

June 2010

OKANAGAN-SKAHA TEACHERS' UNION

Is it the end of another school year???

June 2010—Really?! Is it here already? The end of another school year and all the lists come out. The ‘I’ve got to get that done before...’ list, the “I promised we’d get that ready before the year was over” list and, perhaps the most dreaded list of all—the “I’ll do that in the summer” list.

Many teachers add to their “I’ll do that in the summer list” all year long. If you’re like some of us, you’ve been making the list year after year and some things show up on the list every year!

I hope you take time to work on the list, but, moroso, I hope the list has some key “summer list” must haves on it.

Here are some of my favorite items borrowed from seasoned veterans of the “summer list”.

- Read some of the books you’ve put on the list
- Hang out in your garden pretending to do something.
- See how long you can sit in a really comfortable lawn chair.
- Sleep past the first bell.

Along with trying some of these gems I imagine you’ve got a list of your own or, you’ve just realized you should have one so you’re trying to finish reading this *and* you’re making your list.

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Whatever ends up on your list this summer, the executive of OSTU and I wish you a wonderful, relaxing, and enjoyable holiday.

Enclosed in this month’s newsletter are a few things I had on my “I have to share that with folks before the summer” list.....

Thanks for reading and we’ll see you in August!

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Check out OSTU.CA for ...

- AUGUST Pro—D INFORMATION
- PRO-D REGISTRATION
- Our Calendar of events
- Frequently Used Documents
- And much, much more.....

BCTF Advantage: New Deals and Savings for Teachers!

There are several new and exciting additions to the Advantage Program this year.

There are twenty new Marketplace partners since last fall – each offering valuable discounts to teachers, locally and province-wide. Please check the **Marketplace** navigational tool on the website.

In addition, our most recent addition is Carter Honda and Carter GM. We've done the haggling for you, and there are excellent savings to be found on new vehicles.

And, at spring break the program launched Extended Health and Dental benefits for TTOCs. Applicants apply online. The information is there under the **Insurance** navigational tool.

If you're planning to *travel out of province this summer*, please have a look at the Travel Medical Insurance that's offered through the program. It's "first-payer," so in the event that you need the coverage, your provincial extended health coverage won't be affected.

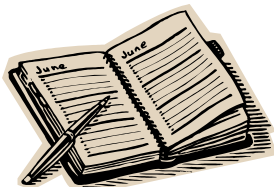
Ellis Mortgages Canada is ready to offer assistance to those *buying or renewing mortgages*, and the BCAA Home Insurance program has an important value-added aspect – **The Teacher Toolbox**—teachers receive \$1000s worth of coverage for \$65 on computers and more. And, Industrial Alliance Pacific Life, who have managed the BCTF Optional Life Insurance for over 30 years, has a new offering – Critical Incident Insurance.

If you haven't already visited the new website, please take the time this summer and have a look:

www.bctf.ca/advantage



Did You Know? Article C.20.4 Teachers' Right of Re-Engagement — teachers on layoff or recall



**Get to know your
collective
agreement**

When a position on the teaching staff of the District becomes available, the Board shall, notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, first offer re-engagement to the teacher who has the most seniority among those terminated pursuant to this Article, provided that teacher possesses the necessary

qualifications for the available position. If that teacher declines the offer, the position shall be offered to the teacher with the next greatest seniority and the necessary qualifications, and the process shall be repeated until the position is filled. All positions shall be filled in this manner while there are remaining teachers who

have right of re-engagement pursuant to this section.

i. If the position accepted is a temporary one, the teacher shall retain the right to re-engagement in a continuing appointment, for which the teacher is qualified, in accordance with this Agreement.

Interlock: Counseling Services AND A Whole Lot More

Interlock has been the Employee and Family Assistance Program in the school district for quite some time. However, recent changes in the company and the services they offer, along with a shift in focus to the entire range of issues faced by modern families, means there is a number of services we traditionally do not associate with Interlock.

- **Childcare** -obtain information from Interlock regarding the licensed childcare providers in the area
- **Eldercare** - recognizing the stress that the 'sandwich generation' experiences as they try to help their aging parents, while raising their own children and working. Interlock provides counseling for families struggling with these demands as well as providing information and referral assistance for community senior's resources, services, day and residential care facilities.

· **Parenting**

Nutritional Coaching

- Provided by Registered Dietician (RD)
- Heart Smart Nutrition Text
- Excellent Articles
- Food Diary Completion and Review
- Follow-up Coaching

Legal Advisory & Referral Services

- Access to free legal consultation with a lawyer with expertise in the area requested
- Typically 30 minutes
- Usually on the phone

Debt Management Services

- 30 minute telephone consultation and appropriate referrals
- Focus is on getting out of financial trouble and immediate problem solving

Financial Planning Service

- Telephone consultation and appropriate referrals
- RRSP planning, tax planning
- Budgeting, savings, home purchase
- Asset allocation strategies, etc.
- No investment advice or sales

Quitcare Smoking Cessation

- Telephone counseling sessions with a professional counselor
- Interactive workbook exercises
- Establish "Quit Date" through the process
- Follow-up after "Quit Date"
- Booster sessions



On-Line Health and Wellness Services

Health, Wellness & Career Focus

- Go to www.interlockeap.com
- Select "Online Health and Wellness Tools"

Click to register as a first time user

Enter name, email and password

On-Line Training

Keycode is oksdwebeap

Access other services by calling 1.800.663.9099



Young Stephen King

OSTU Summer Pro-D

Wednesday, September 1, 2010 &

Thursday, September 2, 2010

Penticton Secondary School

Information & registration available on-line at

<http://www.ostu.ca/PD%20Conference.htm>

Session Brochure at

<http://www.ostu.ca/PDC%20-%202010%20Brochure.pdf>

Upcoming Dates.....

June 1st— all day

Retirement Planning Sessions

June 2nd—

Retirement Dinner

June 8th—

Executive Meeting—4pm @ OSTU

June 17th—

Pro-D Meeting—4pm @ Theos

June 20th—

FATHER'S DAY

June 22nd—

Year End RA Meeting—4pm @

OSTU

June 23rd—

TTOC Meeting 4pm @ OSTU

June 24th—

Health & Safety—4pm @ OSTU

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