

A.G. Bell News—November 2019

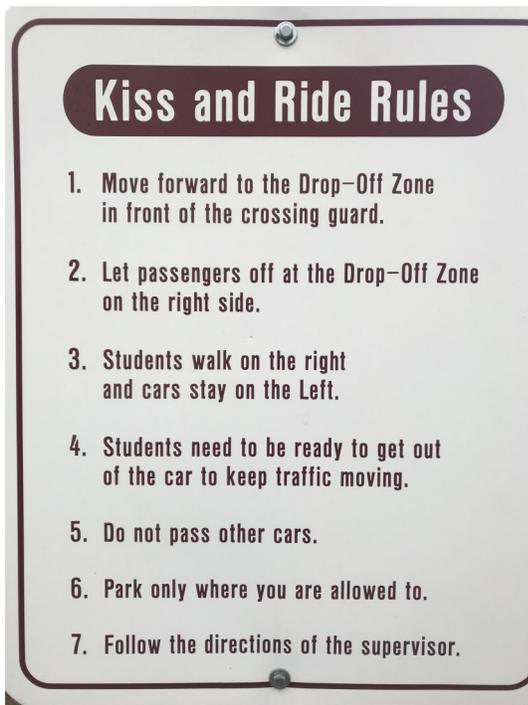
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AG Bell's ME to WE team collected non-perishable food items for a local food bank. The ME to WE team created posters to educate students about the issue of hunger and how it impacts Canadians. All food collected was donated to Feed the Need Durham. Our group is looking forward to continuing our positive impact on our local and global community with our next project: selling Rafiki Bracelets!



Safety over Convenience

Please partner with the school in ensuring student safety in Kiss N Ride lane. Please review the Kiss N Ride rules, and thank you for your support in providing a safe school environment.

Allergy Alert

Thank you for your support in keeping all of the children safe at school. A kind reminder of our life threatening allergies:

Peanuts, all nut products, seafood, shellfish and eggs.

Even if there are no allergies in a homeroom, students move from class to class. Once again thank you for your continued support by not sending these food items for snacks or lunch.

Parent-Teacher Conference Information

We will be holding Parent-Teacher Interviews at the school on Thursday, November 14th from 2:40 - 6:40 pm and Friday, November, 15th from 8:30 - 11:30 am. Once again you will be able to schedule your Parent-Teacher Interviews online. Please stay tuned for further information in the coming days.

Remembrance Day

Across Canada, and in many other countries, people gather on November 11 to honour the courage and devotion of brave men and women who made the supreme sacrifice of dying for their country. The hostilities of the First World War ceased on November 11, 1918, at 11:00 a.m. - the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The following year marked the first observance of a day to remember and honour those who died, as well as to give thanks for the sacrifices of those who came back from serving their country. Since then, Canadians have fought other wars and many have given their lives so that we might enjoy freedom today. They too should be remembered. During the assembly we will ask audience members to hold any applause to demonstrate respect to the material of the presentation.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let Us Forget

Treaties Week

We have booked a lovely speaker for November 25th - Karli Robertson. She will be teaching our intermediates about our local Indigenous History, get them to complete some interactive activities and finish off by teaching the students some Ojib-

way, which is the language of the region. We are excited to have such an engaging speaker and we think our 7s and 8s will really benefit from her presentation.



AG Bell SCC News – November 2019

The SCC wishes to thank all the new and returning AGB parents that attended the first general meeting of the SCC on October 1, 2019. We encourage all parents to continue to keep come out to the meetings as your voices and ideas will only lead to a stronger and more vibrant SCC.



Below are those members of the SCC that have been elected to SCC Officer Positions for 2019/2020.

Chair: Donovan Gayle

Co-Chair: Rupal Patel

Secretary: Lisa Jones

Treasurer: Julia Jones

These are the Voting Members of the SCC 2019/2020

Donovan Gayle
Rupal Patel
Lisa Jones
Debbie McCulloch
Sue Rajan
Christine Keene
Elyse Brunette-Thomasson
Tome Kerr
Chantelle Basque
Thiresh Satheyatheepan
Sana Raheel
Junie Spence
Shannon Jackson-Calvert

A reminder that new parents are always welcomed to attend the SCC monthly meetings. It is a great forum to meet other parents, share ideas and be made aware of what is happening at AGB school.

