



FÊTES RÉGIONALES
DU PATRIMOINE À **OTTAWA** REGIONAL
HERITAGE FAIR

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Dear Teachers,

We would like to invite you and your students to participate in the Ottawa Regional Heritage Fair program, which is taking **place on Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at the Canadian Museum of History**. The goal of this national, bilingual program is to offer students the opportunity to explore the many aspects of Canadian history/heritage in a dynamic learning environment, and to present the results of their efforts in a public exhibition.

During the day of the Fair, students will:

- Have their projects judged in an interview by 2 judges;
- Vote for their favorite project to be considered for the Peer's Choice Award;
- Share their projects with Museum visitors;
- Participate in Museum-led workshops;
- Visit the Museum (at no cost to the students) and
- Have the opportunity to win awards.

Our website gives you a glimpse of past Fairs and student projects, and provides all the relevant information. You will also find a very useful PowerPoint presentation on the preparation of Fair projects. Please visit the website under School information: www.ottawaheritagefair.org.

The Fair is open to students in Grades 4-10

Here is a brief overview regarding student projects:

Your students have a choice of preparing:

- an individual project,
- a small group project (**maximum of 2 students/ project**)

Projects can be in French and /or in English. Teachers in an immersion classroom will need to advise us on the level of language proficiency so that we may advise the judges.

Project formats include:

- Static display (posters, charts, models)
- Multimedia (combined format)
- Performance (skit, role-playing, song)

Our goal is to celebrate student creativity and knowledge of Canadian history and heritage. Judges will be focusing on the student's use of historical thinking and Inquiry Process. Special attention will be given to the use of primary and secondary sources and oral histories, and that a wider range of resources should be used. For guidance, please refer to the rubric which can be found on our website.

Students can win a variety of awards offered by our many partners. Visit our website in January 2020 for a list of the awards. Not all awards are presented on the day of the Fair. Following the Fair, the Ottawa Committee will also be selecting delegates to represent Ottawa at the Ontario Provincial Fair celebration that will take place in June 2020 in Kingston, Ontario. This is often done in consultation with the classroom teacher.

The Ottawa Regional Heritage Fair will host 150 projects. To assist with the selection of students and projects to attend the 2020 Fair, we strongly encourage educators to host fairs in their schools and/or classrooms around Ontario Heritage Week, which is February 17 to 23, 2020 or in advance of our registration deadline. We will be asking each school if they hosted a school fair and the numbers of students involved.

Owing to the increased interest in the Fair, the Ottawa Committee may need to cap the number of projects per school. **As in past years, we are capping the initial registration at 7 projects and will consider additional spots on a case-by-case request.** We want to encourage school representation from across the Ottawa region.

Registration will take place from February 17 to April 3, 2020. Details on how to register schools for the Ottawa Regional Heritage Fair will be sent to you in January 2020 and posted on our Facebook site.

On behalf of the Ontario Heritage Fairs Association and the Ottawa Regional Heritage Fair Committee, I wish you a very successful school year....and we hope to see you and your students at the 2020 Fair!

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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