

2014-2015 Professional Learning Report

Influencing Your Class Through Your Voice

Lori Holmes, M.Sc. Speech-Language Pathologist
October 29th, 2014



Today's teachers meet a variety of vocal challenges on a daily basis. OTs face additional challenges as every assignment brings different students, work load, expectations, administration, and colleagues. Feeling vocally confident can go a long way in

meeting these challenges successfully. In Lori's workshop we learned voice care strategies, how to produce an easy teaching voice, how to confidently use our teaching voice to influence, instruct and manage students and how to identify and eliminate annoying speech habits.

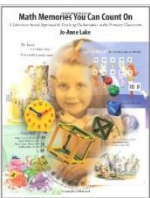
The Art & Science of a Successful Interview

Sylvia van Campen, ETFO Presenter
Thursday, April 9th, 2015

This energized workshop was just in time for LTO Roster Interviews. Sylvia shared the seven themes the interview questions would be based on as required with the new regulation, the importance of a personal educational philosophy, preparing for the interview, and how to answer interview questions and much more. Participants left with many ideas and resources they could use to prepare themselves for this important process.

Teaching Mathematics: What's the Problem?

Terri Trimble, ETFO Presenter
Wednesday, May 6th, 2015



This workshop provided OTs with background in effective numeracy instruction; trying a problem; teaching through problem solving; the 3-part lesson; and inquiry based learning. Everyone received a professional resource.

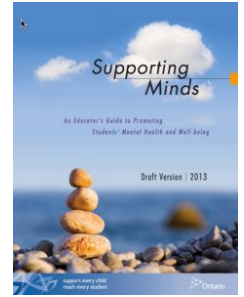
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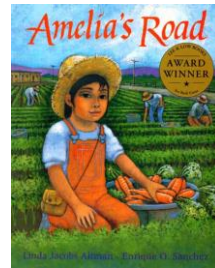
From July 1st 2014 to June 30th, 2015, keep your receipts for any ETFO conferences, workshops, AQ's, summer academy sessions or events offered by non-profit organizations for a chance via a draw to receive reimbursement of up to \$100 of the fees associated with the cost of attending the event. The application form can be found on our website at www.bluewater-ot.org

Supporting Students in Regular Classrooms: Mental Health Matters!

George Mantik, ETFO Presenter
Rene Langen, BWDSB Mental Health Lead
December 4th, 2014



Rene shared the BWDSB Mental Health Strategy. Participants were provided insights into the symptoms and the needs of children diagnosed with common conditions like ADHD and Anxiety. George shared practical and universal strategies for creating a mentally healthy classroom environment which benefits all students. Everyone received a copy of the Ministry of Education K-12 resource guide, "Supporting Minds".



Linking Literacy and Learning

Terri Trimble, ETFO Presenter
Wednesday, April 15th, 2015

This workshop provided OTs with an overview of literacy instruction; comprehensive literacy; differentiated instruction strategies; assessment and evaluation; and effective literacy instructional strategies.

Everyone received an ETFO recommended read aloud book for their collection.



Regular Employment Insurance Information Session

Wednesday, June 10th, 2015



This Information Session will include:

- Eligibility to file a claim
- How to file a claim
- EI Claimant categories
- Question/Answer Session

Book Funding

From July 1st, 2014 to June 30th, 2015, keep your receipts for any books you purchase for professional growth as an occasional teacher. Those who apply will receive reimbursement of up to \$25 on a first come, first serve basis until funds are depleted. The application form can be found on our website at www.bluewater-ot.org



Happy Learning, Amanda Anderson, PL Officer



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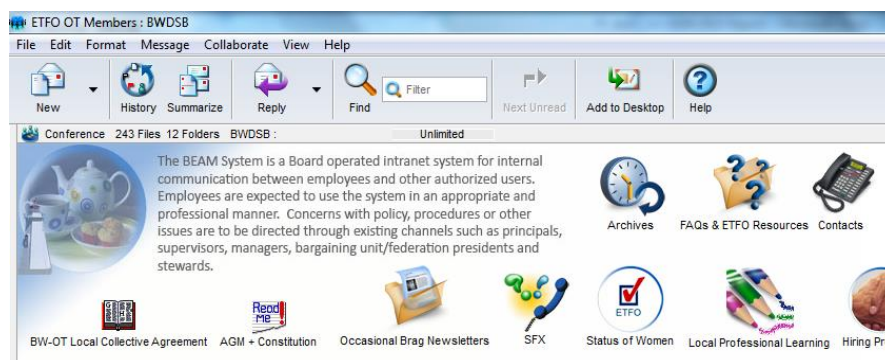
Our Local's website contains up to date information and resources on our:

- Collective Agreement
- Constitution
- New Member USBs
- Newsletters
- Professional Learning
- Hiring Process
- EI Reference Codes
- PRS Matters Bulletins
- Meeting Information
- Photo Album
- Important Contacts

Newsletters

Since September 2014, our newsletters are sent directly to members' home e-mail addresses to help occasional teachers stay informed and up to date.

PDF versions are also posted on our Local's Website as well as above the ETFO OT Members Conference on BEAM. This OT Folder on BEAM is another great way to stay in the loop!



**Helping you stay informed,
Amanda Anderson, Communications Officer**

