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for Ontario Teachers

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April 5th student video contest deadline

One final reminder that the It's Your Job... student workplace video contest closes Friday April 5th. We look forward to creative entries, awarding prizes and sending Ontario secondary school winners on to the national finals. Contest information can be found at:

www.Ontario.ca/videocontest

Education sector safety inspection results posted

Results of Ministry of Labour (MOL) safety inspections in over 900 Ontario education facilities during the 2011/12 school year are posted on the Ministry's web site. The visits focused on science labs and technical education. The MOL has worked closely with the Ministry of Education, Boards of Education and others who are all committed to making science and technical education classrooms as safe as possible for teachers and students

http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/sawo/blitzes/school_initiative.php

Links

Teacher safety resource website
www.livesafeworksmart.net

Coming in the April Edition...

Video contest winners and on-line Fan Favourite voting for Canada's top student videos!



Employment Standards Tools and Resources

The Ministry of Labour (MOL) has produced a variety of online tools and resources to help employees and employers understand their rights and responsibilities under the Employment Standards Act.

There are six interactive tools (available at Ontario.ca/ESAtools) to help understand and calculate entitlements to things like public holiday pay, severance pay, hours of work and overtime. The tools have been used more than 2 million times to date and over 90% of users have found them to be helpful.

For your classroom, we have prepared three case studies so your students can determine fair pay for our three fictitious workers. Teacher guides, answers and student handouts can be downloaded at:

www.livesafeworksmart.org

In the summer of 2012, the MOL published a tip sheet for young workers entitled "Your Rights @ Work." The tip sheet can be found on the ministry's website at Ontario.ca/YoungWorkers along with a series of additional resources for young workers.

Bright ideas for teachers

Cooperative Education

Check -out the Health and Safety resources section of the OCEA web site for a refreshed list of resources including videos and other new tools.

<http://www.ocea.on.ca/index.cfm?fuseaction=content&menuid=36&pageid=1045>

Technical Teachers

Kudos to the Ontario Council for Technical Educators (OCTE), Their May 2013 conference theme is Healthy Ideas and Safe Practices.

www.octe.on.ca