



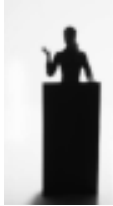
**Stewards:
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ADETFO INFO

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President's Message:



It's hard to believe we are approaching the end of another school year. Behind the scenes, your local Executive has been working diligently on your behalf to address issues as they arise. This year has not been without challenges such as health and safety issues,

PLC's, new report cards, and denied leave requests. We are engaged in ongoing talks with the Board to find resolutions to these issues. We are also heading into collective bargaining and provincial elections next year and it will be even more important that you continue to be informed and actively involved in the local as we move forward.

This year, we were able to support local and international efforts. Goodwill has gone to Easter Seals, the Rotary Club, Make a Wish Foundation, GlobalMedic (Japan relief) and the KidsFirst conference just to name a few. ADETFO also provided several teachers with PD funds to attend conferences. Top notch presenters have been brought to Algoma to share their expertise with our members on important topics such as *Rights & Responsibilities, Religious & Cultural Differences, and Pregnancy & Parental Leave*. Local committees worked together to maximize resources and provided a wonderful retreat experience this year for teachers. New Members and New Stewards also received valuable training. None of this could happen without the hard work and dedication of our committee chairs and members. Awards have also been given to Gr. 8 students, local athletes, volunteers and support staff.

Our members have proven that they are not afraid to step up to the plate and take on leadership opportunities! We have not been limited by our geography and have members chairing provincial ETFO committees, writing curriculum, and serving as Parliamentarian for provincial meetings such as Rep Council.

Once again, we can hold our heads high and be proud of all that we have accomplished together as a Federation! Our hard work has made a difference in lives of teachers, students, and community members in Algoma.

Kelly

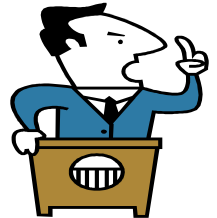
Pension Update 2011



All members, please check for a pension update placed in your mailbox by your ADETFO Steward. This update is also on the ETFO website.

Provincial Election Update 2011

Political action chair Ann Ciaschini, President Kelly Holley and Vice President Doug Coulter met with MPP David Oraziotti on Friday May 27th to discuss education issues and the upcoming Fall election.



Much is at stake in the next provincial election, to be held October 6th, 2011. It will be important for every ETFO member to be informed about the policies promoted by the respective political parties. It will be important for ETFO members to engage in discussions with their family, friends and neighbours about the importance of investing in public education and other public services/programs that contribute to Ontario being a fair and just society. At both the provincial and local level, ADETFO and ETFO will be working hard to keep members informed and to foster broad involvement of our members in the campaigns of candidates committed to our goals and priorities. Please review the summary page on the reverse side of this newsletter as a first step to keeping yourself informed.

**An important meeting will be held on
September 24th for all members.**

(Mark your calendars!)

An ADETFO Steward is:

A Liaison/ An Advocate /A Positive Union Presence/A Communications Link/ A Convenor / An Educator / A Social Activist/ A Collective Agreement Monitor/ A Relationship Builder.

Thank you for all of your hard work this year!

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