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Welcome Educator!

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. Lieutenant Governor James Bartleman supported the project, it was mentioned in Canada's parliament by the Honourable Mark Holland M.P. and closed the National News on November 11, 2005.

For 2007, the website has the previous two years' material PLUS new material for the sub-theme of Women and War. With your help, we would like to double the participation rate for 2007. We decided on this year's sub-theme Women and War so that young people in Ontario's schools may explore the roles played by civilians in Canada's war efforts such as the roles of women in the munitions industries. The poster for the project explains the link:

**"LET SCHOOLS RING OUT WITH YOUNG VOICES
READING TO REMEMBER WHO CONTRIBUTES TO OUR FREEDOMS**

**Imagine thousands of Ontario children simultaneously honouring our veterans,
and showing the importance of reading and remembering the various ways
women contributed to their country's war efforts."**

The posters and registration forms are available for download from www.dwac.ca. Each school that registers (on-line, by phone, e-mail or regular mail) receives a specially created free colour poster and is placed on the Honour Roll.

Just as Remembrance Day assemblies or intercom programs commemorate the sacrifices made by Canada's veterans, there should be a five to 15 minute reading for each student on November 9th, preferably at 2:09 P.M. Please note you're not excluded if you cannot make that time fit your school's schedule or if you choose the 2005 or 2006 theme. Help make this event happen for students, teachers, veterans and families.

Yours truly,

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N.B. DWAC is a charitable arts organization