



*Remembrance...
pass it on!*

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LETTERS TO SCHOOLS FROM THE ORLEANS LEGION

STUDENT INFORMATION/TEACHING RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM THE LEGION

TEACHING RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA



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16 September 2009

Subject: **REMEMBRANCE DAY LITERACY AND POSTER CONTEST**

Dear Principal

As has been the custom for many years, the Royal Canadian Legion is continuing its emphasis on the youth in our community by offering the Annual Remembrance Day Literacy and Poster contests.

Last year's contest was an overwhelming success. With each passing year, the number of submissions has been increasing. I trust that with your continuing support, this year's contests will be the most successful to date.

With all of the conflict in the world today, it highlights the importance of our Armed Forces and the sacrifices they are prepared to make in their peacekeeping roll. We are able to enjoy peace and freedom as a direct result of the efforts of these men and woman, especially those who came before them.

Included in this package you will find the basic layout of the contests along with registration forms for the students. The contest rules as well as in the Teacher's Guide, are outlined at the following Website http://www.legion.ca/Poppy/teachers_e.cfm.

A student registration form (enclosed) must **be taped** to the back of all posters or stapled to the back of the poem. **Please forward all entries to the Orleans Legion, Branch 632, no later than Saturday November 20th 2009.**

The winning entries in each category will be forwarded to the Zone Competition. Those who finish 1st, 2nd or 3rd at the Branch level will receive a framed certificate as well as a cash prize (\$45 for 1st, \$35 for 2nd and \$25 for 3rd). Those entries forwarded to the Zone Competition will be eligible for additional prizes.

Note that on January 9th 2010 from 1130 until 14.00., we will be holding our awards celebration at the Orleans Legion for all winners.

I sincerely hope that you are able to make this contest a part of your students' education. The knowledge they gain will be beneficial to everyone. If you require further information or additional supplies, please feel free to contact me through the Orleans Legion at 613-830-9984 or my email at tigger-is-here@rogers.com

Yours truly,

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Objet: CONCOURS **POUR LE JOUR DU SOUVENIR**

Aux: Directions d'écoles élémentaires et secondaires

Comme dans les années passées, la Légion d'Orléans continue toujours à valoriser la participation de la jeunesse de notre communauté en offrant le concours annuel d'affiches, de dessins, de rédactions ou de chants, pour commémorer la Journée du Souvenir, le 11 novembre prochain.

L'an passé, ce concours fut un très grand succès et il en sera certainement de même cette année.

Tous les conflits qui existent dans le monde aujourd'hui, nous soulignons l'importance de nos forces d'armées et les sacrifices que ces braves personnes sont prêtes à faire pour protéger notre pays. Paix et liberté sont le résultat de leur dévouement et leurs efforts sans oublier l'ultime sacrifice de vie que d'autres ont fait avant eux.

Inclus vous allez trouver la trousse d'information ainsi que les directives concernant les concours. On vous fait aussi parvenir les formulaires d'inscription pour les étudiantes et étudiants intéressés. Les règlements des concours sont expliqués dans la trousse des enseignantes et enseignants, que vous pouvez trouver dans le site Web suivant: http://www.legion.ca/Poppy/teachers_f.cfm Guide des enseignants/Enseignantes. Chaque étudiante ou étudiant doit remplir un formulaire d'inscription pour chacun des concours.

SVP, coller l'inscription derrière les affiches. Ne pas agraffer. Veuillez envoyer les inscriptions au plus tard, le samedi 21 novembre, 2009, à l'adresse suivante : La Légion d'Orléans, Succursale 632, 800 promenade Taylor Creek, Orléans, Ontario, K1K 1T1.

Le matériel choisi sera envoyé au prochain niveau du concours soit la Zone des Légions en Ontario. Les étudiantes et étudiants qui finiront en 1re, 2e ou 3e place au niveau de la Succursale d'Orléans recevront un certificat encadré ainsi qu'un prix monétaire de 45,00\$, 35,00\$ et 25,00\$ respectivement. Les gagnantes et gagnants de la Zone seront aussi éligibles à un prix.

Notez que le 9 janvier 2010 de 1130 à 1400hrs, nous aurons nos présentations à la Légion d'Orléans pour tous les gagnants et gagnantes.