REMEMBER - You do not have to be a member of the SCC to come to a meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019!

AG Bell Athletic

Over the month of October;

Both Intermediate Volleyball teams played in their area playdowns. The Girls lost to Westney 26-24 in the Area Crossover and the Boys lost in a tiebreaker game against Glengrove. Both coaches from the Westney and Glengrove team, commented on how respectful and composed our students from Bell were.

Our Jr. Girls soccer team finished 3rd at the DDSB Elementary Tournament on October 19

All 3 Flag Football made significant improvements over the month of October. The Harmony Heights Tournament definitely prepared them for the DDSB Elementary Championship. Our 2 Int. Teams played each other in the Semis, advancing one of our teams to the finalist pennant game, were their road to the finals came to an end. Similar to our Intermediates, the Jr. team lost by 2 points from advancing to the finals of their division.

This past week was the start of Junior boys and girls volleyball and the start of training camp for the Intermediate girls and boys basketball.



Marking the end of November, both Jr. Volleyball teams will compete in their area playdowns. On Nov 28th, intermediate training camps will come to an end while 24 Int. Boys and Girls will compete for the final Girls and Boys roster spots, at the UOIT 3 on 3 Basketball tournament.

We are excited to say that in Gym class, the Int. and Jr. Students will be starting to learn about Cricket. At the end of the Unit, 4 teams made up of 22 Int. students and 22 Jr. students will have the opportunity to take a field trip and represent AG Bell at the DDSB Cricket tournament.

Lots going on over the month of November. Make sure to read up in December, for team results and the revealing of this year's 2019 Int. Girls and Boys Basketball teams.



The Battle of the Books teams for students in Grades 4-8 are underway! B.O.B., as we like to call it, involves a Junior Team for Grades 4-6 and a Senior Team for Grades 7-8 who get together weekly to read books from a curated list chosen by the Public Li-

brary. The books represent a wide variety of genres such as Fantasy, Mystery, Adventure etc. and the books are chosen for popularity in each category. Some of the books are recently published, while others are great reads that have been around for a while.

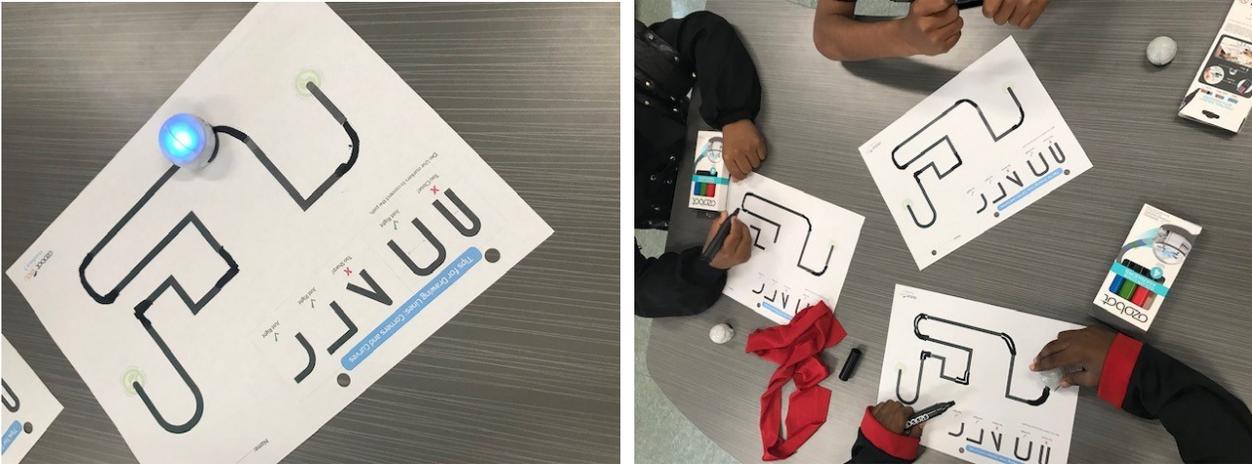
Students read the books and then create questions to challenge each other to see who can remember details and information from the books. The goal of the Battle is to have as many team members as possible read as many of the 30 books as possible, and then work together as a team to answer trivia questions about details from the books. Once our teams are finalized in January, we will begin preparing more intensely for the competition that occurs at the Public Library in April. In the meantime, we have a large group of very keen readers who are enjoying the opportunity to read a number of new book titles and then spend time discussing the books with like-minded peers at our weekly meetings in the Library.

