Standing up for Quality Education

Stand Up For Your Rights

Happy birthday to Peter Tosh who sang “Stand Up For Your Rights.”

On October 19, the Vandals took Carthage. Millennia later, Napoleon left Moscow. And today, faculty are on a historic strike instead of teaching students about the nuances of Wikipedia.

On a sad note, we lost Gord Downie yesterday. His refused easy answers yet Canadians embraced his complex lyrics and sense of justice.

We speak to and through these values as we stand up for our rights.

Riddle:
What has holes in it but still holds water? Answer on next page.
As a part-time faculty member, I only have 6 classroom hours a week. On average I spend at least 3 hours for every classroom hour in preparation and marking. That means my gross pay per week before deductions is slightly under $480. For at least 30 hours a week. All of which means that I was so inspired by the OPSEU vote this fall to support the strike. This is also why I voted to join the union. So, to everyone on strike and walking the picket line, a sincere thank you!

The other issue that is screaming for redress is the highly destructive coup d’etat that is well underway at Fleming and across the Ontario college system by advocates of neo-liberal business management theory against educators. Decisions which affect the quality of education and the worth of a college certificate or diploma must be made by educators, not management bureaucrats whose sole focus is efficiency and profit.

Look at the explosive growth of management and administration hiring while full-time classroom hiring lags far behind. Good on Local 352 for recognizing this pivotal takeover and standing up to the forces of ideologically-driven managerial control. Thanks to everyone in the local and across the province for standing up for what is right.

Together we can return college education to the educators and their students.

- Anonymous

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Riddle Answer: A sponge, with or without square pants
When Will I Get Paid?

Strike Pay will begin being processed next week. The deadline for the local to confirm hours with OPSEU is Monday at 12:00 pm. The turn around time after this will be 72 hours – so you should receive your first strike pay through direct deposit on Thursday October 26, 2017.

If you still haven’t set up your direct billing, there are instructions posted on the website: https://goo.gl/nJDjNU. If you come by strike head quarters we can help you through the process, however you must complete the form yourself.

Local 352 top up begins for week 2. Cheques will be written the following Monday and will be available for pick-up at the strike headquarters.

The contact for the strike hardship fund is Bill Peacock: w_peacock@sympatico.ca.

What’s with the Wasps?

Unfortunately, the number of generous food donations to the line has led to an increased presence of wasps.

To minimize the risk to people on the line please be sure to cover food and store indoors or in a car when possible.

If you are bringing food to the line to support picketing faculty, please bring it in a covered container.

Do I still have benefits?

Yes! OPSEU will be continuing to provide benefit coverage during the strike. If you encounter any problems with direct billing please be patient and mail in your claim.

Do I have to be on a team?

Yes, you must picket with your designated team. It simplifies the scheduling and the payment processes. If you picket with another team, your hours might not be recorded.

If you forget your picket team number, contact us at local352website@gmail.com

If you know your team number, but forget your picketing schedule, it can be found on the website:

https://flemingfacultyunion.files.wordpress.com/2017/10/time-table-of-picket-schedules.docx

If you want to picket with another team to support and show solidarity, please do! The picket captain does not need to record your attendance or hours.

Bring your friends! bring your family! Share your photos — local352website@gmail.com, tweet #local 352, share on Remind.
Stories of Solidarity and Thanks

Thanks to SSW student for tea and treats
David Jordans brought veggies
Deb hopes this strike is over before the plant stops blooming
Thanks to DSW for tea and standing with faculty
Local 368 central east corrections officers brought food and joined line
Thank you to the HR consultants for donuts and homemade muffins
CJS alumni brought coffee
A Fleming sweatshirted individual brought Timbits
Massage student brought fresh baked banana muffins

Representatives of the Trent University Faculty Association joined the picket line today. They brought solidarity, strategy and a solidarity donation of a thousand dollars. Thank you to our colleagues at Trent who have academic freedom, understand solidarity and support our struggle for quality education.

On Monday, Culinary students organized a “munchies kit” with donuts, playing cards and other interesting choices. NOTE: An ethics course might be a suggested addition to their program of study...

Shout out to aboriginal mentors. On Wednesday student representing indigenous student at Fleming offered smudging to anyone interested on the line. They also brought tea to share.

Local 351, support staff, sponsored a lunch BBQ at frost campus today. Thank you!
Games and Distractions

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Across
1. Wizard sport
6. Nevil's memory helper
7. Harry's Pet's Name
8. Harry's enemy, Draco ______
9. Harry's best friend ___ Weasley
11. Malfoy's house at school
12. Harry's cousin
14. Harry's house at school
16. Giant that lives in a hut
18. Hagrid's pet dragon
19. The wizard school
20. Teaches Potions

Down
2. Headmaster Albus ______
3. The boy who lived
4. Top Student ______ Granger
5. He who must not be named
10. Beaters hit this
13. Wizard's bank
15. Hagrid's 3 Headed Dog
17. Wizards shop at _____ Alley

Thank you George Seto!
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Thanks Marikka Williams!

Visit HQ!
Come visit our new strike headquarters!
1524 Landsdowne St W. Unit 2 next to Saigon Boys