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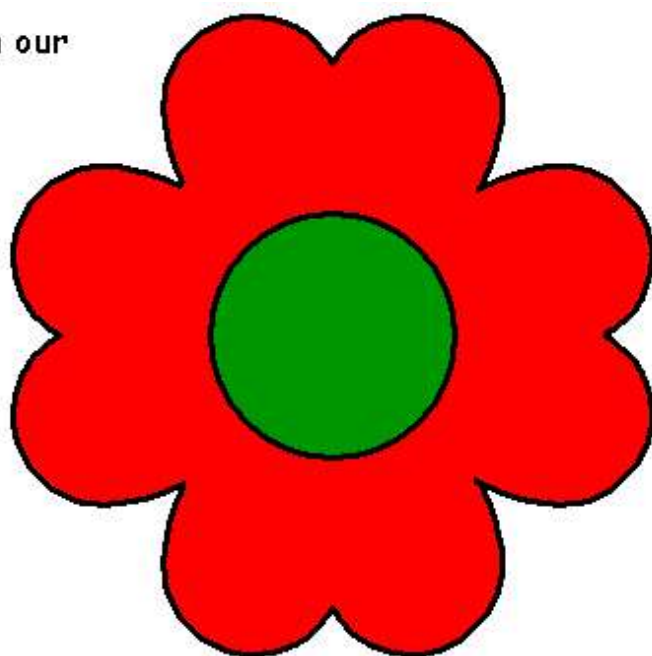
Remembrance Day is coming:

[Poppy Crafts](#)

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Remembrance Day Anagram

Word List: army, bravery,
courage, freedom, November,
peace, poppies, soldier, veteran,
war, wreath



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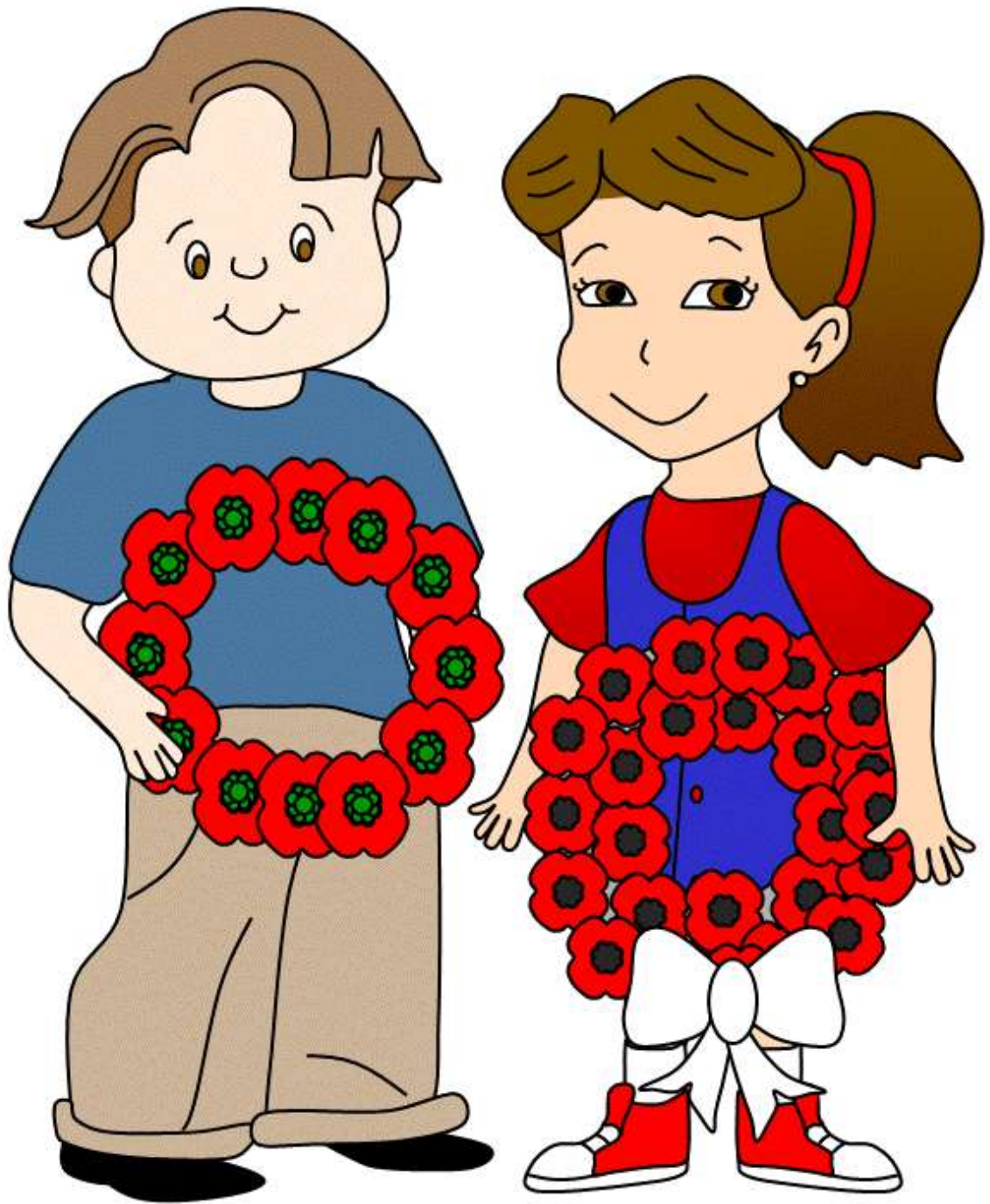
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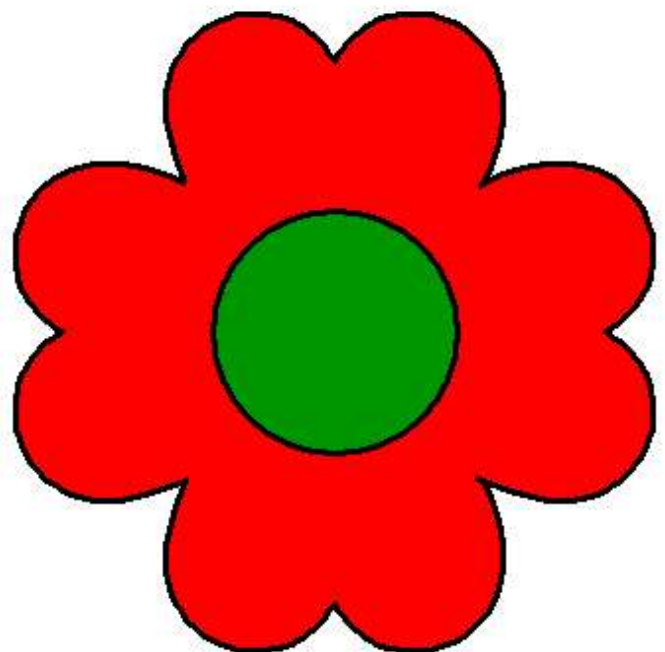
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Remembrance Day Word Search

