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## Reading and Remembrance

With a week to go, over 20,000 students in Ontario are signed up for the Reading and Remembrance project to honour veterans in this special "Year of the Veteran". From Mr. Abbott's class of 20 in **Smith Falls** to 1400 students at Westdale Secondary in **Hamilton**, teachers and students have found unique ways to let their schools ring out with pride.

Two grade 7-8 schools in **Ottawa** are combining talents to put on a presentation called Treasured Memories: The Year of the Veteran. "In Flanders Fields will begin a presentation with a fairly large cast. We've borrowed artifacts and uniforms from the new National War Museum," writes teacher Jane Burton. In **Keewatin** Lois Dale reports that St. Louis school has created a memory wall with Canadian Maple Leaves." In **Brantford**, "There will be a prayer service with classes sharing their tributes in art, song and stories. We will read "In Flanders Fields" as a whole school", reports Anna Matwijiw. At Samuel Hearne in **Scarborough** every art class created postcards for veterans on the theme of "Love Is ...". Teachers Christine Saraceno and Mirela Ciobanu are looking to mail as many of these postcards as possible to veterans. In **Cambridge** St. Margaret of Scotland School has a full month long program with a display that includes a rubbing of "In Flanders Fields" taken from the poem etched in marble in the chapel at the bottom of the Peace Tower. Mayor David Ryan of **Pickering** is reading with students at Dunbarton High School and the Honourable James K. Bartleman, Ontario's Lieutenant Governor, is reading with students at Huron Heights in **Kincardine**.

In his announcement to parliament Oct. 27, 2005 M.P. Mark Holland noted, "On Nov. 11 at 2:11 p.m., students from across the province of Ontario will join in readings of "In Flanders Fields". This will not only honour veterans in the **Year of the Veteran** but it will also honour and promote literacy. In creative and innovative ways, they will come together in this program that was started in my own riding, I am proud to say, by the Durham West Arts Centre."

"It is not too late to take up the torch," says DWAC Director Angie Littlefield. "Every signed-up school receives a poster and book marks and has their name entered on the website <http://dwac.ca/press/readingRemembranceHonourRoll.html> and on the Honour Roll to be presented to veterans."

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