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News you can use from the Ontario College of Teachers



In this Issue

This issue of *The Standard* presents the latest in the Great Teaching video series, online education resources for parents and students, profiles of teachers taking part in the upcoming Pan Am and Parapan Am Games, and more.

Whatever your plans for the months ahead, we wish you a safe and happy summer. See you in the fall!



Games on!

The Pan Am and Parapan Am Games are coming to Toronto July 10-26 and August 7-15. Read about three [Ontario Certified Teachers](#) who are taking part and learn how elite level sports helps to inform their professional practice in the classroom.



Celebrating Great Teaching

The College sets the standards of practice for Ontario's teaching profession. See how award-winning teacher Sylvia Duckworth, OCT, applies those standards in her classroom.



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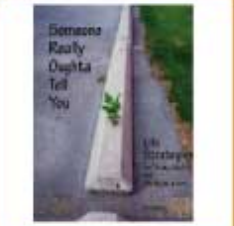
Visit these online resources for parents and students:

- ***Child care info:*** Find information and resources in over 20 languages about [child care options](#) in Ontario. The site also includes a tip sheet with common questions to ask a child care provider. The College works closely with the College of Early Childhood Educators, who is responsible for regulating Early Childhood Educators, some of whom work in licensed child care centres.
 - ***Creating healthy schools:*** *Ryan's Law, 2015*, will require all school boards to have an asthma policy in place to support students with asthma. Find out more [here](#).
 - ***Supporting public education:*** The Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations, an independent voice of parents, offers [information](#) about the public school system in several of the dominant languages found in schools.
 - ***There's an app for that:*** From an app that can bring the best of the National Film Board's short educational documentaries and animated movies to your tablet or smartphone to one that can help your child conjugate French verbs, check out these [educational apps](#). Looking for apps in English and French? [Read](#) reviews of bilingual apps created for parents and teachers.
 - ***Find a Teacher:*** The College's online public registry allows you to see whether a teacher is in good standing with the College. Visit [oct.ca](#).
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Enhancing Teacher Education

Initial teacher education — what people learn to become teachers – is undergoing significant and exciting change in Ontario. Read about [changes to the program](#), which will take effect on September 1, 2015.



Books for Every Age and Stage

Looking for a self-help book that offers straight advice to young adults as they begin their journey into the world of work, finance and survival? Then check out our review of [Someone Really Oughta Tell You](#), written for high school or university students who are starting to set short- and long-term goals.



The College in Your Community

The College attends events to raise awareness of its role in protecting the public interest and to promote the high standards to which our members aspire.

Have a question? Come talk with us at an event.

- [Pride Toronto Festival](#), June 26-28
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Public Presentations to College Council

Do you have a topic related to the College's work or activities that you would like to present to our Council? Council invites [public presentations](#) at its meetings and at the Annual Meeting of Members.