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battle
bravery
courage
flanders
freedom
hero
honor
infantry
liberty
loss
November
patriot

peace
poppy
remember
sacrifice
soldier
troops
valor
veteran
victory
war
wreath



****Achievement Assembly is November 13th from 2 to 3 pm. ****

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Buchanan Park students will be hosting a virtual Remembrance Day Service on Tuesday November 11, 2025 at 11 am. Students will be creating a class wreath together to display during the service. More information to follow next week as we work through the details with the construction crew. Thank you for your understanding.

SWIM MEET

Thank you to parents for allowing Mr. Blunsdon to take your student to the HWDSB Swim Meet! Thank you to Mr. B for organizing! Our students swam their hearts out and gained strength and endurance in swimming! Congratulations to Kayleigh L, Mia A, Jaxton G, Sage G, Emma M, Augustus P, Rhys W, Ella P, Eden M, Myles A, Frida A, Logan G, Jayden L, Mackenzie L, Liliana M, Catherine P, Beth W, Lauren B, Meadow B, Hudson C, Mia K, Leland A, Rupert B-V, Avery C, Sawyer D, Sydney G, Macrae Y, Alexander H, Maeveiah M, Violet H! Parents are you sitting down? Buchanan Bees' 1st Swim Meet and here are the results!!! - 1st place Gr 4 Girls Freestyle: Mackenzie L, 1st place Gr. 3 Boys Freestyle: Jaxton G, 2nd place Gr. 3 girls Freestyle: Ella P, 2nd place Girls Gr 3 Relay: Kayleigh L, Sage G, Emma M, Frida A, 2nd place Gr 3 Boys Relay: Jaxton G, Augustus P, Myles A, Logan G, 2nd place Boys Backstroke: Hudson C, 3rd place Girls Medley Relay: Avery C, Sydney G, Maeveiah M, Violet H, 3rd place Gr 4 Boys Relay: Rhys W, Eden M, Jayden L, Hudson C, 3rd place Gr 6 Girls Freestyle Relay: Sydney G, Violet H, Mackenzie L, Ella P, 3rd place Gr 6 girls Backstroke: Violet H, 3rd place Gr 4 Boys Freestyle: Rhys W, 3rd place Gr 6 Boys Freestyle: Alexander H. We went in the underdog being our 1st adventure to a swim meet and displayed great sportsmanship, team playing attitudes and winning spirits. Way to go Buchanan!

