



*It takes a village to raise a child.
(Ancient African Wisdom)*

*For unto you, is given ...
generations*



Child Day - November 20, 2018

UN International Child Day Canada's National Child Day Child Friendly City Day in Ottawa

TRIBUTE to Ottawa-Carleton District School Board



Every Child is Sacred
pays tribute to the OCDSB
for contributing to Ottawa as a Child Friendly city
through
the OCDSB's unanimous and historic adoption on May 18, 2018
of
The United Nations Decade for People of African Descent
&
The OCDSB's commitment to the spirit and intent of the terms of the May 18, 2018 motion
to be implemented through
the agency of all in the OCDSB who act *in loco parentis* to children of African descent & their peers.

On November 20, 2018. Child Friendly Day in Ottawa, with the theme, "Every child is sacred", commemorates the first three children taught in Canada, by Father Paul Le Jeune (1632); with the memorial being Ottawa becoming known as a Child Friendly City. The Day observes Canada's Child Day and International Child Day, anniversary of the UN's adoption of our Convention on the Rights of the Child on November 20, 1989.

Our city honours the Convention and other covenants sacred to the child, including our Human Rights Act, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and Decade for People of African Descent.

Mayor Jim Watson, Mayor of the city of Ottawa, has proclaimed November 20, 2018, Child Friendly Day in Ottawa, honoring everybody's contributions to Ottawa as a Child Friendly City.

June Girvan
J'Nikira Dinqinesh Education Centre

Every Child is Sacred
Reconciliation Day in Ottawa
History-in-the-Street



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November 14, 2018

**We pay tribute to the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board,
for contributing *in loco parentis*, to Ottawa as a Child Friendly City,
being conscious***

- of the United Nations General Assembly Proclamation of the period from 2015 to 2024 as the International Decade for People of African Descent in its Resolution 68/237 of December 23, 2014;
- that the Resolution designates people of African descent as a distinct group, whose human rights must be promoted and protected, and stipulates as the theme for the said Decade, "People of African descent: Recognition, justice and development";
- that The Decade was officially recognized by Canada (January 30, 2018) and Ontario (February 2017), and was adopted by the City of Ottawa on the UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21, 2018);
- for being cognizant of the historic and contemporary role of schools in Canada in perpetuating myths, doctrines, false science, and narratives that have resulted in strategies and behaviours which have compromised how children of African descent feel, think, grow and actualize their potential, promise and purpose in the world, as referenced in the historic story about an African boy being educated in New France (1632);

The Ottawa Carleton District School board is further applauded for resolving that, in commemoration of the 390th anniversary of the arrival in New France of the first student of African descent, the board by,

- joining the Orders of Government in adopting 2015-2024 as the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent;
- Adopting and committing to the intent of the UN Decade for People of African Descent in Ottawa through work to:
 - develop and undertake work on the Equity Action Plan;
 - reduce barriers to learning to improve equity of access and opportunity for students of African descent;
 - intentionally adopt practices to create a safe and caring learning environment that respects, promotes, and protects the human rights of children of African descent;
 - collect and use of identity-based data to measure our progress and inform decisions on policy and programs that impact on the education of students of African descent;
 - engage with Parents and Community organizations comprising of People of African Descent in Ottawa to support their sense of belonging in the OCDSB education environment.

* Ref.: [The International Decade for People of African Descent](#)

<https://www.ocdsb.ca/.../Notice%20of%20Motion%20re%20International%20Decade...>

May 15, 2018 - WHEREAS the OCDSB is conscious of the United Nations General ...
theme for the said Decade, "People of African descent: Recognition. Justice. Development