

**Ontario English Catholic Teachers  
Association  
Halton Unit**



# **News Release**

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**Young Authors - Call for Judges  
ETFO Credit Course**

## 2009 Provincial Selection Committee Call for Judges

To: Unit Presidents  
Provincial Executive  
Secretariat  
OTF Governors

From: Susan Perry  
OECTA Professional Development Department

Date: February 27, 2009

Re: Provincial Selection Committee

The selection of the provincial winners of the Young Authors Awards/ Prix jeune écrivains will take place on Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the OECTA Provincial Office in Toronto.

Please invite teachers from your unit to apply to serve on the Provincial Selection Committee. Representative teams of Elementary and Secondary teachers will be chosen to form sub-committees for the selection process.

Certificates will be issued to the judges in recognition of their participation on the Provincial Selection Committee. They will also be paid an honorarium of two hundred dollars. The day will begin with a one-hour workshop on holistic and analytic scoring and on the judging criteria and procedures. Lunch will be provided. Teachers must provide their own transportation.

Teachers can apply by completing and faxing the enclosed Application Form to the provincial office.

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*FAX completed application form before March 31, 2009 to*  
Susan Perry, OECTA Professional Development Department  
FAX 416-925-5251

## 2009 Provincial Selection Committee Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

School Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ School Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

School Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

OECTA Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s)/Subject(s) you are presently teaching: \_\_\_\_\_

**Awards you prefer to judge:** (check one)

Young Authors Awards \_\_\_\_\_

Prix jeunes écrivains \_\_\_\_\_

**Division(s) you prefer to judge:** (check one or more)

**Elementary**

**Secondary**

Kindergarten \_\_\_\_\_

Intermediate (9-10) \_\_\_\_\_

Grades 1-2 \_\_\_\_\_

Senior (11-12) \_\_\_\_\_

Grades 3-4 \_\_\_\_\_

Grades 5-6 \_\_\_\_\_

Grades 7-8 \_\_\_\_\_

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**FAX (416) 925-5251**

**Next Credit Course Offering**  
Halton ..... April 17 - 19 and 24 - 26  
ETFO Office ..... North Service Road ..... Burlington

Accompanying this cover sheet please find information about the next Credit Course that will be offered in Halton.

The course is entitled :

“ Classroom Management :  
Orchestrating A Community of Learners ”

This course will benefit any Teacher who takes it .....  
regardless of grade level, subject level, and / or  
teaching experience.

Skills, strategies, techniques we look at in class  
on the weekend can be used immediately in class  
on Monday morning.

This is a “ Teacher Friendly Course ” and my promise is to  
make it as “ *stress - free* ” as I can possibly make it.

Details can be found on the next 2 pages.

If there are any questions or if you wish to register simply email  
me at “ [mulligan@vaxxine.com](mailto:mulligan@vaxxine.com) ”.

# Classroom Management : Orchestrating A Community of Learners

Free yourself from constantly dealing with behavioural and organizational issues, and empower your students to take responsibility for their own learning experiences. Classroom Management refers to all of the things you do to organize students, space, time, and materials so that instruction in content and student learning can take place. Create classroom harmony, maximize learning, and promote positive behaviour as you :

- \* **STRUCTURE A POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**
  - \* Identify the qualities of effective classroom managers
  - \* Create an inviting emotional climate & Set up a positive physical climate
  - \* Establish effective rules and classroom procedures
  - \* Design lessons that maintain momentum and flow
  - \* Increase desired behaviour through positive reinforcement
- \* **INCREASE STUDENT WILLINGNESS & COOPERATION**
- \* **STOP MISBEHAVIOUR & PREVENT IT FROM RECURRING**
  - \* Respond appropriately to students
  - \* Understand the relationship between discipline and learning styles
- \* **GIVE AND RECEIVE SUPPORT**
  - \* Encourage parental support
  - \* Establish and maintain rapport with parents throughout the school year
  - \* Practice & maintain strategies for stress reduction, personal renewal, & colleague support

## Practical Skill Based Activities

Accepted by QECO and OECTA Certification for Salary / Category Upgrading

Course Fees are Tax Deductible

Funding may be available depending on your Federation PD Fund guidelines

Money Now ..... Money For Life ..... **MAXIMIZE YOUR PENSION**

Instructor's Goal : *To make this the most " STRESS - FREE " course for you as possible.*

**Instructor : Murray M. Mulligan**

**WHEN :** Fridays ..... April 17 & April 24 ..... 4:15 – 9:15  
Saturdays ..... April 18 & April 25 ..... 8:30 - 4:30  
Sundays ..... April 19 & April 26 ..... 8:30 – 1:30

**LOCATION :** ETFO Office, 4475 North Service rd., Burlington, ON L7L 4X7

**COST :** \$ 475.00 .... for Credit ..... \$ 350.00 .... for Professional Growth  
( Plus : a \$ 10.00 Paper/Photocopy/Resource Fee  
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**FOR MORE INFORMATION/QUESTIONS/ or TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT :**

Murray M. Mulligan  
Phone ..... 905 - 735 - 0607      Email ..... " mulligan@vaxxine.com

**To : Federation Reps**  
**From : Murray M. Mulligan**

**On the other side of this sheet, please find a copy of the larger flyer that is attached, concerning an up - coming course that I will be teaching in the area. Would you be so kind as to bring it to the attention of your Staff by :**

- \* POSTING the large flyer ABOVE THE PHOTOCOPIER**
- \* GIVING a copy of this small sheet to any interested staff**
- \* MENTIONING this at your next Staff Meeting**  
..... especially the information below which outlines the benefits of taking this course ( and other ETFO Credit Courses )

## **ETFO CREDIT COURSES**

### **WHY SHOULD YOU TAKE THESE ?**

- 1. Each course is recognized by QECO & OECTA as a “ *half - credit* ” towards moving up a Salary / Category level. ( Because each Teacher’s qualifications are different, you should check with QECO or OECTA to ensure this course will be approved for your particular file. This can take awhile ..... inquire early. )**
- 2. Each level you move up will INCREASE YOUR CURRENT PAY from that point on in your career. As well, this will GREATLY INCREASE YOUR PENSION. This is an INVESTMENT of your time and money that is 100 % GUARANTEED to pay off in the end.**
- 3. Upon successful completion of a course, a half-credit will be issued by Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, which can go towards a CATEGORY / SALARY LEVEL RAISE.**
- 4. These courses are PRACTICAL in nature . Work in class is done in pairs, triads, or small groups and can be used immediately in your own classroom.**
- 5. ETFO Credit Courses are the most practical, most convenient, and far and the easiest way to go from one QECO / Salary level to the next.**
- 6. The few take home assignments are directly related to your classroom.**
- 7. I will do my best to make this course as “ *stress – free* ” as I can. Check with Any of your colleagues who have ever taken one of my courses.**
- 8. You may be eligible for funding by your Federation, depending, of course, on your local guidelines.**
- 9. Income Tax receipts for the Course fee will be issued.**