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

Special thanks to SC Mom, Joseline P for launching this important program! Buchanan Bees is now part of the AST program! The Active School Travel program promotes healthy travel options for our students. The AST program includes walking, manual wheeled transport to school (bikes, scooters) to get to school. Families, together we can help reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality in our community!







To kick off the AST program - NOVEMBER IS BRIGHT, BOLD, AND VISIBLE BUCHANAN BEES!

Parents and Guardians can model active school travel in a variety of ways, one way is to park a block away from the school and walk with your students the rest of the way! While walking play "Spot the safe walker" - First person to spot 3 things wins that round! Students and parents names things such as a biker wearing a helmet, a person using the crosswalk, someone wearing bright colours!

As the days get shorter, it's important for students and families to stay safe while walking, biking, or rolling to school. Encourage your child to wear bright or reflective clothing , especially in the mornings and late afternoons. Even small touches such as a bright backpack, reflective stickers, or glow bands can help drivers see children more easily. Let's all work together to keep our students safe and visible this season! For more information please visit: <https://www.hamilton.ca/home-neighbourhood/getting-around/smart-commute/active-and-sustainable-school-travel>

READ-A-THON

Get ready to turn the pages and make history! Buchanan Park is hosting its **first-ever Read-A-Thon**, and the stakes are high:

Will YOUR classroom take home the coveted Literacy Cup? Here's how it works:  **Read at home** every day.  **Fill out your ballots** to make every minute count.  **Submit your ballots** for tallying. The class that reads the most **per capita** will claim the **first-ever Literacy Cup!**  But that's not all—**every student is automatically entered into DAILY prize draws.** Equal Chances = Equals Fun! So grab your favorite book, cozy up, and **start reading today!**  **Event Dates:** November 17–28, 2025  **Location:** Buchanan Park School **Let's make this Read-A-Thon legendary!**

WINTER LIGHTS COUNTDOWN - NOVEMBER 26TH 5 - 6 PM

You are invited to our Winter Glow Celebration on Wednesday November 26th from 5 to 6 pm. To celebrate the season of giving, each person attending celebrate the season of giving by bringing a non-perishable donation for Neighbour 2 Neighbour. Order hot chocolate, apple cider \$2 each, and cookies \$1 on schoolcash online! If purchasing at the event, hot chocolate, apple cider \$3 each and cookies \$2 each. Special thanks to SC Mom Stephanie M for organizing this community event to promote the learning and importance of giving to those less fortunate. Proceeds to the Student Advancement Fund. Thank you for your continued support!

BIG BOX OF CARDS FUNDRAISER

Big Box of Cards fundraiser raised over \$1000 for our Student Advancement Fund! Thank you for your continued support! Special thank you to Caitlyn G, Kristie G, Joseline P, Yumi H for helping with this exciting initiative.

HOT LUNCH AND SUB DAYS NOW AVAILABLE ON SCHOOLCASH

Order your students a HOT LUNCH on Mondays are Pasta Days \$6.50, Marina, Alfredo, and Butter options available. The students are saying the hot pasta lunches are delicious!

Tuesdays are sub days \$7 Veggie, \$8.50 Meatball and Chicken - tons of yummy topping options!

Fridays are pizza days - \$2.50/slice - and always delicious!

all food is delivered at 2nd Nutrition Break. Thank you to SC Mom, Yumi H for tirelessly volunteering to offer our students nutritious ordered lunches!

Available for purchase on schoolcash. HWDSB's preferred method of payment is schoolcash. Please find the link to sign up here: [SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome](https://schoolcashonline.com/welcome) If you have difficulty signing up or signing in please contact Ms. Bonnie in the school office at bshapard@hwdsb.on.ca Payments on schoolcash can be made with your debit card or a credit card. If there is an unique circumstance where you need to purchase items with cash, please send your student to the office to receive a paper order form, please send in the completed form and money to the school office. All purchases are due ONE week before food day. No late orders will be accepted.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS

[Start2Finish](https://start2finish.org), a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing **education equity** and **inclusive learning opportunities** for all children.

Our mission is to help students thrive by strengthening:

- **Reading Literacy**, building confidence through accessible and engaging reading experiences;
- **Health Literacy**, promoting active living and overall well-being through fun, inclusive fitness activities;
- **Cultural Literacy**, nurturing empathy and belonging by exploring diverse stories ([Mirrors and Windows](#) concept) and perspectives that reflect every child's identity and community.

