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Dear Director of Education

Reading and Remembrance 2007: Women and War

The 2005 and 2006 provincial project Reading and Remembrance involved over 50,000 students in 250 schools across Ontario. Each year, Lieutenant Governor James Bartleman supported the project and it was mentioned in Canada's parliament by the Honourable Mark Holland, M.P. and closed the National News on November 11th. Over the two years, veterans, M.P.s, mayors, councilors and other local dignitaries have taken part in Reading and Remembrance in Ontario schools. Veterans Affairs Canada, a supporter the Project, was so happy with the results that Durham West Arts Centre received a plaque.

With your help, we would like to double the participation rate for Reading and Remembrance 2007: Women and War. We chose this theme so young people in Ontario's schools could also explore the roles played by civilians in Canada's war efforts such as the roles of women in the munitions industries. The goal is to reach 50,000 students on November 9th at 2:09 p.m.

"LET SCHOOLS RING OUT WITH YOUNG VOICES
READING TO REMEMBER WHO CONTRIBUTES TO OUR FREEDOMS
Imagine thousands of Ontario school children simultaneously honouring our veterans,
and showing the importance of reading and remembering
the various ways women contributed to their country's war efforts."

Starting October 2007 we will post new material appropriate for reading and related activities on the website. The posters and on-line registration forms will be available on dwac.ca. Each school that registers will receive a free specially created colour poster and their school's name will be placed on the Honour Roll.

As you prepare for the 2007-2008 school year, we hope that you will let Reading and Remembrance 2007 pass through the information gate of your Board and that you will act as its advocate. With your help, schools will ring out with young voices on November 9th at 2:09 p.m. (Please note schools are not excluded if they cannot make that time fit their schedule or if they choose the 2005 or 2006 theme.) Help make this event happen for students, teachers, veterans and families.

Yours truly,

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www.dvac.ca/press/readingRemembrance.html
N.B. DWAC is a charitable arts organization