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*"Every Child Can Learn... Every Child Must Learn"*

# Schools' Bulletin

**ATTENTION: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMEN AND PRINCIPALS  
OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS**

**SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY**

**Dear Colleagues,**

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Information wishes to advise that around the world September 08, 2019 will be celebrated as **International Literacy Day** under the theme "**Literacy and Multilingualism**". The National Literacy Team will be observing the day on **Friday, September 6, 2019**.

Since 1946, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization UNESCO has been keen on improving global literacy through observance of **International Literacy Day**. In partnership with governments, charities, local communities and other experts in the field, programmes are planned for the day. The Ministry of Education, Youth and Information (MoEYI) will capitalize on this special day by hosting activities in all regions.

Parish activities may be planned in collaboration with the library, the Jamaica Reading Association (JRA) or selected schools.

Here are some suggested activities for the day's celebration in your school:

• **Recognition of the day during devotion**

- Inform students about the 2019 theme and the origin of International Literacy Day.
- Convey greetings in different languages.
- Did you know feature -comparison between languages (cognates)
- Translations from creole to English/English to creole
- Reading of Messages

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- **Mount a Word Wall (showing 3 or more different languages)**
- **Wear-a-word (wear one word written in two different languages)**

Each participant wears a word written in two languages. Participants displaying the word should know its meaning(s), a synonym and antonym, and be able to use the word in a sentence.

- **Design Posters depicting Theme: 'Literacy and Multilingualism**
- **Read Aloud**

Make some devoted time to read aloud with a group or class on September 6, and take a minute to think about how fortunate we are to be able to read.

You may also read stories and poems written in creole or a foreign language and have fun translating the text.

- **Guest Readers**

Ask parents, past students, community members to visit school to read aloud from their favourite books. The School Based Literacy Coordinator can help staff members select an appropriate book, but it is more fun when the visiting reader selects a book that he or she may have read as a child.

- **Invite Mento Bands to perform and ask students to translate the songs**

**For further information or queries, please contact the following Literacy Coordinators listed below:**

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