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## ORILLIA TEACHER IN BOOKS OF LIFE LAUNCH

**TORONTO, September 20, 2012** - Grade 5 teacher, Vince Prince of Monsignor Lee Catholic School, Orillia and some of his students from last year, will take part in the launch of the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) *Books of Life* project at The Word on the Street in Toronto. Vince and his students were participants in this year-long project.

A teacher for more than 25 years, Vince Price has taught Grades 4 through 8. He uses drama techniques in his teaching practice, which has had a strong influence on his students' story writing techniques.

*Books of Life* is an Aboriginal education awareness and literacy initiative of the Ontario Teachers' Federation, funded by the Government of Ontario. Supported by their teachers, students from diverse school populations created books about their lives. Large schools were linked with small; rural with urban; northern with southern. Each class chose the theme and form of its *Books of Life*. They exchanged their books with students in other schools, enhancing understanding of each other.

On Sunday, September 23, 2012, at The Word on the Street in Toronto, students work will be featured at the Children's Reading Tent at 3:00 p.m. Annually attracting more than 200,000 visitors to its Queen's Park Circle location, The Word on the Street Toronto is the largest book and magazine festival in Canada. OTF is pleased to be officially launching the *Books of Life* at this exciting event.

All of the *Books of Life* will be on display at the *Books of Life* booth at K14 and K15 in The KidStreet section. Teachers who were part of the project will be available to talk about their experiences and the work of their students. The project included students from all grade levels and all parts of the publicly funded schools.

The Ontario Teachers' Federation is the advocate for the teaching profession in Ontario and for its 160,000 teachers. OTF members are full-time, part-time and occasional teachers in all the publicly funded schools in the province—elementary, secondary, public, Catholic and francophone.

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