

Impressive Remembrance Day assembly at Port Guichon

Editor:

I had the distinct honour to attend Port Guichon Elementary's Remembrance Day assembly last Thursday. As I watched the kindergarten to Grade 7 children present their well-conducted program, I came to the realization that Canada is in good hands.

How else to gauge the country but through its children. Mature beyond their tender years; polite beyond that displayed by others many years their senior; gracious beyond what often appears to be considered normal behaviour on social media; and certainly more open to learning that many people

proclaim.

I am indebted to my guide, Tyler, a Grade 6 student who took great delight in proudly pointing out the various classrooms, library, cloakrooms and, even, washrooms as we toured the school. As we trod the corridors, we were joined by other children, each eager to point

out benefits of their school and proud to be part of the Remembrance Day assembly.

From the youngest to the oldest, these children made me proud and I am certain they make their parents proud also.

Thank you, staff and students of Port Guichon Elementary, for inviting

me to join you on this Day of Remembrance as we each thank those who paved the way for our peace. May none of you ever have to step forward and say, "Ready, aye, ready."

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee, silently but firmly.

Bob Orrick

