

Remembrance Day 2011

November 11, 2011



A note from The Royal Canadian Legion

Each November 11th we take a few moments out to reflect upon the sacrifices made by soldiers around the world in past and present conflicts. We hope that, through the use of material provided by the Royal Canadian Legion and the Department of Veterans Affairs, schools can help young Canadian citizens to once again reflect upon the incredible price paid for the freedom which we enjoy. The Royal Canadian Legion appreciates your help in getting today's youth to take a few moments out of their day and think about the freedom and security that we have and those that fought to ensure it.

If you have any questions about any of the information in this package, please feel free to contact Jim Best (School Representative - Poppy Campaign) at Wildwood School (683-7500), or a home (384-6769), or contact your local Royal Canadian Legion Branch.

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The Poppy Campaign

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Packages of Poppies and a Cross have been delivered to all Saskatoon and District Schools. As these kits arrive, please ensure that each student is offered a Poppy or poppy sticker and try to help us educate the students as to what the poppy represents. Some information is included in this package that may help. If you require more poppies for your school, please contact the Legion Office at (306) 477- 6779 and ask for Jackie or Al.

An important part of our committee's mandate is to collect the money that is donated by the recipients of the Poppies. Please offer the students an opportunity to donate to this fund. Help us to inform the general public that all money donated is spent locally. Most of the proceeds are used to provide assistance to veterans and / or spouses with low incomes. Other money is often used to purchase medical equipment for local hospitals. We hope to be able to offer this type of support with the continued help of school such as yours.

Poppy proceeds are to be taken or sent to the Nutana Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion as soon as possible after collection. The money or a cheque made payable to "The Royal Canadian Legion" could be mailed to Branch #362 (address of front of pamphlet). It is very important that all money is turned in A.S.A.P. so audit requirements can be met. Thank you for your help and understanding in this matter.

Saskatoon's Remembrance Day Service

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The Annual Remembrance Day Service will be held at Credit Union Center on November 11th, at 10:30 am. Each year, we invite schools to send a representative to this service to lay a wreath on behalf of their student body.

Again this year, **we are inviting school representatives to attend our service. Please have your student representative(s) arrive, along with your school's wreath at 10:00 am** so that they can be seated in the reserved seating area. The students, following the traditional two minutes silence, will lay the wreaths.

Our committee is very proud of the fact that we have strong representation from our local schools. The participation of our city's youth means a great deal to the Legion. Our Poppy Committee truly appreciates the cooperation and assistance that the schools provide in organizing this part of the service.

Remembrance Day Literary and Poster Contests:

The Royal Canadian Legion is again sponsoring Literary and Poster Contests for students in grade 4 - 12 across the province. Information about these contests can be found online at http://www.legion.ca/Poppy/contests_e.cfm) Our local branches of the Legion have been very proud of the entries that have been submitted in the past. Once again this year the local Legion is offering prizes in all categories as incentive to get students involved. We hope that the schools use this as incentive to help us promote the idea of Remembrance Day and the spirit of peace that this day represents. Saskatchewan entries have always done well at the national level and several were recognized this past year. Check out last years' prize winners on the Legion website. We have some talented artists and writers in our province and we are pleased to show off their efforts.

Entries must be turned in to your local Legion Branch (addresses on front of pamphlet) by November 10th this year. Please read the guidelines of the contests well to ensure that your students meet the requirements listed. (I.E. Poster sizes need to be followed. Name and school information must be attached to the back)

More information about the poster and literary contests can be found at:

http://www.legion.ca/Poppy/contests_e.cfm

School Remembrance Day Activities and Assembly Ideas:

We appreciate the efforts that many schools make to help students understand what Remembrance Day is all about. Whether it be through classroom activities or school assemblies, the schools have worked hard to help our organization educate the young people of our city.

In addition to the information sent to your school this past month, the Royal Canadian Legion has a Teacher's Guide that has been posted on the Legion's web site. (http://www.legion.ca/Poppy/teachers_e.cfm) Classroom discussion ideas, art ideas, songs and a great deal of history are included in this guide. We hope that it can be of assistance to your school. You may also wish to consider using some of the writing from last year's literary contests in your assemblies. There are some wonderful entries included on the web from last year's contests.

Another great local resource is the many veterans that we have in our city. Often these veterans are willing to come and be a part of classroom or assembly activities if invited. If you have access to any of these veterans, we encourage you to contact them. If you wish to get in contact with a veteran to help out at your school, please contact Audrey at the Nutana Legion - 374 – 6303 and she may be able to help.

Music to consider

- On the Legion Website there is now a group of songs that a school may wish to use in their assembly. There are a couple of newer titles added so it may be something to check out.

Many of the songs are a free download.

http://www.legion.ca/Music/tracks_e.cfm

Veterans' Week - November 5th - 11th



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The Department of Veteran Affairs has created a series of school materials to be used in the celebration of Veterans' Week. These materials may be found within the package sent in September to your school. The package is prepared for a variety of grade levels and includes a teacher's guide and other student ready materials.

Order this material online at:

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/youth-educators>

Or call -1- 877- 604—8469

Here is a Great Web Resource

<http://www.flandersfieldsmusic.com/>

This site has lesson plans and links to music videos that may help to provide some understanding of the poem "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae.

Here is another great feature on the VAC site

Virtual Tours

Click and view actual battle sites, trenches, and Canadian War Memorials in Europe. Students use Quicktime video, Real Audio & Real Video online to experience some history. Students can research and learn about some famous battles involving Canadian troops with a search engine right on the Web Site.

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance>

Examples

Take a Virtual Tour of the tunnels and area surrounding the Vimy Memorial in France

Take a Virtual Walk through the trenches at Beaumont Hamel

And More!

Another Assembly Idea—How about a Local Heroes Unit developed by the MVA

A narrated power point presentation titled "Remember Me" created by the MVA celebrating the involvement and sacrifice made by young men and women from Saskatoon.

This could possibly be used in a school assembly and can be found at:

<http://olc.spsd.sk.ca/De/resources/remember/rememberme.exe>

A direct link to these websites and others great sites can be found at:

<http://olc.spsd.sk.ca/De/resources/remember/links.html>

Remembrance Day Ideas For Your Classroom or School



Learning modules for different age groups on Vimy Ridge, The Battle of Normandy , the Korean War as well as other First and Second World War Conflicts.

http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/teach_resources/eventmodules

50 Ways to Remember

http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/teach_resources/50ways_remember

Historica Minutes - One minute videos on Canadian people and events during war time

<http://www.histori.ca/minutes/theme.do?id=10007&className=ca.histori.minutes.entity.ClassicMinute>



War Artifacts Room Nutana Legion



The Nutana Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion would like to invite you visit the **War Artifacts Room** at their branch location on Louise Street. This local museum offers a look at Canada's involvement in past world conflicts with a focus on the contributions from Saskatchewan's Veterans.

Contact Audrey at 374-6303 to set up a visit.



Great Internet Resources

The Royal Canadian Legion

<http://www.legion.ca/>

The Royal Canadian Legion Educational Site

http://www.legion.ca/Poppy/teachers_e.cfm

A Wonderful Site by Canadian War Museum

<http://www.warmuseum.ca/>

A Great Site for All Ages Developed By The Department of Veterans Affairs

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/youth-educators>

**Some interesting materials from
Citizen and Immigration Canada
can be ordered from:**

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/celebrate/index.asp>

Take a moment to check these out!

A direct link to some of these websites and others can be found at

<http://olc.spsd.sk.ca/De/resources/remember/links.html>