

Telegram

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Dear Students

February 4, 2008

Your program is moving forward at a rapid pace and I appreciate that many of you are juggling assignments, work and family/personal lives. This is an intensive course and multiple demands are concentrated over a short time span so I encourage you all to take some time to plan ahead and ensure that you keep yourself healthy and strong to meet the challenges.

There are many exciting things planned over coming weeks for all students commencing with **Eveningstar**, the aesthetic event of the year is coming up fast. **Wednesday 27th February 7pm**. Get your tickets now as they sell out fast. Come along, enjoy and celebrate the wondrous depths of talent found within our Teacher Education community. Purchase your tickets between 12:00 - 1:00pm in the main foyer of Lamoureux Hall Feb 19 through to 22, 2008. Tickets are \$10.00. Proceeds go to the Breakfast fund of local school boards. For more information, please contact Dr. Michael Wilson at mpwilson@uottawa.ca

The week beginning Monday February 18th is a huge week for all students:

- Monday 18th February – **Family Day Holiday** – NO CLASSES
- Tuesday 19th February – **Ministry of Education Building Futures for J/I/S Students**. This is mandatory for all J/I/S students – visit the website <http://www.building-futures.ca/>
- Wednesday 20th February – **Ministry of Education Building Futures for P/J Students**. This is mandatory for all P/J students – visit the website <http://www.building-futures.ca/>
Typical P/J Wednesday classes are **cancelled** to enable you to attend this important event.

Please note that the Telegram will be published on the 1st Thursday of each month. It is posted on the Teacher Education Bulletin Board on the 1st, 3rd and 4th floors, and also in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) 2nd Floor. For your convenience, you can also view the Telegram on the Teacher Education website at : <http://www.education.uottawa.ca/new/telegram/index.html>

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Students must register for Building Futures on-line <http://www.building-futures.ca/> as some workshops have limited spaces available. Also the Ministry of Education is providing sets of resources for all attendees. **Registration will close on the morning of Friday February 8th so don't delay.** This is an important professional development day and one where you will each be provided with important teaching resources and information on current ministry initiatives.

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Federation Days are scheduled for **March 3rd (Primary Junior)** and **March 4th (Junior Intermediate Senior)**. These half-day sessions will introduce you to your federations and how they can work on your behalf when you are teaching in schools. Important information will be disseminated so mark the appropriate date in your agendas. More information on the Faculty of Education web site as times are finalised.

Practicum Group Meetings are scheduled for **March 10th and 11th**. Rooms will be posted on bulletin boards or you can ask your practicum supervisor.

The **Transition to Practice Conference** in the week beginning **April 21st** is the final week of classes for all students. During this week students have important classes with their practicum supervisors to review and consolidate their practicum and also have an opportunity to participate in a number of professional development workshops each day that focus on their preparation for the profession and their first teaching position. Further details of Transition to Practice will be posted on the Faculty Web Site during the month of March.

Practicum is also on the horizon and the practicum office is busy responding to student requests for second semester placements. Students will have placements confirmed by email or personal phone calls as soon as they are processed through the appropriate School Board. We are hoping that all placements will be finalized by the end of February.

All students are expected to attend **all** of these activities. Registration will be required and further information will be posted on the website.

Best wishes for what promises to be a very busy and rewarding semester.

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FEDERATION INFORMATION

The Federations are our partners in Education and all student teachers, while on practicum, are associate members of the relevant federation. Over the year you will learn more about your responsibilities with regard to The Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) and the affiliates.

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SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

2008 EDUCATION RESEARCH FAIR

Thursday, February 7, 2008
11:30 am - 12:30 pm and 4:30 - 6 pm
475 & 477 of Lamoureux Hall

Professors of the Faculty of Education present their achievements and research projects

Meet our professors

Satisfy your intellectual curiosity

Expand your knowledge on various research subjects

*Light refreshments will be served. www.education.uOttawa.ca

Free presentation for Education students!

As part of this year's 40th Anniversary celebrations, the Faculty of Education is pleased to host renowned science journalist **Bob McDonald** to address students, staff, and educational partners of the Faculty of Education, University of Ottawa.

Bob McDonald is host of CBC Radio's *Quirks and Quarks* and is the science reporter for CBC Television's *The National*. He has authored two science books for children and contributed to numerous science textbooks, newspapers and magazines. His latest book is *Measuring the Earth With a Stick*. He has been honoured with many awards for his outstanding contribution to the promotion of science in Canada, including the Michael Smith Award (2001) from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council and the McNeil Medal for the Public Awareness of Science (2005) from The Royal Society of Canada. He has received three honorary Doctorates from Canadian universities.

Presentation: Being There — Science as I've Seen It

After more than 30 years of reporting on science, this journalist has seen a lot, from the exploration of our entire solar system by robots, to the computer and genetic revolutions that have profoundly changed our lives. We live in remarkable times where the most powerful tools humanity has ever known are in our grasp. Do we have the wisdom to use these tools wisely?

Location: Vanier 146

Date and Time: Monday, February 25, 2008 4:15 - 5:15pm Admission: FREE!

Federation Days

Your local and provincial teacher federations will be offering half-days of information and valuable workshops that you cannot miss.