J'espère qu'il vous sera possible d'intégrer cette activité à l'intérieur de vos projets d'école et je vous remercie à l'avance pour l'attention que vous donnerez à cette demande. Si vous désirez de plus amples renseignements, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec moi au 613-830-5966 ou mon courriel a tigger-is-here@rogers.com.

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THE FOLLOWING PAGES HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO ASSIST STUDENTS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS WHEN PREPARING FOR THE ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY POSTER AND LITERARY CONTESTS HELD BY BRANCH 632 ORLEANS. THESE PAGES COMBINE INFORMATION THAT CAN BE FOUND ON THE DOMINION LEGION WEB SITE AND THE VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA WEB SITE. FOR THOSE WHO WISH MORE INFORMATION THAN IS PUBLISHED HERE, THESE WEB SITES MAY BE INDIVIDUALLY ACCESSED AS FOLLOWS: (Click “allow” if necessary)

LEGION WEB SITE - Student Contests - http://www.legion.ca/Poppy/contests_e.cfm

VAC WEB SITE - Youth and Educators - <http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/youth/>

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Remembrance Contest

For many, many years, The Royal Canadian Legion has sponsored the Annual Literary and Poster Contest that is open to all Canadian school children. The youths that participate in the contest assist the Legion in one of our primary goals – fostering the tradition of Remembrance amongst Canadians.

The contest is divided into four categories:

- * Primary (Poster Contest only) – grades 1,2 and 3;**
- * Junior – grades 4, 5 and 6;**
- * Intermediate – grades 7, 8 and 9; and**
- * Senior – grades 10, 11, 12.**

Initial judging takes place at the community level by volunteers at local Legion branches and the winning entries progress to judging at the Provincial level. The winning entries at this level are forwarded to Ottawa where they are judged and the National winners declared. The names and work of all the National winners are published.

The Poster Contest has two divisions — Colour and Black & White. The winning entries for the four categories (school grades) are displayed at the Canadian War Museum from 1 July to 1 May of the following year. The second place winners and any receiving an Honourable Mention are displayed in the foyer of the House of Commons during the annual Remembrance period in November.

The senior winning entries in the Essay and Poetry contests are also displayed at the Canadian War Museum during the same period.

The Legion also sponsors a trip to Ottawa for the Senior Winners in the four contests (two poster, essay and poetry) to attend the National Remembrance Day Service where they place a wreath on behalf of the youth of Canada. They also have an opportunity to meet and visit with the Governor General.

Students may enter as many contests as they wish.



[http://legion.ca/ PDF/Teachers/PosterBroch2007.pdf](http://legion.ca/PDF/Teachers/PosterBroch2007.pdf)



[http://legion.ca/ PDF/Teachers/LiteraryBroch2007.pdf](http://legion.ca/PDF/Teachers/LiteraryBroch2007.pdf)

DOWNLOAD REGISTRATION FORM

[http://www.legion.ca/ PDF/Forms/Poppy/poster_literary_contest_bil2009.pdf](http://www.legion.ca/PDF/Forms/Poppy/poster_literary_contest_bil2009.pdf)

Teacher's Guide

Remembrance...pass it on!

The guide addresses the following subjects:

- * brief notes on Canadian military history and The Royal Canadian Legion;**
- * important Canadian symbols;**
- * Remembrance themes in stories, songs and poems;**
- * information about the annual Poppy campaign and how the money donated is used;**
- * information concerning our National Literary and Poster contests; and**
- * suggested school Remembrance activities.**

This Guide to Remembrance has been created by The Royal Canadian Legion to assist primary and secondary school teachers to foster the Tradition of Remembrance amongst Canada's youth.

It is not the intention that Remembrance be a daily practice, but there is a need to ensure that today's youth have a fundamental understanding of what their great-grandparents, grandparents and in some cases their fathers and mothers were called upon to do to defend the freedom and democracy that we enjoy today. Also, it has often been said that those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it.

It is believed that most children, by the time they begin formal schooling, will have had some exposure to Remembrance Day through television, radio, movies, reading and through family observance of the day. The Canadian education system has a responsibility to enrich these early experiences so that each student may develop a real understanding and appreciation for Remembrance Day. Children new to Canada must also have an understanding of the sacrifices that many Canadians made to preserve and protect the way of life that they now embrace. In short, we must ensure that Remembrance Day is afforded the respect and dignity it rightly deserves and maintains its place among the great traditions of our country.

