

## Bruce Grey OECTA ELEMENTARY

April 2025

### **LOCAL UNIT EXECUTIVE**

**President**-Kristen Fry

**Vice President**- Corinne Kalistchuck

**Secretary**-Karen Herchmer

**Treasurer**- Stacey Dahmer

**Councillor**- StephFortney

**Councillor**- Lisa Desroches

**Councillor**- Teresa Dantas

**Councillor**- Sioety Radan

**Human Rights Councillor**- Erin Van Moorsel

**Beginning Teacher Rep**- Marie Tudor

**OT Rep**- Deb Meyer

**H&S Rep**-Corinne Kalistchuk

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(Password: BGoecta144)

Twitter: OECTA\_bg\_Elem

[https://twitter.com/OECTA\\_bg\\_Elem](https://twitter.com/OECTA_bg_Elem)

### **PROFESSIONAL JUDGEMENT**

Our Collective Agreement in article 6 is quite clear that Growing Success continues to guide our assessment, evaluation and reporting. Professional Judgement is the cornerstone of assessment and evaluation.

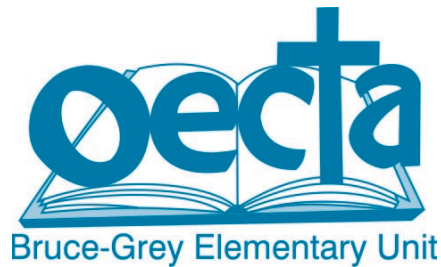
### **OTIP- EDUCATORS FINANCIAL GROUP**



Here are a few ways to help you spring into action and make your money work harder for you.

- **Check in on your financial situation.** Life events like marriage, children, or retirement can significantly alter your budget and goals. That's why it's a good idea to review your financial situation to ensure your investment plan remains aligned with your current situation.
- **Review your mortgage options.** Whether you're looking for your first mortgage or coming up to renewal time, navigate the changing mortgage landscape with expert guidance and exclusive rates. Plus, you may also qualify for a cash bonus of up to \$500\*. Speak to an Educators mortgage agent today: <https://bit.ly/427jxDK>.
- **File your tax return early.** By getting your taxes done early, you'll ensure any benefits remain uninterrupted and receive any refund, faster. Expecting a refund? Here's how to make the most of it: <https://bit.ly/4jfbY8>.

For a full list of financial 'to-dos' this spring, check out this article: <https://bit.ly/41R4b7y>.



## **UNIT ELECTIONS and GENERAL MEETING:**

The following positions are open for election and the nominations have now closed. Here is your slate of nominees:

***Vice President (1 Year term)- Corinne Kalistchuk acclaimed***

***Treasurer (2 year term)- open***

***Secretary (1 year term) - open***

***Councillors (4 people total- 1 year term)- Teresa Dantas and Steph Fortney acclaimed – 2 open spots***

***Human Rights Councillor- Marie Tudor- acclaimed***

***Beginning teacher Rep. (1 Year term)- open***

***Occasional Teacher Rep (1 Year term)-Deb Meyer- acclaimed***

The Occ Rep will also be a member of the Occasional Teacher Bargaining Unit Executive Committee.

- Positions with nominees above have been acclaimed. **CONGRATS!**

Nominations for and the election of the remaining open positions will be held in person at the Spring General Meeting on Tuesday May 27 at 5pm at Cargill Church Hall.

## **UPCOMING DATES**

**April 22-** Round 1 transfers posted at Simplification/Apply to Ed

**Early May-** Round 2 transfers posted at Simplification/Apply to Ed

**May 14-** Regular Exec/Reps Meeting- 5pm in Cargill Catholic Church hall

**May 27-** Spring General Meeting – 5pm Cargill Church hall- Election for remaining open positions- all are welcome. RSVP today to Kristen for dinner. We will be honouring our retirees.

**June-** Cross panel transfers will be facilitated, at the discretion of the Board.

**June 6-** PA day- Report Card writing

**June 21-** Kincardine Pride parade- 11 am

## **EAP PLAN- NEW TELUSHEALTH**

[one.telushealth.com](http://one.telushealth.com)

**Username:** EAP-bgcddb / **Password:** EAP

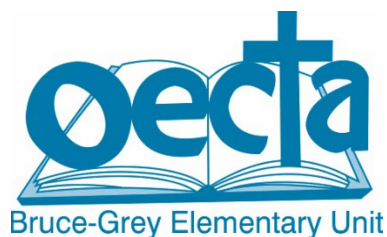
### **Telus Health is the new provider.**

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is a free and confidential service provided by your employer that offers help with personal and work-related issues.

