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The Latest Information to Keep YOU Informed

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A Message From the President

Good morning:

It's hard to imagine that May 1st is this Friday. It certainly is starting to feel more like spring. I have a couple of updates to share:

BEING PAID BEYOND THIS FRIDAY:

On Sunday, April 26, 2020, Education Minister Stephen Lecce announced that all publicly-funded schools will remain closed until at least May 31, 2020. At the end of March, the Ministry of Education unveiled the second phase of Learn at Home to ensure the continuity of learning for Students. This included enhancing education support and created opportunities for Educators to connect with Students. Parents have been assured that regardless of what transpires over the coming weeks, Ontario's Students will be able to complete their school year. I am hopeful that we will continue to be paid. Once I get the formal notification that we will continue to be paid, I will let the Membership know.

ALLOCATION OF HOURS AND UPCOMING POSTINGS:

Allocation of hours are yet to come out as well as postings. It will likely be mid-May before these are ready. Please take the time now to review your resume. As soon as I have dates, I will share them with the Members.

WHEN AND HOW ARE MEMBERS SUPPORTING STUDENTS?

I have had many conversations with Members as well as the Board in this regard. All Members are to be supporting Students and/or families during their work hours. You are not to be contacting Students and/or families after your regular day is over. Communication is NOT to be done in the evenings. You are putting Yourselves at risk if you continue to do this.

Members are NOT to be texting Students. If you are using your phone during the day to make calls, please ensure that you have your caller ID off.

If you have questions in regard to which Students you are supporting, how you are supposed to be supporting them, etc., please reach out to your direct Supervisor. This would be your Principal or your program Leader. If you are not getting your concerns addressed, I recommend that you reach out via email to either Carrie Parking (your Paraprofessional Supervisor) or Cindy Benedetti (if you are an Itinerant).

I have been hearing a great deal of positive feedback about our Members. I am very proud to be part of our group. We are all in this together and it sure is a learning curve for all. I wish everyone continued good health.

Sincerely,

Colleen Dietrich Sisson
President - EAA

National Day of Mourning

Every year on April 28 we pay our respects to, and remember, the thousands of workers who have been killed, injured or suffered illness as a result of work-related incidents.



We also honour the many families and friends who have been deeply affected by these tragedies.

Every worker has the right to return home safe and sound at the end of each work day.

By working together – with employers, workers and our health and safety partners – we can prevent worker injuries and deaths before they occur.

Celebrating Our EAA Members

We would like to take a moment to state that for all the members that were going to be celebrated at the Spring Dinner whether it was for Retirement, Years of Service, EAA Appreciation Award, you have not been forgotten about. When we host our next Spring Dinner we will celebrate your achievements at that time.

The Need for Blood Donors!

During these uncertain times, one thing remains constant, and that is the need for blood. This is one thing that comes from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's messages.

The EA Association has supported our local clinic by hosting Blood Drives in the past. I reached out to the clinic to see if we could set up some kind of support for another blood drive. Please read the response I received from the clinic.

"Blood donor centres are a place of wellness, and we have taken precautions to ensure the safety of donors. We have implemented wellness checks at the entrance of our centres, and we have increased our travel restrictions at this time to ensure the safety of those coming inside.

For more information and updates please visit: blood.ca/en/covid19
To book an appointment or check operating hours please visit: blood.ca/en/donate

Thank-you so much for your continued support of Canadian Blood Services and for

your contribution to Canada's Lifeline."

The need for donors remains strong - KW.pdf

PLEASE SHARE THIS MESSAGE WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Find all the info you need!

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