



The Educator Voice for Health and Physical Education

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

Please be aware of the following items as they relate to the implementation and support of the “NEW” Health and Physical Education for 2015-2016.

OASPHE

1. New Executive 2015-16

- The Co-Presidents for this year will be Rebecca Richardson (Halton DSB) richardsonr@hdsb.ca and Dave Inglis (Thames Valley DSB) d.inglis@tvdsb.on.ca

2. Membership Drive

- Membership in OASPHE includes:
 - an opportunity to network with teachers and leaders in Health and Physical Education in Ontario;
 - opportunities to pose questions on the list serve and receive a variety of perspectives from HPE educators across the province;
 - timely information about professional learning opportunities, current research findings related to HPE and relevant articles and new stories.
 - an invitation to the spring meeting and joint conference with CIRA in April.
- Members will receive minutes of the OASPHE executive meetings, including information on current advocacy actions, resources and provincial initiatives as they present themselves.
- Visit our OASPHE website to download the Membership form (www.oasphe.ca)
- Please complete the membership form (see attached) and return it to Ann Amberg (aamberg@sympatico.ca)

3. Implementation Plans

- Please share what your school board is doing to support the implementation of the new curriculum so that we can share the ideas and contacts among our members.
- These supports may include, flyers, workshops developed, professional learning opportunities, community connections, self-guided learning, use of eduGAINs or Ophea/ICE materials)
- Any other info and contact info for follow up
- Please submit any material to Dave and Rebecca so that it may be shared with OASPHE membership

4. Ophea Award for Outstanding Contribution

- OASPHE has been chosen as one of the two recipients of the 2015 Ophea Award for Outstanding Contribution. This award recognizes an individual, group, or organization for their exemplary contribution to the lives of children and youth in the areas of health and physical education, health and physical activity promotion, advocacy, and/or community development. The Ophea Award for Outstanding Contribution is presented in honour of Bill Paterson, a dedicated and generous individual who worked tirelessly to improve kids' health.
- Congratulations to all OASPHE members and our leadership for the wonderful advocacy work done to support Physical Education and Health in the province.

Ophea

1. Subscription Login Phase Out - Please Share with Colleagues and schools!
 - Subscription passwords to the H&PE Curriculum Resources: Grades 1-8 resource will be discontinued on January 1, 2016. To ensure continued access to subscription resources we encourage you and your staff to login on the Teaching Tools (www.TeachingTools.ophea.net) website with your Ophea.net account or create a new account today! When you login with an Ophea.net account the system will grant you access to all subscription-based programs and resources based on your organization's name (i.e.: School board, Public Health Unit, Private School, etc.).
 - By creating an Ophea.net account you will find the order tool process simpler and quicker. In addition, in the upcoming years, we will be providing a more personalized experience to Teaching Tools - making it easier for you to access the tools you need, right away. Stay tuned for updates on exciting developments coming to this site!
 - If you would still like to use your organization's current password to access the H&PE Curriculum Resources: Grades 1-8 resource, you may do so until December 31, 2015.
 - If you have any questions or concerns please contact curriculum@ophea.net or your school board's HPE consultant.
2. eConnection Newsletter
 - Consider subscribing to Ophea's eConnection monthly newsletter to ensure you have the most up to date information with regards to resources, safety guidelines and new initiatives. Register now at <http://www.ophea.net/eConnection>

Upcoming Events

Thompson Educational Publishing: Upcoming Huddle Connect Webinar

- The New Ontario Sex Education Curriculum: What You Need To Know
- **Wednesday, October 21st @ 8:30pm ET**
- **[FREE LIVE WEBINAR - REGISTER NOW!](#)** (Click Here)

PHE Canada

On November 16-17, 2015 Physical and Health Education Canada (PHE Canada) will host a [Healthy School Communities National Forum](#) in Ottawa/Gatineau. This national event will bring together professionals from the health, education, active living and research sector to connect with, celebrate, and learn from school communities working collaboratively to make healthy schools a priority goal of Canadian schools.

OASPHE / CIRA Conference

- April 21-23 at Geneva Park (Orillia)
- Conference Flyer (Click on the Link Provided)
<http://assets.ngin.com/attachments/document/0060/4576/conferenceFlyer2016.pdf>