

READING AND REMEMBRANCE PROJECT 2009



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Dear Director of Education

Reading and Remembrance 2009: Medals and Memories

The provincial project Reading and Remembrance has touched the lives of approximately 100,000 students in almost 300 schools across Ontario. This year the Ontario Historical Society and the Ontario Library Association join founding sponsor Ontario Power Generation to expand the reach of the project so that it may touch more young people's lives. M.P. Mark Holland, in whose riding the project started at the Durham West Arts Centre, has mentioned the project in parliament; we have been fortunate to have the support of the Lieutenant Governor, Veterans Affairs Canada, the Legion, municipal officials and countless veterans.

We chose the 2009 theme Medals and Memories to relate the moving memories of past and current service people and to feature the bravery and dedication of those who were awarded medals.

Starting August 2009 we will post new material appropriate for reading and related activities on the new website www.readingandremembrance.ca where schools may already sign up on the on-line registration form. Any school that participates will be entered on the Reading and Remembrance Honour Roll. As Director of Education, if you chose to register your whole Board so that we may send project posters to distribute through your courier system, please ensure that participating teachers are told to register on-line as well.

A new feature this year allows students, teachers and school librarians to post their research on the memories and medals of local veterans and service people. We would like to acknowledge the research and writing of your students and create an on-line community of learners who support Remembrance. Please note that teachers are free to use any of the archived materials if they find previous themes more suited to their classes

As you prepare for the 2009-2010 school year, we hope that you will take up the torch of Reading and Remembrance and pass it to the principals of your schools. With your help, schools will ring out with young voices on November 11, 2009.

Yours truly,

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N.B. Reading and Remembrance is a not-for-profit project and its lead partner, the Ontario Historical Society is a non-profit, non-government organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the province's heritage.



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