In addition to the information available in the guide, your local branch of The Royal Canadian Legion can be of much assistance. There are members at the branch who would be more than willing to share their time and experiences. The telephone number for the branch nearest you can be found in the white pages of the telephone book under the listing - Royal Canadian Legion.

It is our hope that you find the information both useful and meaningful. As you prepare for the Remembrance period please do not forget the assistance that is available at your local Legion branch.

This guide is a PDF file so that you may save the complete PDF or just some of the text and images onto your computer to use as aids for Poppy and Remembrance education. The file is fairly large (3.54MG) so it may take several minutes to open, then save on your computer.

http://legion.ca/PDF/Teachers/T_GUIDE_E.pdf

VETERANS AFFAIRS TEACHERS RESOURCES
(Use the following link or see below)

<http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/youth/>



WHAT'S NEW

65th Anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy

This year we recognize the 65th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. Remembrance events and activities will be held across Canada and in France, providing opportunities for Canadians to learn about Canada's role in the D-Day landings and Normandy Campaign.



Veterans' Week 2009, November 5 to 11
How will you Remember?

- * **Order Veterans' Week 2009 Educational Materials Online**
- * **Introduction**
- * **Events**
- * **Web Graphics**
- * **Educational Resources**

o **Tales of Animals in War (Ages 5-11) -**

http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/youth/sub.cfm?source=activities/kidszone/tales_animals/2009

o **Canada Remembers Times (Ages 12-18)**

<http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/youth/sub.cfm?source=activities/youthcorner/crtimes/2009>

o **Teacher's Guide**

http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/youth/sub.cfm?source=teach_resources/vw09_tguide

- o Order Veterans' Week 2009 Educational Materials Online
- o Veterans' Week 2009 Learning Material Evaluation Form

*** Media Centre**

- o Contacts
- o General Statistics
- o Story Ideas
- o Web Graphics

*** Remembrance Resources**

*** Postcards For Peace**

*** Share Your Thoughts**

From November 5 to 11, Canadians will join together to celebrate Veterans' Week. During this week, hundreds of commemorative ceremonies and events will take place across the country to honour the sacrifices of our Veterans and those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Our Veterans are ordinary men and women who did extraordinary things to protect our freedom and build a safer world to live in. They have helped shape the future of our country, and their service is a point of national pride.

Today, we have many Veterans of the Canadian Forces who are returning home from missions around the world. They demonstrate time and again that they will rise to any challenge.

There are many ways you can show that you remember and honour our Canadian Veterans:

- * You can pin a poppy above your heart, attend the local Remembrance Day ceremony, and vow never to forget.**
- * You can talk to a friend or relative who just returned home from Afghanistan or who fought in other wars about their experiences.**
- * Or you can change your profile picture on Facebook to a poppy and write on your blog about the importance of remembrance.**

However you choose to remember, be sure you tell a friend, a family member or a colleague. Encourage them to take up the challenge too.

OTHER TEACHING RESOURCES

KID'S ZONE



<http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/youth/sub.cfm?source=activities/kidszone>

YOUTH CORNER



<http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/youth/sub.cfm?source=activities/youthcorner>

SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES

http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/youth/sub.cfm?source=school_comm

Schools and Communities Remember

When is the last time you paid tribute to a veteran?

When is the last time you thanked a veteran?

When is the last time you REMEMBERED?

The Canada Remembers Program is pleased to learn of initiatives that support remembrance of the sacrifices and achievements of Canadian soldiers in times of war, military conflict and peace. Sharing projects, which actively engage Canadians in commemoration of the contributions of our veterans and Canadian Forces, helps promote the importance of remembrance.

Projects that present an active interest in remembrance from schools and communities across Canada have been submitted and are now available on-line. What can you do to honour Canada's veterans? Challenge your school or community to try one of these projects or be creative and try something new. But most importantly, share your project's success with others!



**ON NOVEMBER 11TH JOIN US AT
THE ORLEANS LEGION
800 TAYLOR CREEK DRIVE
PLAN TO ARRIVE BEFORE 1030 AM
RECEPTION AFTER THE SERVICE IN THE BRANCH**