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Reading and Remembrance across Ontario, Nov. 10 at 2:10 p.m.

[Pickering] – From Blenheim to Keewatin, Cornwall and Elliot Lake to Hamilton and Pickering, school children will join in one voice, Nov. 10 at 2:10 p.m. to read and to remember.

The Durham West Arts Centre (DWAC), Ontario Power Generation, Veterans Affairs Canada and the Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Branch, are partnering to honour veterans and promote literacy in this special project.

MP for Ajax-Pickering Mark Holland, who participated in a Clarendon, Ontario classroom last year, will speak in parliament on the project, which involved more than 30,000 school children in 2005.

Last year, elected officials who joined children in their classrooms for this event were met with great enthusiasm from the students and they are being invited to participate again in 2006. Samuel Hearne Sr. Public School, Toronto will be welcoming the Honourable James K. Bartleman, Ontario's Lieutenant Governor on November 10. DWAC will post a 'Who's Where' on the website so parents and media can see who's participating.

"We saw the magic last year when elected officials took the time to listen to young people read or to read with them," says DWAC's Executive Director Angie Littlefield, "and we'd like to replicate that."

This year, the project's sub-themes are Holocaust and Anti-Racism Education. Each school participating in the program will receive a poster showing World War II holocaust survivor, Magda Hilf, speaking and reading to young children. The 2006 teacher materials on the website feature the human rights and democratic values for which veterans made many sacrifices.

The 2005 materials on "In Flanders Fields" are there as well at www.dwac.ca.

Parents and teachers are encouraged to have their school join with other schools from Napanee to Britt, Noelville and Pickering to Brantford and Stayner as classrooms ring out with young voices reading to remember.

Register your school at www.dwac.ca by clicking on Reading and Remembrance.

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