

EQUITY NEWS

MARCH 8: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



International Women's Day is 100 Years Old! Each year on March 8th (International Women's Day), women around the world take time to celebrate the achievements of women and reflect on our current status, demanding legal and economic equality and freedom from violence.

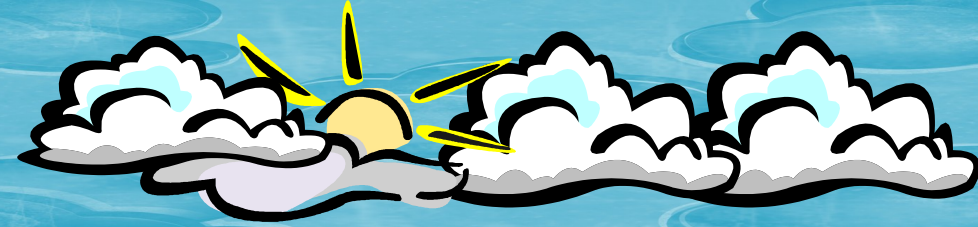
www.Internationalwomensday.com

APRIL 13: DAY OF PINK

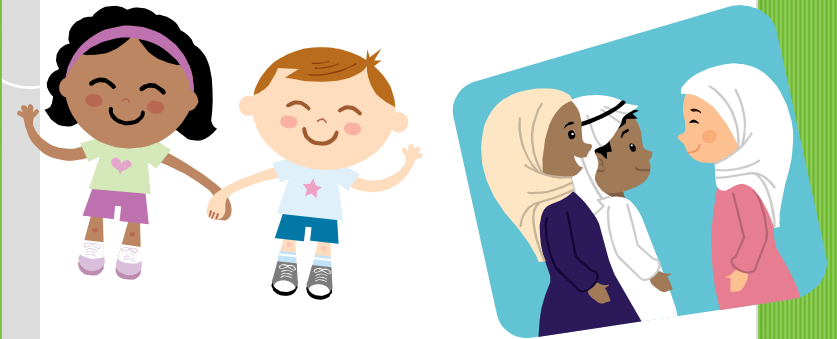


Day of Pink is dedicated to the elimination of bullying, discrimination and homophobia in schools and communities. Join the movement for acceptance and respect. What will you be wearing on April 13th?

www.dayofpink.org



EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE



Spring 2011



Tuesday March 29, 2011

Trans Awareness Training

Presenter: TBA

Location: 17 Fairmeadow Avenue, Gym

Time: 4:45 pm - 6:30 pm



Transgender: People who cross traditional gender norms for a man and a woman in society. Some describe transgendered as being born in the wrong body.

This interactive workshop is designed to promote open dialogue about trans accessibility by giving participants the opportunity to ask questions, build skills, and learn about transgender issues relevant to their classrooms. There will be opportunities for participants to brainstorm difficult scenarios and become more confident in their ability to help remove barriers to transgender students in our schools. We invite you to become an ambassador for change for the misunderstood transgender community with Trans Awareness Training.

To register, email: **equity@ica.net**
Subject: **Trans Awareness**

Wednesday April 13, 2011

No Name Calling 101



Presenter: Ken Jeffers, Coordinator, Gender Based Violence Prevention, TDSB

Location: 17 Fairmeadow Avenue, Gym

Time: 4:45 pm - 6:15 pm

We know with new Bill 157 responsibilities that staff must both report and respond to behaviours and language that has a negative impact on the school climate. Sometimes however this can be a very challenging task. In this workshop participants will be introduced to some strategies, activities and guidelines for educating about and challenging hurtful or derogatory language that will help them build more inclusive classroom spaces and positive school climates.

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Wednesday April 27, 2011

Change the World!



Presenter: Mohini Athia, COPA (Ontario Centre for Aggression Prevention)

Location: 17 Fairmeadow Avenue, Gym

Time: 4:45 pm - 7:00 pm

Are you interested in helping create safe, strong and free school environments? COPA is an award-winning provincial non-profit organization that provides skills, tools and resources to foster equitable and inclusive schools. COPA offers strategies for those who are particularly vulnerable to aggression and social exclusion. Join us to learn about [Safe@School](#), an innovative province-wide initiative led by COPA and the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF). [Safe@School](#) is designed to create positive systemic change for teachers, students, and the education system overall.

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Friday May 27 (pm), Saturday May 28, Sunday, May 29, 2011

Women in Action Weekend Retreat



Location: Hockley Valley Resort, Orangeville, ON

Women in Action is a program designed to encourage the active involvement and leadership of ETFO's women members. This workshop is open to members of ETT and the Toronto Occasional Teachers' Local.

The workshop looks at the structure of ETFO and the opportunities that exist for women's involvement. It examines styles of leadership focusing on the strengths women bring to an organization.

Participants are encouraged to develop strategies to overcome barriers to women's involvement and to plan activities that meet their needs. Finally, participants review and practice the skills they need to make their voices heard in meetings.

A \$50.00 refundable deposit is required to register. Accepted registrants will receive their refund at Hockley Valley Resort on Friday May 27, 2011. **** Registration deadline is April 15, 2011.****

To register, email: **equity@ica.net**
Subject: **Women in Action**