

Acton school to alter Nov. 11 ceremony after not observing minutes of silence

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A couple of complaints about Remembrance Day observances at McKenzie-Smith Bennett Public School in Acton has resulted in changes for next year's activities surrounding the Nov. 11 activities for students.

Although MS-B students have traditionally participated in a number of Remembrance Day ceremonies at school and at the Acton cenotaph, two parents contacted the school administration with letters expressing their disappointment that two minutes of silence were not observed at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11 (Monday).

"For our children's sake and in our veterans' honour, the school should have realized the importance and significance of those two minutes of silence—at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month—and asked both staff and students to observe it, no matter what else was going on," said parent Shelagh Bailey, whose grandfather fought in the Second World War and passed away in 2010.

MS-B principal Lisa Serebrin said that in past years, Remembrance Day

ceremonies were observed on the school day before Nov. 11 so that members of the Acton Legion's Colour Guard were able to attend the MS-B event last Friday, in which several students participated in readings, poems and the placing of wreaths.

As well, three MS-B students attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony on Saturday and placed a wreath at the Acton cenotaph on behalf of the school. On Monday, several students also took part in the official ceremonies in Acton, and Serebrin noted that essays, art projects, poem writing and wreath making in honour of veterans have been incorporated into classroom activities.

"Traditionally, we've conducted our ceremony on the day before the town's ceremony and that allows the Colour Guard to be here and we can observe Remembrance Day together as a whole group," Serebrin said.

But the principal acknowledged on Tuesday that two minutes of silence should have been observed on Nov. 11, and if the school follows a similar format next year, an observation of the two minutes of silence will take place at 11 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month.



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