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Dear Educators,

We would like to invite you and your students to participate in the Ottawa Regional Heritage Fair program, which is taking place on **Tuesday, April 25, 2017**, 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
- Receive a medal for their efforts and have the opportunity to win other awards.

Our website gives you a glimpse of past Fairs and student projects, and provides all the relevant information. Also, Glashan Public School has shared a very useful PowerPoint on the preparation of Fair projects. Please visit the website under School information: **www.ottawaheritagefair.org**.

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, in English or bilingual.

Project formats include:

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

Our goal is to celebrate student creativity and knowledge of Canadian history and heritage. This year, judges will be focusing on the student's use of the Inquiry Process, as presented in the History Curriculum Guideline, pages 22-23 and 61-62. Also, special attention will be given to the use of primary and secondary sources, and that a wider range of resources should be used.

All students receive a participation medal and there are a variety of awards offered by our many partners. Visit our website for a complete list of available awards, including the Young Citizen's Award. The Ottawa Fair will also be selecting delegates to the Ontario Provincial Fair in June 2107.

The Fair will host 150 projects. To assist with the selection of students and projects to attend the 2017 Fair, we strongly encourage educators to host fairs in their schools and/or classrooms around around Ontario Heritage Week, which is February 13-19, 2017 or in advance of our registration deadline in April. Owing to the increased interest in the Fair, the Ottawa Committee may need to cap the number of projects per school. We want to encourage school representation from across the Ottawa region.

The deadline to register for the Fair is April 7, 2017.

<http://www.ottawaheritagefair.org/English/schoolinfo.htm>

On behalf of the Ontario Heritage Fairs Association, the Ottawa Regional Heritage Fair Committee and myself, we wish you a very successful school year....and we hope to see you and your students at the 2017 Fair!

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

Sincerely,



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