E D M O N T O N P U B L I C S C H O O L S

November 12, 2002

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy Remembrance Ceremony

ORIGINATOR: D. Blackwell, Principal, L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy

RESOURCE STAFF: Georg Arndt

INFORMATION

Remembrance Day is set aside to remember all those who gave their lives for the freedoms and privileges we have in this country. Many Canadians have proudly served over the years to preserve peace and freedom. During the last century, Canadian soldiers have served in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Gulf War as well as in many peacekeeping operations around the world. More than 118,000 soldiers have paid the ultimate sacrifice for Canada in the name of peace and freedom. In light of the events of September 11, 2001 our thoughts are with the men and women who have been called upon to once again serve our country and protect our freedom.

This evening, the students from L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy would like to remember and pay tribute to all those who sacrificed their lives so that we could live in peace. We at Vimy Ridge Academy are continually reminded that the cost of freedom has been great. These students recognize and accept that they are the next generation of Canadians and that they must attend to their responsibilities and be committed to the betterment of society through the daily practice of goodwill.

The following words were taken from a speech that was found in John F. Kennedy's pocket on the day of his assassination---a speech that he never gave. He wrote:

> *We…in this generation, are by destiny rather than by choice, the watchmen on the walls of world freedom. We ask, therefore, that we be worthy of our power and responsibility. That we may exercise our strength with wisdom and restraint. And, that we may achieve, in our time and for all time, the ancient vision of: Peace on Earth and goodwill toward all man.*

Our young people have been handed a legacy. They do remember. They will not forget.

The following is the sequence of events that will be followed for this evening's Remembrance Service (approximate time of service—15 minutes):

Remembrance Service
November 12, 2002

Singing of O Canada (Teacher)

Chairman calls meeting to order, conducts business and introduces L'Académie Vimy Ridge Academy

Importance of Remembrance (Student)

In Flanders Field (Veteran)

Youthful Tribute (Student)

Singing of Amazing Grace (Teacher)

Dance students perform "Remember"

Playing of Last Post (Student)

Lament (Student)

Minute of Silence

Playing of Reveille (Student)

Singing of "God Save the Queen"
(Teacher) Vimy Ridge Academy