

WE REMEMBER

NOVEMBER NEWS



The Importance of Remembrance Day

We celebrate Remembrance Day to honour soldiers who have fought to protect the freedom of Canadians and allies of Canada. We recognize those who lost their lives and those who were forever changed. We remember and thank all those that fought bravely and suffered.

Remembrance Day is also a reminder for us to learn about the mistakes of the past, in hopes of not repeating them in the future. We learn about compassion and care, and to listen to each other.



We wear poppies in November as a symbol of remembrance.

Lieutenant- Colonel John McCrae, whose poem, In Flanders Field, is read at most Remembrance Day gatherings, wrote it the day after losing a friend in battle. He wrote it while looking over a field filled with poppies. He noticed

that in the aftermath of battles, where the soldiers' bodies lay in the fields, poppies began to grow. In 1921 a woman from France, inspired by the poem decided to create fabric poppies to help raise funds for rebuilding after the First World War. She then presented the idea to allies and it was adopted in Canada in the summer of

FROM THE STUDENTS

Ms. Nickerson's Class

We are painting pigeons for Remembrance Day as they are the unspoken heroes of WW1 and WW2, mostly known in WW1. The pigeons helped deliver messages to soldiers because carrier pigeons are extremely fast and can be trained to deliver messages. We are painting them because we know they were very important in the war and saved thousands of soldier's lives. When soldiers wanted to send a message, they rolled up a tiny piece of paper and attached it to the pigeon's leg. Since carrier pigeons know how to get back to their nest, they were a great resource for soldiers.



Ms. Lariviere's Class

Ms. Lariviere's class has been talking about Remembrance Day in their classroom this week. They listened to the story *The Peace Book* by a favourite author, Todd Parr. They spent time talking about peace and what makes them feel peaceful. A lot of students agreed that they feel peaceful when they are reading and cuddling with their pets at home. The class also created beautiful torn paper poppy art.



Ms. Rehnby and Ms. Roberts Class

Ms. Mathew was contacted by The Views a few weeks ago, asking if there might be some classes willing to make Remembrance Day cards for them to distribute to veterans and current military members who would be attending their Remembrance Day ceremony. Both Ms. Rehnby's and Ms. Roberts class volunteered to take on this task. They created some absolutely beautiful cards. Thank you to the students in Ms. Rehnby and Ms. Roberts classes!

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This Remembrance Day, take a moment to think about the poppy you are wearing, and what it represents. Think about those who lost their lives, and those that continue to fight for our freedom.



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Battle of the Books

Our Grade 6/7 Battle of the Books team is looking for a couple more members. The titles this year are: Lost in the Backyard, Spotting Dottie, Mortified, Lost at Windy River, Impossible Creatures and Picture a Girl. Please see Ms. Mathew if you are interested in joining the team.

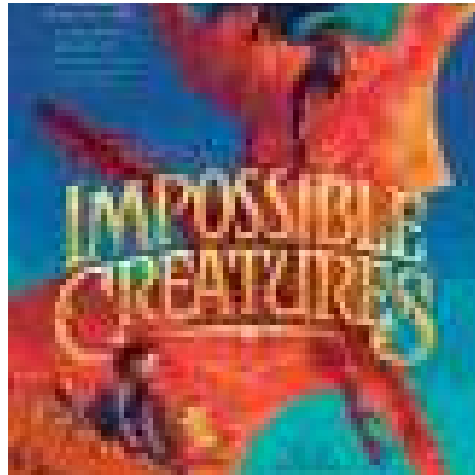


Bookmark Contest Winners

This month, the library hosted a bookmark contest for the entire school. Make sure you check out all the winning designs on the Learning Commons Website.

There was a winner from each grade:

- Grade 1 - Cleo
- Grade 2 - Poppy
- Grade 3 - Alina
- Grade 4 - Charlotte
- Grade 5 - Molly
- Grade 6 - Keira
- Grade 7 - Kaylee



Grade 6 Volleyball

Grade 6 played an away game at Valley View Elementary. They did not keep the score, but they did play strong! The grade 6's attended a home game against Royston elementary and played like experienced players!

Book Fair

Our Annual School Book Fair took place November 18th-20th. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported us either by making a purchase or by volunteering your time to help! All the Scholastic Reward Money raised will go back into book and other resource purchases for the school.

Chess Club

Ms. Roberts will be hosting a chess club again this year. It will start on Monday, Nov. 17th and run on Mondays and Wednesdays at lunch in Ms. Roberts' room, 157. Students in grades 4-7, who already know how to play chess, are invited to attend. Chess club will run until the Spring; Ms. Roberts is hoping to create an opportunity for games with other schools.

Reading Links Challenge

The Grade 4/5 Reading Link Challenge books have been announced! This year the titles are Willodeen, The Tale of Despereaux, The Ice Chips and the Magical Rink, Stella Diaz has Something to Say, Just Harriet and Islands of Elsewhere. All the books will be available from the Aspen Library as well as from VIRL, where they are also available as audiobooks!