

President's Message

February 18, 2020

Keynote Speaker for ICP 2021 Confirmed!

We are excited to announce Colonel Chris Hadfield, the first Canadian Commander of the International Space Station, as the opening keynote speaker for our Toronto convention. Based on his experience as an astronaut, author, musician, professor and documentary series host, Colonel Commander Hadfield will share his perspectives on leadership with convention participants on the morning of **August 17th, 2021**. For more information or to register, please visit the [convention website](#). Stay tuned for more information on other convention speakers.

The Register

[Our February 2020 issue of The Register is now online!](#) This is our second edition this school year to be posted fully online as part of our pilot project, in response to requests from Members to move away from a print version. We encourage you to take some time to read through this issue, which we hope will provide you with information, skills and best practices you can use in your role and in your school.

Keeping You Informed – Tip Sheet for Navigating Relationships at Work

School leaders are held to a high standard of behaviour in the workplace. As the leader in the school, the way you interact with staff, students and community members is important. When working with various personalities, understand that there is the potential for conflict. Working closely with others can also lead to personal relationships. You may find that your role as a supervisor may conflict with your role as a parent, friend or community member. You need to keep professional boundaries intact. If you are thinking of entering into a more personal relationship with a staff member or you are dealing with a colleague's children at your school, please read the [tip sheet](#) that has been developed by our Protective Services Team to assist you in avoiding potential conflict. If you have questions or would benefit from personalized advice to help navigate these issues, we encourage you to contact a PST Intake Consultant at 416-322-6600 or toll-free at 1-800-701-2362.

2019 Membership Tax Receipts

If you pay OPC membership fees by cheque or credit card, paid retroactive fees by cheque or credit card during 2019, are employed by Renfrew or Superior-Greenstone or are a Term member, you can get a copy of your 2019 membership tax receipt on [our website](#) under My Profile, Member Tax Rec, 2019.

If you pay membership fees by payroll deduction, use the amount recorded in box 44 on the T4 slip issued by your board. Claim the amount on the T4 slip or on your OPC membership tax receipt, not both. You do not need the receipt, but you can keep a copy for your records.

Associate fees are not tax deductible, but you can get a copy on our website under My Profile, Associate Rec, 2019.

For more information or questions please email membership@principals.ca

Media

- [Principals ask government to postpone OSSLT](#) (based on our letter to the Minister)
- [Poll finds public supports teachers on issues, not pay hikes](#)
- [Rotating strikes make back-to-work legislation more difficult](#)
- [E-learning – way of the future or ineffective teaching model?](#)
- [10 Canadian women who blazed a trail in STEM](#)
- [Support for Ontario’s political parties split 3 ways](#)
- [How science is helping us understand the teenage brain](#)
- [Legislature resumes as job action escalates](#)
- [It’s not just teachers - The forgotten workers in Ontario’s school strikes](#)
- [Teaching students how to disagree and resolve conflict respectfully](#)

Queen’s Park

The House resumes sitting today.