

Weekender

# Children's Page



## Lisa is athlete of the month

Grade 3 student Lisa Ann Jones is Claremont's up and coming cross-country running star. The eight-year-old dynamo was named her school's athlete-of-the-month after she won a bronze medal at the recent Canadian cross-country finals, helping her team to a first place finish. Lisa Anne also placed second at the provincials and was runner-up at an earlier area meet held at Dagmar Ski Resort.

## Why is the poppy important to me?

At first I thought the poppy was just for decoration. Later, I realized that we wouldn't be here if it weren't for the people who fought for us and our country. Some people might ask questions like "What's the meaning of wearing a poppy?" or "How was the poppy chosen?" There are very good answers. People wear poppies to honor and worship the ones who died. The men and women who sacrificed their lives for us.

The poppy was chosen because it was the flower found to be growing around Flanders Field and other battlefields.

This flower was worn by veterans and families of the soldiers who died. Over the years things changed. Now the pop-

pies are sent to schools and towns, but there were not enough real poppies to go around. In the United States the artificial poppy was introduced. This poppy sold extremely well and made money for medicines and educational activities. The money was also used for the abandoned and the unfortunate ones who lost their families in the war.

So if you think you have it hard just think of all the children who lost all of their loved ones in the war. Buy a poppy and "THINK" of all the courageous people who fought for us.

Sonia Cece  
Grade 8

## Why I remember our war dead

I should always try to remember the brave men or soldiers who risked their lives so we could survive in a better world today.

They left their families, wives, children and jobs to give us a free country. They weren't

trying to be heroes; they were just doing what they felt was right. These men were battling to bring peace, love, free religion and free rights to our country so we could live, and they won the battle for us.

As I sit here in my desk, I can say to myself, "They were heroes for they saved our country from destroying itself." I know I'm still young and will possibly never find out how brave and strong they really were, to leave their families and fight for the new generation. A peaceful generation which most did not see.

On each Remembrance Day as I wear my poppy and bow my head, I will try to remember how they fought for us.

Nancy Adams  
Grade 8

### Wear a poppy!

Remembrance Day is about the people who died in the war for us. They made our country free.

We wear poppies on Remembrance Day to show we are proud of what they did for us.

On Remembrance Day we pray for the people who died in the war.

Cheryl Norton  
Grade 2

## Claremont Public School

### The scarecrow

One morning I heard a strange noise out in the cornfield. It sounded like someone crying, so I got up and went outside into the cornfield. Then I saw a scarecrow crying. I went up to him and said, "What is the matter?" "I have no friends to play with," the scarecrow answered. "M-m-m." I thought, "I wonder if I could help

out, but first I have to think." So I thought and thought. Then I said, "I've got an idea." So I got some food and put it in a bowl and tied it to his hands. Some crows came down and the scarecrow asked the crows to play with him, and they did.

Christine Williams  
Grade 3

### Snowing popcorn

I awoke in the morning and realized it had snowed popcorn in the night. Oh no, it was all over! The lawn was covered in popcorn! Then it rained butter, and when that was over it rained salt. I had to cut the lawn for my allowance to pay my mom back for the new truck she bought me. So the only thing to do was to eat my way

through. I called all my friends and asked if they wanted to eat my lawn. They said, "Sure." When they came we got to work. We ate and ate and ate. Finally we got through. I cut the lawn and paid my mom back.

Aaron Kobold  
Grade 3

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S hosts  
scary, evil  
souls, suffering, lonely  
gouls, floating, chilling, beings  
glowing, frightening, eerie  
eternal, old  
Spirits

Taylor S.



### Poster power

Grade 8 students Dave Lehman (left) and Will Chadwick will represent Claremont Public School in the poster section of an annual Remembrance Day contest sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion. Sonia Cece and Nancy Adams penned the north Pickering school's literary contest submissions, both of which are featured on this page.

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