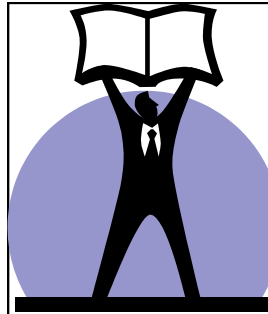




## President's Message

I'd like to take a moment in this special PD Day newsletter to remind members of just how unique this day is. For starters, it's the largest single gathering of teachers in Eastern Ontario all year. As such, it represents a unique opportunity to meet fellow professionals from across the area so that you can network personally and professionally. It also is obviously quite a challenge to organize such an event, particularly this year since we have had to change locations after years at the Congress Center. Since the Center is under repairs, we will be gathering instead at the Palais des Congrès and our OCETF office staff has done a remarkable job of adjusting to all the many little details involved in such a switch. Our PD Day is known throughout the province as a wonderful opportunity for teachers to learn in a way far beyond the opportunities offered only by workshops. It is also a day which every teacher is expected to attend, just as every other work day requires our attendance at a designated location. For this reason, we do remind teachers of our policy that the professional activities you chose take place within the parameters set for this day. I look forward to seeing you at the Palais des Congrès on Feb 13, 2009.

Peter Giuliani



### Message from the PD Day Chair

It's the middle of a really cold spell and the bus strike is dragging on. The good news is that PD Day 2009 is just around the corner! We have a variety of presentations that will appeal to a broad spectrum of teachers. The Heart and Stroke Foundation will provide training towards a "Heartsaver" certificate. Odyssey Theatre from MASC will be conducting workshops. We also have 2 presentations at the Museum of Civilization that will focus on cultural diversity and drama. I can't think of a better way to kick the mid-winter blues than to catch up with former colleagues and learn a few new skills or techniques in the comfort of either the Palais des Congrès or the Museum of Civilization. I'm looking forward to catching up with a lot of you myself. See you on the 13th.

Rob Criger

**PD Day**  
February 13th, 2009

**Palais des Congrès**  
**200 promenade du Portage**

**3rd Floor**

# Teacher Testimonials—Speakers PD Day

## DR. SAMANTHA NUTT (Keynote Address)

Outaouais Room

Dr. Samantha Nutt, internationally renowned advocate for children and families in war torn countries, has been named one of Canada's "Ten Outstanding Women". Those of us who have heard her speak would surely agree she is one of those people you remember. Years later you can picture her face as clearly as though there were a photograph in front of you. You might not remember the exact words she spoke, but the passion, the dedication and the inspiration she provokes is remarkable. If there's one thing which motivates us all as teachers, its the knowledge that we each are vital to the welfare of society and that we are lighthouses to hundreds of young lives. Dr Nutt speaks to the leader in all of us and to our capacity to make real change. She reminds us of how we are, all over the world, instruments of hope to so many.



Peter Giuliani

## BRIAN LITTLE (11:30—12:30)

Gatineau Room

Dr. Little's reputation proceeds him. Google him and you will find an accolade of awards attesting to his skills as a teacher. I have heard Dr. Little speak on numerous occasions and I have walked away from each lecture with a smile on my face, a chuckle under my breath and new knowledge in my head. He guarantees to be a lecture you won't want to miss.

Deirdre Buckley-McKie



## RICHARD MACLURE (12:45—1:45)

Desert A

Having taken a course entitled, *Education for Marginalized Students*, I can sincerely say that Richard Maclure is an inspirational speaker. His compassion for marginalized children and youth and his strength based approach to working with these young people is obvious in his lectures. Having travelled extensively to such countries as Nicaragua, Guatemala and Costa Rica, his research into youth gangs has provided him with a global view of the issues many at risk youth face each day. He is very interested in the wider social constraints that structure the lives of youth and is passionate about the youths' own agency and working toward allowing them to be heard and understood via policy change. His recent work with the Britannia Wood project is of particular interest as it allows us to see that local community agencies working together toward a common goal can truly make a difference in the lives of many of the marginalized students we teach. Richard is very excited to be speaking to teachers about what they can do to help students thrive despite the many challenges they may face.



Susan Gardner, Fisher Park / Summit

## Museum of Civilization

The committee has made arrangements for off-site workshops to be held at the Museum of Civilization following the keynote address. (100 Laurier Street)

### Workshops A2 & B2 (Music Works! & Operation Pyramid)

Primary/Junior  
11:30—12:30 & 12:45—1:45

Join us and take part in a series of activities specifically selected from our school programs that will demonstrate the effectiveness of creative learning through skill building, problem-solving, play and arts integration.