The B.O.B. teams and Mrs. Appleton would like to thank the SCC for the funding that makes purchasing the book titles for this year's competition possible. Once our B.O.B. teams are done reading the books in April, they are available on the shelf for all students to enjoy.

Board Game Donations

We are looking for any donations of gently used Board Games for a Games Club we would like to offer our students in the coming weeks. Any donations please bring to the office and thank you!

Ozobots!

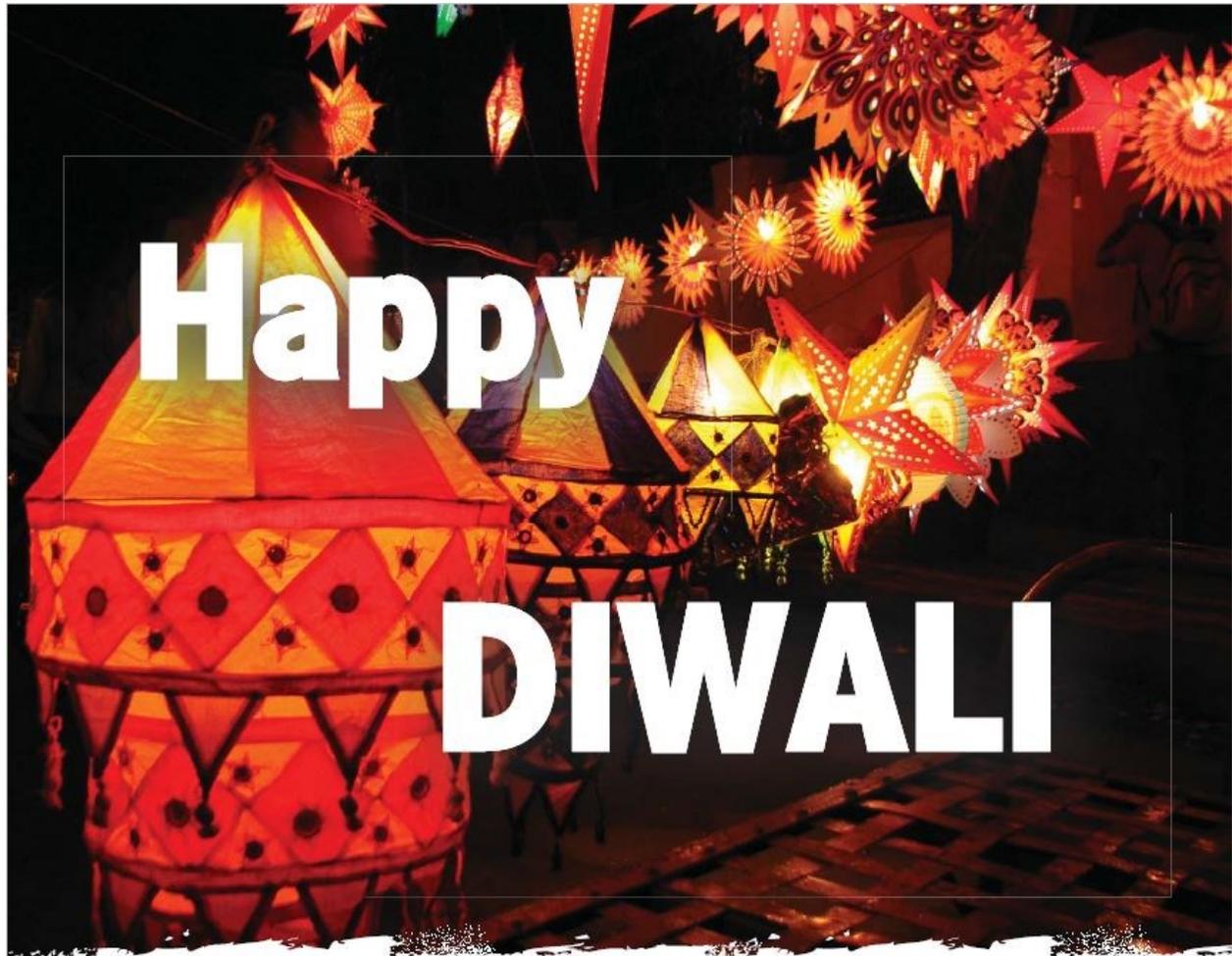


Thanks to generous funding from the SCC, A. G. Bell now has a set of 18 Ozobots. What are Ozobots? They are tiny little robots that follow paths made with markers on paper. They move by responding to coding commands that are done through groups of coloured lines along the path. Some students in the Primary classes have started working with Mrs. Appleton to learn how to program and code with these little robots. Eventually, all Primary classes will get an opportunity to use them.

When coding for the Ozobots, students need to make a plan to solve a problem or create the path and then experiment with different bits of code (blocks of colour) to make the robot travel in the direction they wish it to go. They also need to test their path and codes to ensure that they work, and then adjust and modify them if they don't accomplish the desired result. Students need to think chronologically and use patterning skills to create the pathways and there are many curriculum connections and applications for using the robots. The skills that are developed are numerous, but perhaps the best result is that students are introduced to coding in a fun and engaging way.

Student Council

We are proud to welcome our Student Leadership Committee for the 2019/20 school year. They just finished their first event of the year - The Halloween Dance. It was put up in a very short amount of time but it was quite the success as the students were quite engaged and we raised \$200.00 for future events, charity and Graduation. We are in the early stages of planning our next event which will be a Spirit Day, sometime during November.



Happy DIWALI

For people who identify as Hindu, Diwali is the most popular festival of the year and means "garland of lights." Diwali lasts five days and the most important celebration takes place on the night before the new moon appears. During Diwali, Hindus light oil lamps (diyas) or candles in honour of Lakshmi, Vishnu's wife, the goddess of good fortune, wealth and happiness. People exchange Diwali greetings and gifts like dried fruit and sweets.