Mark these dates in your agendas now:

Primary Junior Students
Monday March 3rd 9am – 1.00pm

Junior Intermediate and Intermediate Senior Students
Tuesday March 4th 10am – 2pm

Activities will include:

- Information from the **Ontario Teachers Federation** and each of the federation affiliates that is invaluable to you as beginning teachers
- Workshops to assist you in preparation for your coming roles as teachers.
 1. Cyber Bullying
 2. Classroom management
 3. Occasional Teaching in Ontario

REGISTRATION FOR DEGREE AND REQUEST FOR DIPLOMA

In order that their names be submitted to Senate, students who expect to complete their degree requirements must fill in the registration for degree form. If you have not received the form, it is available on the university's website, at InfoService, and at the Secretariat of the Faculty. This form must be returned to the Office of the Registrar no later than March 1 for spring convocation.

The final mark for deferred (DFR) courses must be received by the Faculty prior to May 15 for students registered for spring convocation.

DEGREE TRANSCRIPT REQUIRED FOR APPLICATION TO THE ONTARIO COLLEGE OF TEACHERS

Teacher candidates who have attended an Ontario university can securely and conveniently request all Ontario university transcripts (Teacher Education and other undergraduate/graduate studies) through the Ontario Universities Application Centre (OUAC). It is recommended to wait until final marks are entered before the Teacher Education transcript is requested (around May 18).

For those who have not attended an Ontario university, they must contact the Registrar's Office of the University concerned directly to arrange for their official transcript to be sent to the Ontario College of Teachers.

N.B. Please note that the Academic Secretariat, room 135 cannot furnish copies of transcripts submitted with the application. According to the University's Student's Record Policy, "Students agree that all documentation which they submit to the University of Ottawa in support of an application for admission, becomes the property of the University".

LETTER OF ELIGIBILITY

If required by a Board of Education for hiring purposes, students can obtain from the Faculty a Letter of Eligibility indicating successful completion of the program at the end of their studies. An administrative fee of \$20.00 will be charged. The request must be made at the Academic Secretariat, Room 135 and must be made 24 hours in advance to allow adequate time for the preparation of the letter. Letters will be available in mid-May. It is the student's responsibility to check the hiring requirements of Boards of Education. Letters of eligibility do not replace certification from the Ontario College of Teachers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION PRESENTS...

EVENINGSTAR 2008

LET THE MAGIC BEGIN...

EVENINGSTAR...The aesthetic and creative highlight of an entire year is about to unfold, right here at the Faculty of Education, University of Ottawa.

Would you like to see your professors performing just for your pleasure? Would you enjoy an evening of satirical review of all the experiences we have shared this year? Would you like to share your special talents in music, dance or drama to an enthralled audience of rapt spectators? You can do it all. Where and when?

To obtain additional information and the form to be completed, please visit the OESC website at <http://oesc-cseo.org/English/about.html>. They can also be contacted by email at oesc-cseo@opsba.org

For information regarding application to the Ontario College of Teachers, please refer to their website at www.oct.ca Applications for registration can be done online at this site.

BULLETIN BOARD

STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND

The Teacher Education Student Emergency Fund provides short term loans to students who are experiencing temporary financial difficulties. Contact Martha Koch (mkoch@uottawa.ca) or by phone at 613 562-5800 ext. 2918 for more information.

TRIBES

Tribes is one of the most effective community building and cooperative learning strategies available and it works! The curriculum documents for Ontario describe learning communities in Mathematics and Literacy. Tribes is an excellent tool for supporting the development of these communities. The Tribes process embeds effective classroom management practices within teachers' routines and structures to enable them to use cooperative learning strategies with great success. The Tribes process has been adopted by the Durham, Halton and Toronto District School Boards and is growing in popularity in such boards as York, Thames Valley, Ottawa Carleton, Hastings & Prince Edward County, Limestone DSB, and Upper Canada. Tribes is something that recruiters often look for when hiring new teachers.

The Tribes TLC[®] Staff Development Process: The Tribes 24 hour Basic experiential workshop prepares Pre-K–12 administrators, teachers and teacher candidates, as well as community members and support staff, to use the community building process (Tribes) as the foundation for transforming the school community environment to one in which teaching methods are effective in reaching and teaching students of and for today's world. Using multiple intelligence, brain compatible learning and cooperative methods, school and classroom climates and teacher attitude will begin to reflect the message of life-long learning, personal development and civic responsibility as the key to preventing alienation, anger and isolation.

This training will be facilitated by Wendy Harrison and Marilyn Turner, Certified Tribes TLC[®] trainers. With over 30 years as educators, Wendy and Marilyn have used Tribes for over 10 years as an administrator and a teacher.



Tribes 24 hour Basic Training includes: a copy of the latest basic Tribes book, *Reaching All by Creating Tribes Learning Communities*, *or* the book adapted for adolescent learners, *Discovering Gifts in Middle School* by Jeanne Gibbs (Center Source Systems), a Certificate of Completion, and a package of valuable classroom material.

For more information please contact Marilyn

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Tribes TLC[®] 24 Hour Basic Training

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February 2008

Dates:

Fri. Feb. 22 3:30 -10:00 pm, Sat. Feb. 23 8:30am - 4:30pm, Sun. Feb. 24th 8:30am - 4:30pm

Location: University of Ottawa, Hagen Room 305

Registration 1st day begins at 3:00 pm

Cost: \$195.00 (includes registration, certification, handouts and Tribes book) Please mail a cheque for **\$145.00** to above contact, and bring **\$50.00** for the book on the first day.

Registration: Email, mail or fax registration form to:

Marilyn Turner

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Milton, Ontario L9T 4C7

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For more details, please contact Marilyn at 905-878-0479

Please make cheque payable to Educational Facilitators

***Training is 24 hours over and above breaks.*

**All sessions must be attended to receive a certificate of completion.*