

News Release

No Stone Left Alone

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Red Deer, Alberta St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School students will honour Canadian veterans, by participating in a "No Stone Left Alone" on Monday, November 4 at 10:30 a.m. at the Red Deer Cemetery. There will be a short Remembrance Day ceremony and then students will put poppies on veterans' graves. Some City of Red Deer councillors and Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools' Board of Trustees will be in attendance.

"The 'No Stone Left Alone' program provides students of all ages with the opportunity to engage in the act of remembrance in a way that is authentic, meaningful and powerful. For our children, most of whom have grown up in a time and place of peace, it helps to expand their understanding of war, loss, peace and hope. By placing poppies on the graves of the courageous men and women who fought for our country, our students can see the real impact that war has, and can reaffirm their commitment to maintaining peace in our world," said Humanities Lead Teacher, Jessica Maloughney at Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools.

The <u>No Stone Left Alone Memorial Foundation</u> is dedicated to honouring and remembering Canada's veterans. Their unique ceremony provides students and youth with an authentic experience that creates knowledge, understanding and appreciation of those who serve and of the sacrifice of Canada's fallen.

"I hope that by participating in 'No Stone Left Alone' students will have that opportunity to deepen their understanding of why participating in Remembrance Day matters. I think this opportunity will help students make a personal connection and/or allow them to honour their family members that have served or are currently serving," said Teacher Dana Blair, at St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School.

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For more information, please visit https://www.nostoneleftalone.ca/

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 10,480 students in 21 schools in Red Deer, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, Blackfalds and Olds. It also supports the learning of over 600 students in a Home Education Program. The Division is committed to serving children and parents with a complete offering of learning opportunities delivered within the context of Catholic teachings and within the means of the Division.

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