

## Canadian Premature Babies Foundation – School Project

Help us Spread Awareness and Love on November 17th. Together we can make a big difference.

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, more than 100 countries will come together to mark World Prematurity Day. It is one of the most important days of the year to raise awareness of the challenges and burdens associated with preterm birth faced by families worldwide.

**Approximately 30,000 babies are born prematurely\* every year in Canada, representing 1 in 10 babies.** The Canadian Premature Babies Foundation (CPBF) is a parent-led charitable organization, committed to providing education, support and advocacy for premature babies and their families who are both in and outside of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

We invite all schools across Canada to participate in our awareness campaign during the 2023-2024 academic school year. The colour purple represents preterm birth. Please consider adding **Purple for Premies** to your school calendar for a Purple Day on November 17th in support of our babies born too soon.

- Encourage students and staff to wear purple clothing or accessories in exchange for a minimum \$2 donation to help CPBF support families of premature babies.
- Invite students at your school to share a premie story with their peers. Stories could be their own, a sibling's or someone they know.
- Notify us\* by **October 20<sup>th</sup>** and receive our World Prematurity Day posters (see attachment) to display at your school.

Join us in our mission to raise awareness for Canada's tiniest babies. CPBF is proud to be part of a worldwide illumination campaign. Landmarks across Canada including the CN Tower and Niagara Falls will be lit up in purple to honour our premature babies and their families.

Thank you for considering the Canadian Premature Babies Foundation for your school wide or classroom project. If you have any further questions and would like to participate, please contact us at [events@cpbf-fbpc.org](mailto:events@cpbf-fbpc.org)

*\*born less than 37 weeks gestation*

With gratitude,

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