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The Standard

News you can use from the Ontario College of Teachers



Looking ahead

The Standard looks at Ontario's full-day kindergarten program and at an app that will help your kids manage their busy schedules.

We also added a new section called, "At the College" to keep you in-the-know about our role as the self-regulatory body for teachers working in Ontario's publicly funded schools and the work we're doing to serve the public interest.

And finally, with the winter (and its comforting indulgences) almost behind us, we are also sharing some physical education facts.



It's here - full-day kindergarten

Piloted in September 2010, Ontario's full-day kindergarten program will be up and running in every publicly funded elementary school this September.

Read how Ontario Certified Teachers (OCTs) and Registered Early Childhood Educators (RECEs) are working together to support the full-day kindergarten program.



At The College

The Ontario College of Teachers licenses, governs and regulates the Ontario teaching profession in the public interest.

Every teacher, principal and supervisory officer who works in publicly funded schools in Ontario must be certified to teach in the province. This means that they are members of the College.

The *Ethical Standards for the Teaching Profession* and the *Standards of Practice for the Teaching Profession* were collaboratively developed with the public and the teaching profession. These standards convey a collective vision of professionalism that guides the daily practice of our members. At the heart of a strong and effective teaching profession is a commitment to students and their learning.

Teachers understand that the ethical principles of Care, Trust, Respect and Integrity are fundamental to effective professional practice

To learn more about the standards, see our [Foundations of Professional Practice](#) handbook.



By the Numbers: Let's Get Physical

- 20 minutes: The amount of time Ontario's elementary students must spend on physical activity daily
- In 2013, 45 per cent of Ontario's elementary schools had a full- or part-time phys-ed. teacher – up from 30 per cent in 2005
- 25 per cent of secondary students are involved in inter-school sports

The College continues to support its members in their ongoing professional learning through the AQ and ABQ in Health and Physical Education. More phys-ed facts can be found on page 19 in the December issue of *Professionally Speaking*.



Wanted: school artwork!

The College regularly displays works of art from schools across the province on our Art Wall and on Facebook. *Interested* in having your child's class artwork displayed? Please contact mnair@oct.ca.

Our latest exhibit is from the Senior Kindergarten students in the French Immersion program at Morse Street Junior Public School in Toronto. See our Facebook page for more photos from our Art Wall.



Tools for parents: My Class Schedule

My Class Schedule can help your kids manage their busy schedules. Available in English, French and several other languages, this Android app displays class and exam times in a colourful, easy-to-navigate timetable.



Exemplary OCT Goes Global

Brockville, Ontario teacher Brent Robillard, OCT, expands his students' world view by using real life experiences and simulations. Created by Robillard and his wife Caroline Bergeron, OCT, the school's unique International Studies Program teaches students to think like citizens of the world and give back to the global community. From planting trees to writing novellas, students hold a new fundraiser every month to engage different community support groups.

Read more on page 29 in this issue of [Professionally Speaking](#)



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