At Start2Finish, we believe every child—regardless of background, ability, or location—should have access to quality learning experiences. To that end, we are pleased to invite students from your school community to participate in one of our **free virtual afterschool programs**:

- **Brainworx** for students in grades 1-6 [Facebook](#)
- **Junior Coach** program for students in grades 7 & 8. [Facebook](#)

Each program is designed by educators and wellness experts, combining literacy development, social-emotional learning, and physical activity in a welcoming, inclusive virtual environment.

This program is **completely free** for families and led by **trained, vetted volunteers** who are committed to creating safe and supportive learning spaces.

DATE CHANGE FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The school council meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday Nov 13th at 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm due to parent/teacher interviews. We thank the SC Team for all your hard work: Kristie G, Yumi H, Janet M, Stephanie M, Miriam G, Ashleigh L, Jenna D, Caitlin G, Jade N, Helen D, Tess G, and Joseline P.

IDEAS CONCERNS OR ACCOLADES

Please contact Ms. Bonnie at bshapard@hwdsb.on.ca or buchananpark@hwdsb.on.ca and your idea, concern and/or accolade will be sent to the appropriate staff person.

PEDICULOSIS/HEAD LICE

If you discover head lice or nits, it is important to apply treatment and remove nits to prevent spreading to others. Public Health does not require reporting of a head lice infestation. However, if you do find that your child has head lice, please inform the school. You can also consult with a health professional to find the treatment most suitable. Treatment products will kill the lice, but not all of the nits, therefore nits must be removed by hand.

Please also note that treatment for head lice is covered by OHIP+ for children and youth under 25. To obtain covered products visit your family doctor or walk-in clinic for a prescription.

Additional information can be obtained from the Caring for Kids website at <https://caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/healthconditions-and-treatments/head>

NUTRITION PROGRAM

Here at Buchanan Park School we offer a daily nutrition program. We welcome food donations that are in compliance with our Nutrition Policy (nut-free). In addition to food donations, if you would like to donate a gift card for us to use for nutrition or for a family in need, we welcome these donations.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer for reading buddies, math buddies, our hot lunch programs, volunteer for class trips/adventures, become a volunteer driver for teams and clubs. Please complete your **Vulnerable Sector Screening** found here: [Get a Background Check | Hamilton Police Service](#). **Please only select Vulnerable Sector Check. Please note: ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST GO THROUGH THE OFFICE TO CONFIRM ANY VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES.** Thank you to Nathan B, Susanne B-V, Philip B, Heather B, Nathan C, Melissa C, Jenna D, Helen D, Miriam G, Kathryn G, Tess G, Caitlin G, Amanda G, Kristie G, Stephanie H, Yumi H, Shannon K-Z, Ashleigh L, Stephanie M, Jolene M, Byron M, Janet M, Melissa M, Katherine M, Angela N, Jade N, Tavia N, Ben P, Joseline P-Q, Hailey R and Jody S for volunteering to make Buchanan Bees' the place to BEE! If you have yet to hand in your OD, please do so asap!

SPEEDING AND STOP SIGNS IN SCHOOL ZONES

Thank you to those community members who continue to prioritize our student safety and drive the posted speed limit and come to a complete stop at stop signs. We appreciate your diligence in keeping our students safe.

BIKE SAFETY

Thank you to families for ensuring our students put safety first and wear a helmet when using student powered wheeled transport to school.

UPCOMING DATES

NOVEMBER 13 - ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY 2 - 3PM in the gym

NOVEMBER 13 - School Council Meeting 5:30 - 6:30 in the school library

NOVEMBER 17 - 28 - READ-A-THON (at home)

NOVEMBER 20 - PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

NOVEMBER 21 - PD day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 25 - Photo Retake Day

NOVEMBER 26 - Giving Tree Event

NOVEMBER 28 - Achievement Assembly 2:20 p.m.

DECEMBER 9 - JK/SK & GR. 2 DENTAL SCREENING

DECEMBER 10 - BEEZAR

DECEMBER 15 - WINTER FESTIVE MUSIC WEEK - STUDENTS ONLY

DECEMBER 16 - WINTER FESTIVE MUSIC WEEK - STUDENTS ONLY

DECEMBER 17 - Winter Concert 11:15 a.m. - PARENTS/GUARDIANS INVITED

DECEMBER 18 - WINTER FESTIVE MUSIC WEEK - STUDENTS ONLY

DECEMBER 19 - WINTER FESTIVE MUSIC WEEK - STUDENTS ONLY

JANUARY 27 - Virtual Snuggle up and Read Night - link will be sent closer to date

JANUARY 28 - Family Literacy Night 5:15-6:30 p.m. in the gym

APRIL 2 - Mathnasium Event - during the school day - parents invited - more info to follow closer to date

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