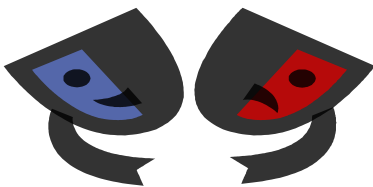


Workshop A1  
Junior/Intermediate  
11:30—12:30



Come wander through Canada's past where you will encounter historical figures from New France and the Fur Trade played by actor-interpreters from our in-house theatre troupe, Dramamuse. Bring your questions and content and take this opportunity to brainstorm with Museum theatre experts during a Q & A session.

Workshop B1 (New France & Early Settlers)  
Junior Intermediate  
12:45—1:45



Come and participate in interactive workshops that will demonstrate how to infuse Drama into social studies curriculum and Make history come alive for your students.

**LIMITED SPACE**

Please register via BEAM  
**Brenda Lowder**

Deadline—February 6th

Workshops are limited to **25** participants each.

Registration will be by lottery draw—everyone will be contacted regarding the draw.

# Heart and Stroke Foundation



Learn how to save a life....



Pontiac Room—Palais des Congrès

11:30—12:30 & 12:45—1:45

Learning how to perform CPR takes little time, could help someone you love during an emergency and the Heart and Stroke Foundation has made it simple. Register for a free training clinic for Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), offered by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, in partnership with the Ottawa Paramedic Service.

**NOTE: 24 participants can be certified in each of the two sessions.**

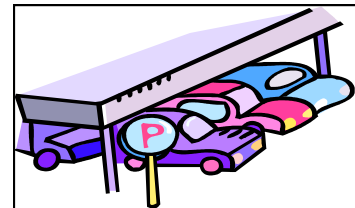
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## PARKING OPTIONS



The suggested parking is at Place Du Portage (Palais des Congrès is in Place du Portage) The OCETF PD Day will be held on the 3rd floor of the Palais des Congrès.

### Other parking lots in the area

- 1 - PLACE BELL ON VICTORIA & KENT STREET
- 2 - DUVERNAY MOTEL ON HOTEL DE VILLE & PROMENADE DU PORTAGE ST.
- 3 - PROMENADES DU PORTAGE ON LAVAL & WELLINGTON STREET
- 4 - BEHIND THE FOUR POINTS ON NOTRE DAME & PAPINEAU
- 5 - FOUR POINTS HOTEL
- 6 - LAVAL & HOTEL DE VILLE
- 7 - MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION—100 LAURIER STREET

## Directions from the WEST to PALAIS DES CONGRÈS DE GATINEAU

- ▶ Highway 417 East to Parkdale
- ▶ exit left onto Parkdale
- ▶ right onto Ottawa River Parkway
- ▶ left onto Portage Bridge
- ▶ right on Laurier to first traffic light
- ▶ **left on Courcelette; enter parking lot of Palais des Congrès on right**
- ▶ take the elevator to the 3rd floor—OCETF PD Day



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## Directions from the EAST to PALAIS DES CONGRÈS DE GATINEAU

- ▶ Highway 417 West
- ▶ exit Nicholas/Mann
- ▶ exit Mann Avenue to King Edward Avenue
- ▶ King Edward Avenue to Macdonald-Cartier bridge (centre lane)
- ▶ keep in the centre lane and take the exit Centre-Ville/Boulevard Maisonneuve
- ▶ stay in the left lane on Maisonneuve
- ▶ turn left on Boulevard St-Laurent and go to right lane
- ▶ turn right on Laurier and go to 4<sup>th</sup> traffic light
- ▶ **turn right on Courcelette; enter the parking lot of Palais des Congrès on right**
- ▶ take the elevator to the 3rd floor—OCETF PD Day

## What to do on inclement weather days...



### Re. INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

- Please be aware that the board has an inclement weather policy whereby staff must make every reasonable effort to get to work.
- No teacher should be putting themselves in danger in order to get to work.
- If a teacher was unable to get to work safely, they should be referred to this policy to ensure that they have had this day coded properly.
- No sick leave or personal leave should be utilized if a teacher has made every reasonable effort to attend work.

**Questions and/or concerns should be addressed to the CBC Chair,  
Jeff Beckstead**



We look forward to seeing you at  
our 11th Annual Professional  
Development Day.

Peter, Jan, Bob,  
Jeff, Margo, Jill,  
Brenda, Barbara  
and Cheryl.

### **No aerosols please.**

Please respect your  
fellow teachers.