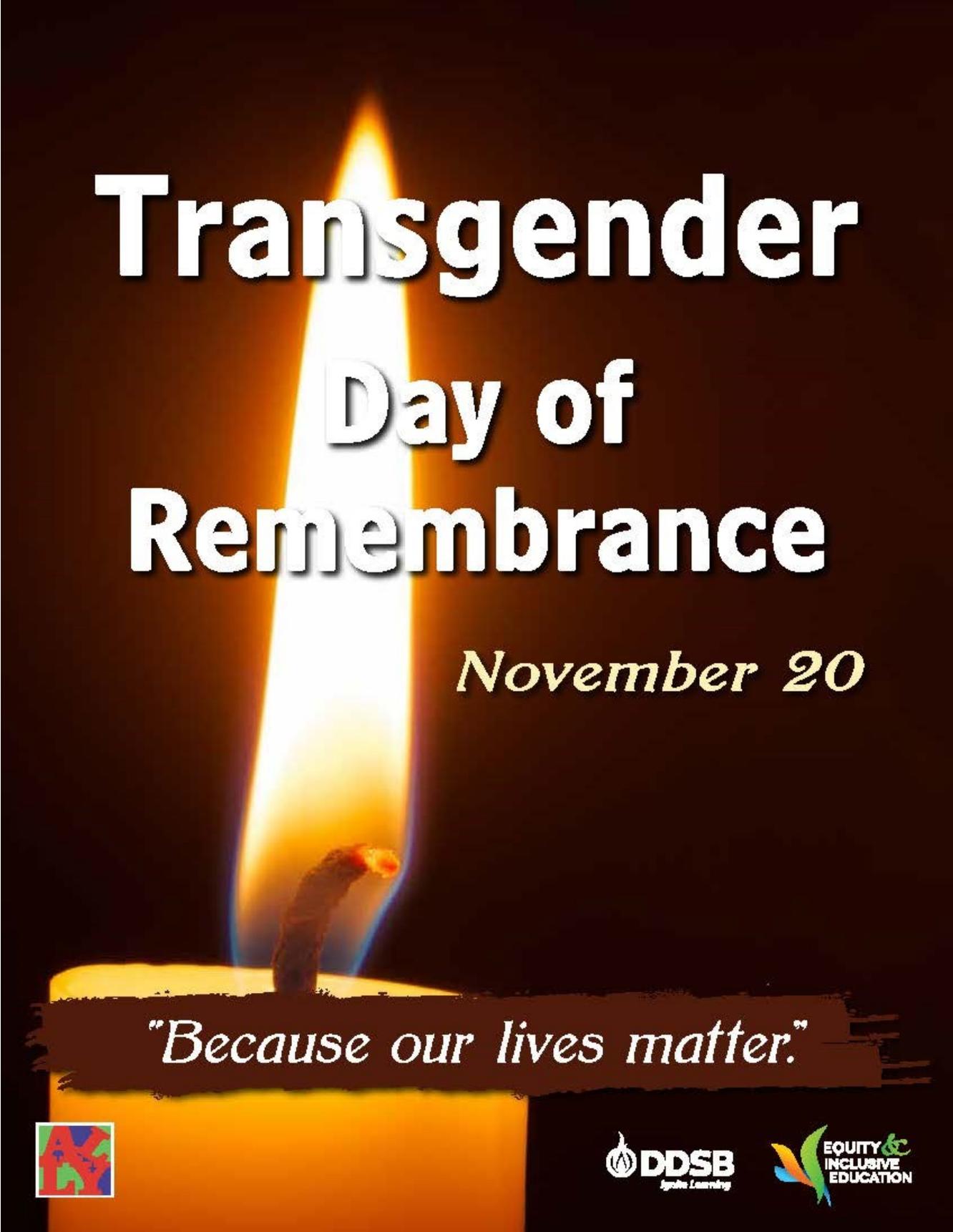
November is

Hindu Heritage Month

By proclaiming the month of November as Hindu Heritage Month, the Province of Ontario recognizes the important contributions that Hindu Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political & cultural fabric. Hindu Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Hindu Canadians and the important role that they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario.

Support all dimensions
of diversity.





Transgender Day of Remembrance

November 20

"Because our lives matter."



Important Dates

November 7 Picture Retakes

November 8 Pat on the Back Character Ed Assembly 8:40-9:40

November 13 Progress Reports Go Home

November 14 pm, and 15 am Parent Teacher Interviews



Dates of Significance

November is Albanian Heritage Month

Ontario is home to more than 28 000 Albanian Canadians. During the month of November, people of Albanian origin celebrate the Albanian Declaration of Independence which declared them an independent and sovereign nation. Albania also commemorates Liberation Day in this month which is the day that it was liberated from Nazi Germany forces after the Albanian Resistance. On this day, the Province recognizes the meaningful contributions that Albanians have made to Ontario. It is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Ontario's rich history.

November is Hindu Heritage Month

The first Hindu immigrants arrived in Canada at the beginning of the 20th century. Hindus have made significant contributions to the Province of Ontario. The biggest of all celebratory festivals that members of the Hindu community celebrate is "Deepawali" or "Diwali" which commemorates the victory of good over evil.

Treaties Recognition Week November 5-11

Ontario has designated the first week of November as **Treaties Recognition Week** to promote education. Treaties Recognition Week was introduced to honour the importance of Treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about Treaty rights and Treaty relationships. Treaties Recognition Week provides an opportunity for educators to begin planning curriculum-linked learning activities about Treaties and will help build awareness and a greater understanding of why we acknowledge the land/territory we are on.

