

Students from St. Martha Catholic Schools will be discovering the contributions of Canadian military long after Remembrance Day ceremonies end on Nov. 11. Patricia Ryan and her Grade 6 students will be spending a full week learning at the Military Communications & Electronics Museum starting on Nov. 14th.

The students will be participating in Beyond Classrooms Kingston's first programming week at the Military Communications & Electronics Museum. Beyond Classrooms welcomes the Museum as its seventh community programming venue, and is looking forward to exploring the site and its teaching resources with the students.

Mrs. Ryan and her students will be using the Museum as a base to learn about the impact the military has had on Canada and the Kingston community. Students will speak with an officer (or a member) from the Communications and Electronics Branch to learn more about his career and experiences. Researchers from the Centre for International and Defence Policy at Queen's University will share more about the important contributions women have made to Canadian military history. Students will spend time exploring artifacts, photographs, and dossiers to further their inquiries.

Dave McCarey, Assistant Curator and Education Programmer, will be leading activities to help students learn more about communication technology and how it has changed over time. From participating in signaling activities, to cracking codes while exploring the Enigma machine, students will learn firsthand about the importance of communication and why it is essential in the military.

Using their knowledge from their week of inquiry, students will commemorate the Canadian military for their sacrifice and service by planning their own contribution to a Vimy memorial exhibit which will be on display at the Museum in April.

Beyond Classrooms Kingston is a charitable organization which moves teachers and their classrooms into community sites for an entire week of inquiry. Students slow down their learning, look closely, and reflect through journal writing. For more information about teacher, site, volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, please visit our website at [www.beyondclassrooms.ca](http://www.beyondclassrooms.ca).

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