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Reading and Remembrance: a provincial project November 11 at 2:11 p.m.

On November 11, at 2:11 p.m., Ontario schools will ring out with pride as school children find innovative ways to read John McCrae's "In Flanders Fields". The Durham West Arts Centre has announced it will partner with Ontario Power Generation, Ontario branches of the Royal Canadian Legion and Veterans Affairs Canada to organize a province-wide tribute to veterans in the year the government declared "The Year of the Veteran". "We want young people to feel what it was like to be part of a common cause - the way the veterans were. By participating, they join the common cause of honouring veterans and they celebrate the joy of reading," said Angie Littlefield, Executive Director of the Durham West Arts Centre. School children will present an Honour Roll of participating schools at a later special ceremony for veterans.

The first school on that Honour Roll is Dunlop Public School in Ottawa. "I have a loved one overseas at this time and that makes this an even more special remembrance. Thank you for honouring both yesterday's and today's veterans," wrote grade 3/4 teacher Jodi Willmott. Information about the project went to all Directors of Education in Ontario. Frank Kelly, chair of the Council of Directors of Education, wrote, "I commend you for your project. I will remind the Directors of Reading and Remembrance. It is nice to hear from fellow educators working with noble causes." For more information and for updates on learning resources contact <http://dwac.ca/press/readingRemembranceResource.html>

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Durham West Arts Centre is a charitable arts organization headed by a former educator, Angie Littlefield. DWAC leads the partners on this not-for-profit project to honour veterans and support reading. Ontario Power Generation helped stimulate Reading and Remembrance as a natural fit for its desire to be a partner in host communities and to enhance educational experiences. "At Ontario Power Generation we produce electricity to power the homes and businesses of our neighbours across the province. We all appreciate the power delivered by literacy and the freedoms preserved through the sacrifices of our veterans and their families. We encourage you to be involved in the project as it promises to be a moving experience," said Don Terry, Public Affairs, Ontario Power Generation, Pickering.

To find out more about the project or to become involved, please contact Angie Littlefield at 905-686-7697 or info@dwac.ca

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