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CDSBEO Students Read to Remember and Honour Veterans During Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Kemptville, ON – Students, staff and educational partners of the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario will be holding special Remembrance Day ceremonies this Friday at schools throughout our eight counties.

Remembrance Day is a time to honour the tremendous contribution made by Canada's Armed Forces in past and present wartime conflicts and peacekeeping missions.

Students across the CDSBEO are participating in the province-wide **Reading and Remembrance Project** organized by the Durham West Arts Centre to commemorate sacrifices made by Canada's veterans and to promote literacy. On **November 10, 2006 at 2:10 p.m.** students will participate in the project by "Reading to Remember." Dignitaries and special guests from local communities will be joining the students as they come together to read and reflect on the theme "Share the Story" which has been identified as the Remembrance week theme for 2006.

Last year's event was met with great enthusiasm as students read, sang or acted out the poem "In Flanders Fields" simultaneously at 110 schools, including 25 Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario schools. More than 30,000 students took part across Ontario. This year, the idea is to honour veterans with readings that help explain how veterans fought for important human values, which are a part of Canada's heritage as a democratic nation.

Principal of Curriculum Charlotte Rouleau is looking to see all CDSBEO schools take part in the Reading and Remembrance Project 2006. "Imagine all of our students reading simultaneously to honour and remember veterans who fought, and continue to fight for the freedom that we as Canadians enjoy today."

CDSBEO Director of Education Ann Perron said that reflection is an important part of Remembrance Day. "It is key that we teach our students about the sacrifices our veterans have made and how our soldiers are working to uphold our freedom today. We are so very fortunate to live the lives we do, thanks to the efforts put forth by all of our veterans and current members of the armed forces. We are eternally grateful and they will forever be in our prayers."

CDSBEO Representatives will place wreaths during Remembrance Day Services this Saturday, November 11th at Cenotaphs in Cornwall, Kemptville and Smiths Falls. The Board encourages students and staff to attend Remembrance Day Services in their local communities.

For more information and interview opportunities, please contact CDSBEO Communications Officer Bob Perreault at (613) 258-7757 ext. 206 or (613) 859-0678 (mobile).

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario operates 40 elementary and 10 secondary schools across 8 counties. The CDSBEO offers excellence in Catholic education through provincial-leading programs to approximately 15,000 students.