November 11, Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day we honour the people of all backgrounds who served and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace. Every year, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, people who live in Canada as well as many other Commonwealth countries will stop what they are doing to observe a moment of silence to pay tribute to the sacrifices that were made and are still being made on our behalf. Over 6000 First Nations soldiers fought alongside the Canadian Forces throughout the First and Second World Wars. However, those who returned from the war quickly realized that the freedom that they fought for did not equally apply to them. This then, may also be a time to look both into the past and forward toward a better future for Canada's Indigenous People.

November 16, International Day of Tolerance

The United Nations has defined tolerance as respect, acceptance and appreciation of the endless richness of our world's cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human (Declaration of Principles on Tolerance, 1995). The International Day of Tolerance encourages people to learn about, respect and recognize the rights and beliefs of others. It is also a time to reflect on the impact of intolerance and how various forms of injustice, oppression, racism and other forms of discrimination have a negative impact on society.

November 16, Louis Riel Day

Louis Riel was a Métis man who is also called the 'Father of Manitoba'. He was a heroic and influential teacher and leader who took on the challenge of ensuring that the Métis people could preserve their heritage and identity. To do this, Riel headed a Provisional Government which negotiated the Manitoba Act and provided some protection for the French language. He was a man of strength and courage, but he was not seen as a hero by everyone. Riel was labelled as a traitor for taking a stand and defending Métis rights and was consequently executed by the Canadian government.

Louis Riel Day is held every year across the homeland on November 16, the anniversary of Riel's execution in 1885. While Louis Riel Day marks one of the great tragedies of Canadian history, its recognition demonstrates their continuing resilience and determination to regain their rights and preserve their way-of-life in Ontario and across the Homeland. To commemorate Louis Riel Day, MNO citizens and communities hold events across the province to recognize the many contributions of the Métis to Canada, to celebrate Métis culture and to highlight the struggles that Métis continue to face.

The great niece of Louis Riel, Augustine Abraham called for unity among Métis people.

Listen to the voice of Alexandre, 7ans qui est Métis.

<https://unis.ca/videos?v=0j77zxwvt6ub>

November 18-23 Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

Bullying is defined as a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance (Ontario Ministry of Education). For more ideas on what you and your school can do during this week, there are some resources below.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/safeschools/prevention.html>

<https://www.ddsb.ca/AboutUs/EquityInclusiveEducation/Pages/default.aspx>

The official hashtag of this year's Bullying Awareness week will be #BAW2018

Schools and classes that have read the novel: Wonder can get involved at www.choosekind.ca



November 20, Transgender Day of Remembrance

Transgender Day of Remembrance is held in November to honour Rita Hester who was killed for being who she was. This day urges us all to raise awareness of the threat of violence faced by people who identify as transgender and the persistence of the prejudice felt by the transgender community.

To help support our Transgender students, please see:

<https://ddsb.ca/AboutUs/EquityInclusiveEducation/Pages/Supporting-Our-Transgender-Students.aspx>

November 23, Holodomor Memorial Day

The Holodomor is the name given to the genocide by famine that occurred in Ukraine from 1932-1933 under Joseph Stalin's regime. As many as 10 million people perished. In Ukrainian, "Holod" means starvation/famine and "moryty" means to inflict death. This Memorial Day was introduced in 2009 in Ontario.

For more information and resources, please see:

<http://www.holodomoreducation.org/index.php/id/181>



November 25, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Violence against women is still a devastating human rights violation present in today's world. For far too long, impunity silence and stigma have allowed violence against women to escalate to pandemic proportions—one in three women worldwide experience gender-based violence. This year's theme is #HearMeToo. There will be 16 days of activism to galvanize action to end violence against women and girls around the world. As in previous years, the colour orange will be a key theme unifying all activities, with buildings and landmarks lit and decorated in orange to bring global attention to the initiative.

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