

# **NEWS RELEASE FROM THE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO**

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## **CDSBEO to Mark International Literacy Day**

**Kemptonville, ON** – Schools across the CDSBEO’s eight counties will mark International Literacy Day by encouraging students to read at home, and to read as a family.

CDSBEO Superintendent of Education, Jane McMillan, stated, “We know reading at home for leisure helps students to develop their skills in all areas of the curriculum. Embracing initiatives such as reading together as a family during International Literacy Day can only contribute to our students’ overall success.”

Throughout the year, CDSBEO schools participate in a number of literacy initiatives aimed at family participation. There are several reading nights that see entire families come together at the school.

Many schools offer the *Book in a Bag* program that encourages students to bring age appropriate books home to read with a sibling, a grand-parent, or parent. Parents often join students for special reading events, or readings by local authors during Catholic Education Week.

CDSBEO Principal of Curriculum, Charlotte Rouleau stated, “We always encourage parents to get involved in their child’s learning. International Literacy day is the perfect venue for conveying this message.”

International Literacy Day was created by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1965. It is celebrated around the world each year on September 8. The United Nations General assembly named 1990 International Literacy Year recognizing the importance of literacy as a key to personal development and growth through learning. Another important day established by the United Nations comes up in October. World Teachers’ Day is held annually on October 5.

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