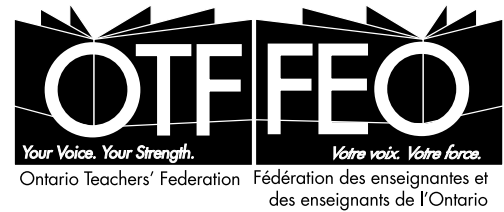


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## TAKE A STAND FOR TEACHERS!

**TORONTO, October 4, 2012** — “Tomorrow, on World Teachers’ Day, we celebrate the excellence of teachers around the world and particularly here in Ontario,” states Terry Hamilton, President of the Ontario Teachers’ Federation (OTF).

“The theme for this year is Take a Stand for Teachers!,” added Hamilton. “We are proud to join people in over 100 countries in celebrating the tremendous contribution that teachers make.”

World Teachers’ Day, marked every year on October 5, was proclaimed in 1994 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to recognize the contribution of teachers to society.

Recently, the Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan (OTIP) and OTF recognized the excellence of Ontario’s teachers in publicly funded schools with the presentation of the OTIP Teaching Award to Talia Hunter, Roberta Bondar Public School, Ottawa in the Beginning Teacher Category; Jodie Lang, St. Paul’s Catholic School, Alliston in the Elementary Teacher Category; and Monica Petrus, Forest Heights Collegiate Institute, Kitchener in the Secondary Teacher Category.

“These teachers represent the excellence of our teachers and the work they do every day in our schools,” concludes Hamilton. “I hope that everyone takes a moment tomorrow to thank a teacher.”

To find out more about World Teachers’ Day, visit [5oct.org/2012](http://5oct.org/2012) or [unesco.org](http://unesco.org).

The Ontario Teachers’ Federation is the advocate for the teaching profession in Ontario and for its 160,000 teachers. OTF members are full-time, part-time and occasional teachers in all the publicly funded schools in the province—elementary, secondary, public, Catholic and francophone.

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