Professionally trained advisors are available to help with

- family problems
- marital concerns
- financial
- legal matters
- stress, depression
- other issues affecting your personal or work life.

**Call your EAP toll-free, any time, 24/7, 365 days a year: 1.844.880.9142 or 1.844.671.3327**



## PRIDE PARADES 2025

The local unit will participate in the Pride parade in Kincardine (June 21) at 11 am. We hope to also participate in the Owen Sound Parade, if one is planned. More details soon.

## NEW BOARD PERKS:

[41037963.pdf \(perkopolis.com\)](#)

And Rogers deals: [Grey-Bruce District School Board \(RPP\) \(beyondwireless.ca\)](#)



BGCDSB has partnered with Chalkboard Plus, so you can save more on everything from clothes and groceries, to events and travel. This perks program is free for you and all school board employees so start enjoying members-only offers today.

Click the logo above to sign up today!

## FAITH AND WELLNESS RESOURCES

<https://www.catholicteachers.ca/For-Your-Classroom/Faith-Wellness>

- Toolkits
- Lesson plans
- Self paced course
- PD for teachers
- Videos
- Links to other resources

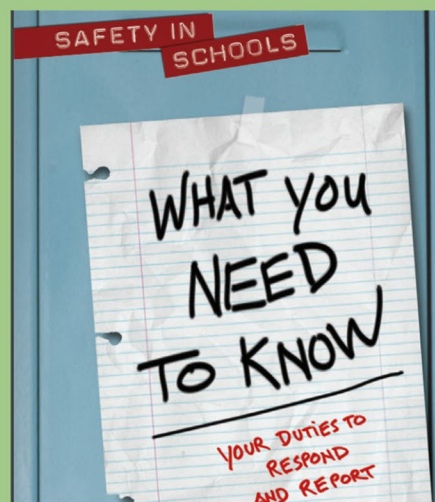
A new School Board Wellness Hub: [Employee Wellness Hub](#)

## CONGRATS TO ERIN VAN MOORSEL

At the recent AGM Erin was elected as a Councillor to the PROVINCIAL level Executive of OECTA, for two years. This is a massive achievement and brings our unique rural perspective to discussions at the highest levels of OECTA. We are so proud!



## SAFE SCHOOLS: DUTY TO RESPOND AND REPORT

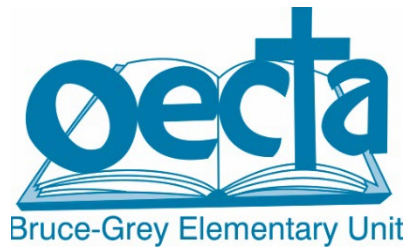


[https://www.catholicteachers.ca/OECTA/media/pdfs/Health%20and%20Safety/Publications/2017/safety\\_in\\_schools\\_aug22.pdf](https://www.catholicteachers.ca/OECTA/media/pdfs/Health%20and%20Safety/Publications/2017/safety_in_schools_aug22.pdf)

## OECTA PROVINCIAL PD FOR TEACHERS

1. AQ summer registration is open
2. Web Experiences
3. Minicourses are open
4. Office Hours Q and A regularly held
5. Summer online Book Club

Go to [Catholicteachers.ca](https://www.catholicteachers.ca)



## OECTA PROVINCIAL AGM 2025

At the start of the March break your delegates spent 3 days at our Annual OECTA AGM.



Many thanks to Marie Tudor, Karen Herchmer, Nataalka Pucan, Erin Van Moorsel, Sioety Radan, and Corinne Kalistchuk for volunteering their time at March Break on behalf of all of us.



<https://www.otpp.com/home>



Check out the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Website at [www.otpp.com](http://www.otpp.com) . You can use your SIN number to see your retirement date, and play with possible scenarios. You can read updates.

## OUR CONTRACT

Our old collective agreement is found at [bgcdsb.org](http://bgcdsb.org) under For Staff. We are still awaiting the 2022 to 2026 contract.

**BANKED PREPS** Did you know that if you miss a prep period we have new rules about how to bank it and recoup it later? See a memo from HR in Jan 2025 that outlines the new rules or ask your school rep to see a copy.

Use the online Google Form to record your missed prep every **FRIDAY- it must be weekly.**

## NEWSLETTER DRAW for \$100 GIFT CARD

Congrats to March's winners: Charlotte Rich, Rachel Lasek and Jamie Johnson. Want to win a \$100 Gift Card? Look in the newsletter for the answer to the question below. Submit your Answer, Name and School to enter into a Draw at [oectadrawprize@gmail.com](mailto:oectadrawprize@gmail.com) 3 monthly prizes of \$100 available.



If you miss a prep time how do you record it in order to have it repaid?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

My name and School: \_\_\_\_\_

April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit