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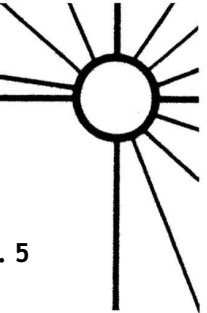
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FoolProof Formula



.. My recipe for happiness ..



- Train your conscience and live by it. In essence, avoid the occasion of a misdoing, no matter how small; thereby you are accountable to no one.
- Give of yourself without reservation or expectation.
- Be content with your state in life, and be grateful that it's not worse than it could be.
- Try to do one good turn a day, no matter how small.
- Try to be a good listener.
- Never do to others what you would not like to have others do to you.
- Forget the past if it holds any unpleasant memory.
- Prayer is a power agent.

..... The above, if followed,
can make your life peaceful and fulfilling.....

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER



WHEN: THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2010
 WHERE: O.E.C.T.A. Halton Elementary Unit Office
 1182 Blair Road, Burlington
 TIME: 7:30 p.m.
 COST: \$20.00 Per Player (entire amount goes to the pot)
 CONTACT: Send cheques to: Brian MacDonald
 c/o Halton Elementary Unit Office, Burlington



STAFF/C.B.C. REP. MEETING #2



WHEN: THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2010
 WHERE: Halton Elementary Unit Office
 1182 Blair Road, Burlington
 TIME: 4:30 p.m.
 GUEST: Reno Melatti, O.T.F.
 TOPICS: New Pension changes



FALLS VIEW CASINO NIAGARA

WHEN: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2010
 WHERE: Falls View Casino Niagara
 TIME: 4:30 p.m. (Bus leaves Unit Office)
 COST: \$10.00 deposit (Refundable at door)
 (Refreshments & Food on the bus)
Make cheque payable to:
 O.E.C.T.A. Social Committee
Mail cheque/cash to:
 Mary Jean Monte
 c/o Halton Elementary Unit Office, Burlington



OECTA HEALTH & SAFETY MTG. #2

WHEN: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010
 WHERE: O.E.C.T.A. Halton Elementary Unit Office
 1182 Blair Road, Burlington
 TIME: 4:30 p.m.
 GUESTS: Theresa Davis, Senior Administrator, H.C.D.S.B.
 Ross Baptista, Health & Safety Officer, H.C.D.S.B.



PRESIDENT'S FORUM

REMEMBER

JANUARY 6, 2010 PAY INCLUDES:

E.I. (EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE)
 C.P.P. (CANADA PENSION PLAN)
 TEACHERS PENSION PLAN INCREASE
 COLLEGE OF TEACHERS FEE (FIRST HALF - \$60.00)

JANUARY 20, 2010 PAY INCLUDES:

E.I. (EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE)
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 TEACHERS PENSION PLAN INCREASE
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May you have a prosperous, peaceful and healthy New Year!



YOUNG AUTHORS' AWARDS

PRIX JEUNES ECRIVAINS

The purpose of the annual O.E.C.T.A. Young Authors' Award is to celebrate the writing talents of students and the teaching talents of their teachers and to showcase students and teachers' accomplishments.

LEVEL

JK/SK
Grades 1 - 2
Grades 3 - 4
Grades 5 - 6
Grades 7 - 8

CATEGORIES

Short Story/Poem/Nonfiction (reflection or report)
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Short Story/Poem/Play/Nonfiction (essay or report)

- All entries must not exceed 3,000 words
- There are three (3) levels of competition: School, Unit and Provincial. First place winners at each level advance to the next level.
- Each school can submit one entry, per category, and division to the Unit level.
- Entries must be submitted to your School O.E.C.T.A. Rep. by: **March 1, 2010**
- O.E.C.T.A. Reps: Send submissions to: Richard Brock, President of O.E.C.T.A.
Halton Elementary Unit Office

P. D. T. : P. D.

The Provincial Discussion Table (PDT) agreement provides for funding intended to enhance professional learning opportunities for teachers. The Halton Catholic District School Board and OECTA Elementary agree that the funding provided for professional learning under the PDT will be allocated as follows in phase one of the roll-out of these funds:

- Release time for job-embedded professional development.
- Release time for professional learning in Catholic Learning Communities.
- School Conference Budgets.

Schools will be able to access additional coverage for teachers to participate in job-embedded professional development and/or for opportunities for professional learning through Catholic learning communities over the course of a four year period. In addition, schools will have additional funds to provide support for teachers wishing to attend professional development conferences. It is the intention of the HCDSB / OECTA Joint PD Committee that all teachers will have an opportunity to access the described professional development opportunities over the course of the four year funding provision.

Tracking of teacher access to the job-embedded/Catholic learning communities professional development and access to conferences will be tracked by principals/ supervisors at each school/department and provided to our Unit annually and as updates.

For conference funding, teachers are requested to complete the Board conference request form which can be obtained from their principal/supervisor for approval.

~ Full details in C.B.C. Flyer #4 ~

CONFERENCE CORNER

When Faith Meets Pedagogy
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S.T.A.O. Science Conference

October 22-24, 2009
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November 14, 2009

Teresa Foster
Claire D'Addario
Margaret Schnurr

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Texas Hold'em Poker Tourney
Labour Mgmt. Meeting #3
Staff/C.B.C. Rep. Meeting #2

January 14, 2010
January 25, 2010
January 28, 2010

7:30 p.m. O.E.C.T.A. Office
3:00 p.m. Board Office
4:30 p.m. O.E.C.T.A. Office

AROUND HALTON

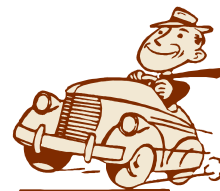
Our sincere sympathy and prayers go out to the following members, as well as to their family and friends:

- Marjory O'Keeffe (St. Raphael) on the passing of her father, Edmund O'Keeffe, on December 10, 2009.
- Marquita Manes (retired teacher of the H.C.D.S.B.) and Ron Szpakowski (St. Thomas), on the passing of their brother, Paul "Satch" Szpakowski, on November 29, 2009.
- Mary DiSabatino (St. Matthew) on the passing of her father, Secondo (Nino) Cerruti, on December 31, 2009.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS!

DO:

- ✓ Slow down gradually and drive at a speed that suits the conditions.
- ✓ Make sure the full lighting system of your vehicle is turned on.
- ✓ Be patient. Avoid passing, changing lanes and crossing traffic.
- ✓ Increase your following distance. You will need extra distance to brake safely.
- ✓ Stay alert. Keep looking as far ahead as possible.
- ✓ Reduce the distractions in your vehicle. Your full attention is required.
- ✓ Keep your windows and mirrors clean. Use defroster and wipers to maximize your vision.
- ✓ Try to get off the road when visibility is near zero. Pull into a safe parking area if possible.



DON'T:

- ✗ Don't stop on the travelled portion of the road. You could become the first link in a chain-reaction collision.
- ✗ Don't attempt to pass a vehicle moving slowly or speed up to get away from a vehicle that is following closely.

REMEMBER:

- Watch your speed. You may be going faster than you think. If so, reduce speed gradually. Leave a safe braking distance between you and the vehicle ahead.
- If you become stuck or stranded in severe weather, stay with your vehicle for warmth and safety until help arrives. Slightly open a window for ventilation. Run your motor sparingly. Use your emergency flashers.
- Be prepared and carry a winter driving survival kit that includes items such as warm clothing, non-perishable energy foods, flashlight, shovel, blanket, etc.

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