969** - The first-ever computer-to-computer link was established on ARPANET, the precursor to the Internet.
- 1971** - Sold, dismantled and moved to the United States, London Bridge reopened in Lake Havasu City, Arizona in October 1971. Who knew this?
- 1979** - Oct 14th, the first Gay Rights March on Washington, DC - the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, demanded "an end to all social, economic, judicial, and legal oppression of lesbian and gay people" and drew 200,000 people.
- 1982** - Sony launched the first consumer compact disc player
- 1982** - Cats, based on Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats by T. S. Eliot, opened on Broadway and ran for nearly 18 years before closing on September 10, 2000.
- 1983** - Microsoft released Word, version 1 (I think I might be still using it!)
- 1985** - The Space Shuttle Atlantis made its first flight.
- 1987** - The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell by 22% (508 points), named Black Monday – Oct 22nd, 1987
- 1989** - Denmark introduced the world's first legal modern same-sex civil union, called a "registered partnership".
- 1992** - The Peekskill Meteorite (about 24 pounds) landed in the driveway of the Knapp residence in Peekskill, New York, destroying the family's 1980 Chevrolet Malibu. Dreadful!
- 1995** - Oct 3rd—over 150 million people tuned in for the announcement of the verdict in the O.J. Simpson trial. The not guilty verdict was met with both praise and criticism.



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BONUS TIP: save those school supply receipts.

Thanks to the Eligible Educator School Supply Tax Credit, eligible teachers and early childhood educators can claim 15% of up to \$1,000 in eligible school supply expenses. That adds up to a maximum tax credit of up to \$150 a year.

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1996 - The Fox News Channel began broadcasting "Fake News!" ☺

2001 - One of the first old companies to fall behind in the digital era, The Polaroid Corporation filed for federal bankruptcy protection.

2001 - Grand Theft Auto III was released, creating a genre of open-world, action-adventure video games as well as spurring controversy around violence in new video games.

2003 - Concorde made its last commercial flight.

2011 – According to the U.N, there were 7 billion people living on Earth as of Oct 31st, 2011. The population currently sits at 7.7 billion – does not include witches!



A helpful tip for finding savings as an educator!

Remember to take advantage of educator-specific perks.

While being an education member comes with many responsibilities, there are also several perks (*or dare we say, 'advantages'*) that can add up to a great deal of savings. These perks include:

- **Chalkboard Plus+:** Offers Canadian teachers a range of discounts on everything from health and wellness, to entertainment and retail. Membership is free, but a school email address is required.
- **Advantage:** A savings program offering discounts and promotions from over 50 partners in travel and entertainment, specifically for Ontario educators. It's free to join with your Ontario College of Teachers membership.
- **Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan:** Serves the insurance needs of Ontario education members and their families.
- **Perkopolis:** Offered through the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, this program provides discounted cell phone plans in addition to home and auto insurance.

Get on the right financial track for back-to-school (or any time of year) by starting with Educators Financial Group.

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Across Canada, one out of eight women will still receive this diagnostic in her lifetime.

An estimated 26,300 Canadian women and 230 men will be diagnosed this year. Early detection is vital.

Visit:

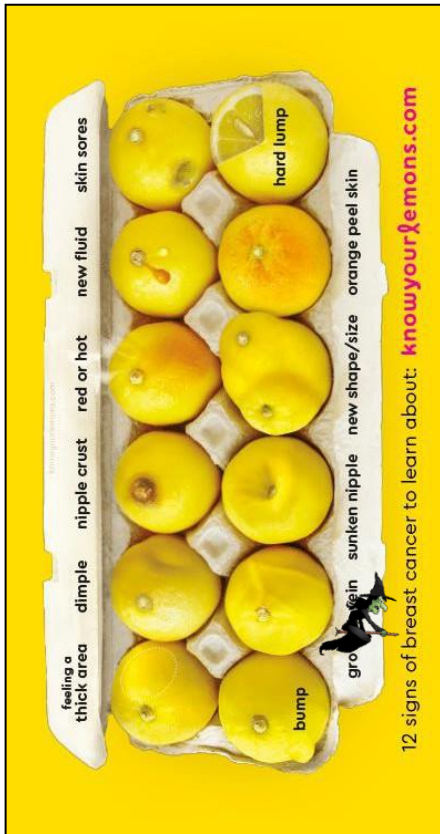


KNOW YOUR LEMONS®

to learn the 12 signs of breast cancer.

