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## from the editor

This year we have added a May issue to Canadian Teacher Magazine's publication schedule and plan to do a second in the fall—one in September as usual to welcome you back to work and another in November. With these additions, the magazine is now being mailed to schools across Canada five times a year, giving more opportunities for you to connect with your colleagues in other jurisdictions and to share what you are up to in your schools and classrooms. Thanks to all who have contributed their stories to past issues.

I hope your busy life allows you time to check out the following pages where you will find stimulating ideas and good Canadian resources to consider as your thoughts turn to planning for next year. We begin with reflections from high school teacher Sean O'Toole about how things have changed in schools since his high school years, or have they? Angie Dornai's article about how an Ontario school board is implementing restorative practices is food for thought, and we have some practical ideas for dealing with such diverse topics as swearing, technology, gardening writing and dancing. Brenda's "planning department" column outlines the back-to-school routine they use in her K-7 school. The staff plans and prepares in advance for a school-wide literacy theme for the first week, which gives them time to sort out class lists in September. I think it's a great idea, and must make the last week of August so much more enjoyable, knowing that the first week of school is all planned and organized.

It's hard to believe that another year is winding down and soon you'll be passing your students on into another teacher's care. My best wishes for a productive last term and an enjoyable summer break. Talk to you in September!

*Diana*

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