

AM ETFO INFO

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Weather Days

Just a reminder that if busses are cancelled and your school is open to students, you are not required to teach online.

If schools are open, members will deliver their program in a face-to-face model.

Smartfind

We have communicated to the board the frustration members feel about logging in to Smartfind to enter weather days when schools are closed. We have shared that this is an onerous task when members are working to pivot to online learning for the day.

At this point, the board has not communicated a commitment to change this practice.

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International Women's Day

March 8, 2021 is the 110th anniversary of International Women's Day - one of the most important days of the year to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to rally for women's equality. How that will take place in 2021 we cannot say. But we also cannot let the day slip away without celebrating it in these extraordinary times.



Contact your Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

Immediate, confidential help for any concern is just a phone call away,

Toll-free, 24 hours a day, seven days a week:
1.800.387.4765 or

visit <http://www.shepell.com>

Services Offered:

- Professional counselling
- Financial support
- Legal support
- Nutrition support
- Family support
- Health coaching
- Naturopathic services
- Fitness support

Did You Know?

Did you know that the Avon Maitland Teachers' Local has their own website? It can be found at www.ametfo.ca. The website has a wealth of information including;

Committee descriptions and membership

Events and news from your local ETFO office

Events and news from your provincial ETFO office

Professional learning opportunities

H&S information including a link for the eBase login

Link to "Let Us Know" for reporting a H&S incident

Resource links for a variety of topics

A "Members Only" section which contains your local and provincial collective agreements

And much, much more.

Having a baby or taking a leave:

Sign in to BabySteps with your Ontario Teachers' account to keep track of your buyback payments and deadlines.

Not ready to buy back your maternity leave? Don't have an online account with us yet? You can still use the app to learn more about buying back and to hear what your peers have to say about their experience.

You can also read the BabySteps Blog, which combines plan news with parenting tips from leading experts.

<http://www.otpp.com/BabySteps>

The BabySteps app will keep your buy-back on track.





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All members should have an OTPP (formally iaccess) account to:

Explore:

- Scenarios with the Pension Calculator
- Your online pension checkup
- How you can maximize your pension by buying back a leave
- Your service summary
- Change your survivor pension

Tip — if you are married, you should have your survivor pension set at 75% until you retire

Plan:

- Your future with the Retirement Centre
- For your survivors

Dates to Remember

March 9 - Executive Meeting

April 2 - Good Friday

April 5 - Easter Monday

April 6 - Executive Meeting

April 15 - 19 - March Break

May 24 - Victoria Day.

June 11 - PA Day for Assessment and Reporting

June 15 - Executive Meeting.

June 28 - Last day for students

June 29 - PA Day