History of the Pink Ribbons

The pink ribbon is an international symbol of breast cancer awareness. Pink ribbons, and the color pink in general, identify the wearer or promoter with the breast cancer brand and express moral support for women



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In 2018, OTIP Benefits Services received over 565,000 calls from plan members. The top three reasons that plan members call OTIP Benefits Services are inquiries about coverage, claims and enrolment.

with breast cancer. Pink ribbons are most commonly seen during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

First on the scene was the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Komen had been handing out bright pink visors to breast cancer survivors running in its Race for the Cure since late 1990

Susan G. Komen for the Cure® has used the color pink since its inception in 1982. The first Komen Race for the Cure® logo design was an abstract female runner outlined with a pink ribbon and was used during the mid-1980s through early 1990s.

In 1990, the first breast cancer survivor program was launched at the Komen National Race for the Cure® in Washington, D.C. The survivors wore buttons that were printed in black and white. Later that year, the survivor program developed, and pink was used as the designated color for Komen to promote awareness and its programs. Pink visors were launched for survivor recognition.

In 1991, pink ribbons were distributed to all breast cancer survivors and participants of the Komen New York City Race for the Cure®. Then in 1992, Alexandra Penney, editor-in-chief of Self magazine, wanted to put the magazine's second annual Breast Cancer Awareness Month issue over the top. She did this by creating a ribbon and enlisting the cosmetics giants to distribute them in New York City stores. And thus, the birth of the pink ribbon! Today, any generic pink ribbon can be used to represent breast cancer awareness.

On **Sunday, October 6, 2019**, the CIBC Run for the Cure is taking place at Cambrian College - 1400 Barry Downe Road 8:00 am – 11:00 am Join the more than 85,000 Canadians in the largest, single-day, volunteer-led event dedicated to changing the future of breast cancer!

For more information on this event:

<http://www.cancer.ca/en/events/on/cibc-run-for-the-cure/cibc-run-for-the-cure-in-sudbury/?region=on#ixzz60Y0ezhrQ>





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Home Fire Safety

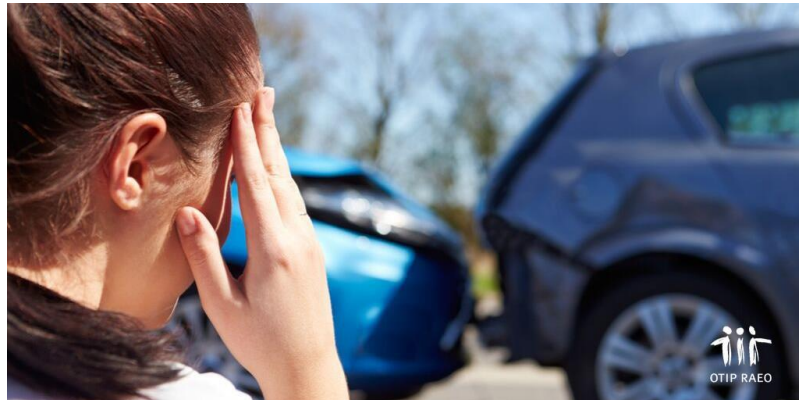
No one wants to lose their home or possessions due to a house fire. It is a devastating event that can take months – or even years to recover from. Fire awareness week is October 6 to 12, and is a good time to learn more about preventing and recovering from house fires. Most house fires seem to occur between November and March1, making October a great time to enhance your knowledge. Staying mindful and alert to any potential dangers in your home is the key to preventing a fire before it starts. To learn more, click here: www.otipinsurance.com/article46

Not sure what to do if you get into a car accident?

Follow these 5 steps

It's just another day and you're driving to work, picking up your kids, buying groceries, or visiting family when it happens—a car accident. After screeching to a halt, your adrenaline is pumping, your heart is racing, and your palms are sweating. When you're in a panic it can be tricky to know what to do. By reviewing these steps now, you'll be ready to jump into action if the time comes.

To learn more, click here: www.otipinsurance.com/article48



Witch-Hunt!!!



Hope you enjoyed the October issue of the LINK! If you took the time to read it, tell us how many witches appear in this edition and we will enter your name in a draw for some cool swag!
Email: osstf@d03.osstf.ca with your answer and any feedback you have. ☺

Members!

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