

‘Lest we forget’: Remembrance Day at MES



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Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the end of the First World War on Nov. 11, 1918. This war resulted in the loss of lives both civilians and members of the military. Remembrance Day, also known as Armistice Day and Poppy Day, commemorates those who lost their lives.

At Mansonville Elementary School, the hallways and classrooms in the school were lined with poppies and a reminder to all, “Lest we forget,” as the school staff and students respectfully remembered the lives lost and those who serve their country.

John McCrae, the Canadian doctor who penned the poem *In Flanders Fields*, would surely feel proud to witness how since his tribute was written, the poppy (a hearty flower) that

once grew in graveyards where soldiers were buried and was the blood red flower that often blossomed on battlefields, has become a symbol of remembrance.

In preparation for their Remembrance Day ceremony, Mansonville elementary pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and Cycle 1 students made a nice handprint wreath to bring to the cenotaph. In Art class, students painted fields of poppies to remember those lives that were lost.

The school staff and students went up the cenotaph at 10:50 a.m. on Nov. 11th and stood around the monument that honors all the fallen heroes. *In Flanders Fields* was read by teacher Dan Aucoin and the lives of some of the “home-town” heroes related to the students were described.

“We were lucky enough to have a piper, Michael Darney, with us who played *Amazing Grace*,” said MES secretary Tara Wighton. “Even our mayor, Louis Veillon, and David Oliver from the St. John’s Masonic Lodge were present for the ceremonies,” she added.

O Canada was sung in both official languages and a moment of silence was observed at 11:11 a.m. in memory of such great



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MES students gathered at the town cenotaph for the school's Remembrance Day ceremony.

men and women. The students laid their wreath and left their poppies at the cenotaph as a way to show their admiration and respect. The piper followed the students back to the school playing the entire way.

“Remembrance Day is always an emotional day for me as my father and great-grandfather

were in the war,” explained Wighton. “There is not a day where I don’t stop and say thank you to the heroes that gave their lives for my freedom,” she continued.

“As the secretary of Mansonville Elementary School and in memory of my beloved father and all the soldiers that fought

with him, I feel a great sense of pride in the staff and students at MES who take time to remember with respect for all of those who fought for our freedom. I feel that it is important to keep the spirit of Remembrance Day alive. In my opinion, it should be a part of every school’s curriculum.”

Richmond craft show on tap this weekend

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Celebrating five years of successful craft shows, organizers of this year’s event are confident another success will go on record.

“We have 55 exhibitors this year,” France Cote, organizing committee explained, underlining every item must have been designed, created and, in many cases, labelled or signed by the

artist.

Sharing the spotlight once again, the Richmond County Historical Society will present their traditional cafe featuring homemade goodies in a setting that takes the browser back through time with an exhibition of photographs and artifacts of a Richmond quite different and definitely notstalgic dating into the late 1800s and early 1900s.

After a short trip down memory lane with the Society’s col-

lection, visitors can step into quite a different world where the younger set, Richmond Regional and primary school youngsters have crafted a presentation of Christmas themed creations.

From the tiniest snowmen to collections of sparkling Christmas figures, these young entrepreneurs are hoping to share proceeds to help finance their school trip activities.

“We will have works of art from local folk whose talents have lured them into mediums such as glass moulding and blowing, fashioning unique, one-of-a-kind scarves and gar-

ments, hand-knitted articles, tempting treats such as fudges and maple candy — the list is varied and tempting. [There will be] works of art galore, locally designed and created jewellery — you can be sure anyone looking for that unique gift for the person who has everything just might find gift ideas and solutions at the show,” said Cote and Martin Lafleur, heading up the organizing committee for the town’s cultural promotions committee agreed.

Doors open at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, closing at 5 p.m. both days. Admission is free.



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Roger Viens, France Cote and Martin Lafleur, organizers of the Richmond Artisans Christmas Show, which takes place this Saturday and Sunday.

Cougars looking to repeat

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Both teams advanced to the title game by virtue of road wins over the top-two seeded teams. Vieux-Montreal needed overtime to defeat Campus Notre Dame-de-Foy 26-19 while Champlain demolished Vanier 64-18, a win that gives them a chance to defend the provincial championship they won last year.

“It is good to be back,” Joncas said with a smile. “We played well against Vanier, we had a lot of big plays and we were able to answer anytime they scored.” I think it

showed the character that this team has, we didn’t stop after they scored but we kept grinding and we done that all year.”

Vieux-Montreal and Champlain met once in the regular season, back in September, when the Cougars recorded a 38-28 road victory. In that game all-star running back Cedric Joseph ran for 120 yards and scored two touchdowns and he is coming off another strong performance against the Cheetahs when he acuminated over 200 yards in total offence. However the Cougars are by no means a one-dimensional team;

they have a big-play passing attack featuring quarterback Michael Arruda and receivers Marc-Antoine Pivan, Yanic Lessard, Bechir Janfaoui and Guillaume Conraud.

However it football adage the defence wins championship and the Cougar D has been excellent during the playoffs allowing just 27 points in their two post season games. They are led by a trio of 2013 all-stars, Adam Auclair, Kevin McGee and Fredrik Robitaille.

Kick off is set for 3 p.m. at CEGEP St-Jean.

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