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The Standard

News you can use from the Ontario College of Teachers



In this Issue

Any time is a good time to reflect on one's goals and aspirations for the year ahead. The Ontario College of Teachers is no exception: we are continuously building upon our professional standards and enhancing teacher education in the public interest.

This issue of *The Standard* presents the latest in the Great Teaching video series, online education resources for parents and students, cyberbullying, student safety and more.



Celebrating Great Teaching

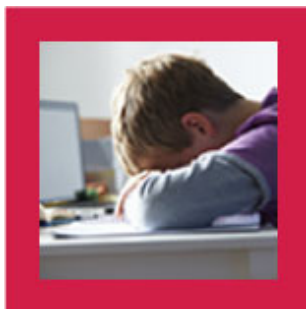
The College sets the standards of practice for Ontario's teaching profession. [Click here](#) to see how award-winning teacher Gabriel Ayyavoo, OCT, applies those standards in his classroom.



Bookmark This

The following are a list of online resources for parents and students:

- ***Info for parents:*** The Ontario College of Teachers offers a number of online tools and resources for parents. Learn about teacher qualifications and our disciplinary process. It's all available on our website. Bookmark it as your go-to resource.
- ***There's an app for that:*** From an app that can turn your tablet or smartphone into a planetarium to one that reads aloud with your child, check out the latest write-ups on these educational apps. Looking for apps in English and French? Click here to read reviews of bi-lingual apps created for parents and teachers.
- ***Top 5 education-related Ted Talks:*** Read the descriptions of these Ted Talks from around the world that reflect the College's ethical standards of care, trust, respect and integrity.
- ***Find a Teacher:*** The College's online public registry allows you to see if a teacher is in good standing with the College. Visit oct.ca.



Reporting Cyberbullying

A recent Canadian survey by PREVNet reveals that half of Canadians parents are concerned that their child could be cyberbullying others. Learn more about how to ensure your child's online interactions are positive and safe. You can also check out the College's professional advisory on social media use.



Enhancing Professional Learning

The College is revising the *Professional Learning Framework for the Teaching Profession*, a policy document that outlines opportunities for ongoing professional learning for Ontario Certified Teachers (OCTs). Professional development deepens and enhances OCTs' professional practice by promoting continuing competence among College members.



Keeping Students Safe

The December 2014 issue of *Professionally Speaking* examined the ways in which government, school boards and teachers are working together to create safe schools for Ontario students. For further reading on this topic, consult the College's [professional advisory](#) on student safety.



Books for Every Age and Stage

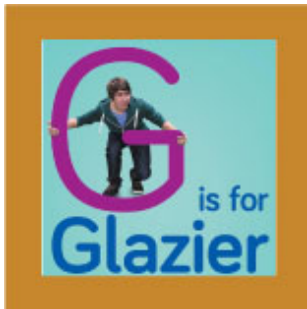
Wondering how you can help your child understand the value of a dollar? In *Follow Your Money*, Michael Hlinka and Kevin Sylvester help elementary and middle school students navigate the complex world of money — from the cost of a homemade lunch to how credit cards and taxes work.



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 near you!

- March 28-29: Toronto Baby Show, Direct Energy Centre, Hall D, Exhibition Place, Toronto



What's a *Glazier?

Have you heard or seen our public awareness advertisements? You might recognize them through the children's voices in our radio ad talking about "setting the standard for great teaching." Perhaps the eye-catching print advertisements have drawn your attention to the link between students' possible professions and excellence in teaching?

The Ontario College of Teachers regulates teaching in Ontario by licensing teachers, setting high professional and ethical standards, approving teacher education programs and investigating and hearing complaints about members.

Learn more about this [initiative](#) and read what parent [bloggers](#) have to say about the College.

*A glazier is someone who is an expert in handling and installing glass.