

Tuesday, November 11, 2014 is Remembrance Day. Remembrance Day (also known as Poppy Day or Armistice Day) is a memorial day observed in Commonwealth countries since the end of World War I to remember those who have served and sacrificed as a member of the armed forces. The 11th day of November recalls the end of hostilities of World War I on that date in 1918 "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month".

The red remembrance poppy has become a familiar symbol of Remembrance Day due to the poem "In Flanders Fields". Poppies bloomed across some of the worst battlefields of Flanders in World War I; their brilliant red colour an appropriate symbol for the blood spilled in the war. Veterans Affairs Canada states that the date is of "remembrance for the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace"; specifically, the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War, and all conflicts since then in which members of the Canadian Forces have participated, including international peace-keeping missions.

Some schools may have their own school assemblies while others may choose to participate in the ceremonies of their local municipalities such as the Windsor Cenotaph. Please be mindful that some families may be reluctant to have their children attend your location municipality's ceremonies. Please note that meaningful alternate activities should be provided at the schools for those families who do not wish their children to participate in any Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Please find attached some images that reflect Canada's diverse military and to honour those families who are, and have been our allies in conflicts that we as a nation, have participated.

There is also a DVD created by Mary Catherine Langlois that was sent out last week for your consideration.

Remembrance Day is a wonderful 'teachable moment' – and the Canadian War Museum has lots to offer with resources that are reflective of our Canadian nation – and our equally diverse local population. http://www.warmuseum.ca/cwm/education/toolkit/kitcollections_e.shtml

Other links:

<http://madpadre.blogspot.ca/2009/05/canadian-muslim-soldier-guides-faithful.htm>

<http://rishu.ca/post/25644559092/muslim-canadian-soldier>

<https://www.google.ca/search?>

https://www.google.ca/search?q=aboriginal+canadian+soldiers&espv=2&biw=1366&bih=600&tbn=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=a9hDVPuSA8asyATKw4CoCg&ved=0CDUQsAQ#facrc=&imgdii=&imgrc=J4K6pbpXWLI-yM%253A%3BkvCQ7mZ4RKAhxM%3Bhttp%253A%252F%252Fwww.ctvnews.ca%252Fpolopoly_fs%252F1.1946062!%252FhttpImage%252Fimage.jpg_gen%252Fderivatives%252Flandscape_960%252Fimage.jpg%3Bhttp%253A%252F%252Fwww.ctvnews.ca%252Fcanada%252Ffight-continued-even-after-first-world-war-ended-say-aboriginal-soldiers-1.1946057%3B960%3B540

https://www.google.ca/search?q=African+canadian+soldiers&espv=2&biw=1366&bih=600&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ei=495DVLOwAcqhyASQqYBo&ved=0CAYQ_AUoAQ

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