



Veteran's Day Activities Mansfield Public Schools November 11, 2019

Goodwin School

Goodwin will be celebrating Veterans Day by honoring the members of our community who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces. For the second year in a row, we will construct our wall of honor of our Goodwin Veterans by posting pictures and memories in the hallway. Students and staff will gather for an assembly in the morning to learn more about Veterans Day and to introduce our invited guests for the day. Finally, all classrooms will also engage in appropriate activities centered on extending our understanding of the day. Some of the activities will include letter writing to veterans and those currently serving as well as reading about the history of the day.

Southeast School

Southeast will gather as a whole school community on Monday, Nov. 11 to raise the American Flag in front of our school with the help of our veterans and sing patriotic songs. Following the flag raising, the K-4 students will participate in a round of stations including: a letter writing station to active duty personnel, a USA flag folding station, getting to know a Veteran, and a uniform station for students to explore the various parts of the military uniform (stripes, badges, bars and medals). We are planning a "lunch with a vet" to culminate the activity with Mansfield food services providing the lunch and the Southeast staff providing the desserts. Ten veterans or enlisted active duty military members have responded that they are planning to attend the morning's events and lunch.

Vinton School

Vinton School will be honoring Veterans Day through the creation of a Wall of Recognition. Members of the Vinton community send in photos and information about themselves or family members and they are honored on the Wall of Recognition. A slideshow of all submissions is shown in classrooms and sent to the school community in the weekly newsletter. In addition, teachers do a wide range of activities in classrooms to teach the significance of Veterans Day and why it is important to honor our veterans. These activities include reading picture books, watching videos, visiting websites honoring veterans, and singing patriotic songs.

Mansfield Middle School

MMS has invited veterans to an all school assembly at 9:00AM to honor and recognize those who have served. Sunshine club members will greet guests upon arrival and walk them to the cafeteria where they will have light refreshments prior to the assembly. To begin the assembly, the chamber choir will perform the Star-Spangled Banner and the concert choir (all 210 students) will perform a service medley later in the program. Two veterans have been invited to speak. Mr. Gary Drew will focus his message on the people and the sacrifices made for their country. World War II veteran, Mr. Ben Cooper, will speak on the importance of kindness. At 11:00AM the entire school will watch the laying of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Teachers and homeroom advocates will be prepared to share information pertaining to the importance of this event. At 2:11PM, MMS will observe the National Moment of Silence (2 minutes in length). Preceding this event former MMS student, Jason Bosque, will play taps over live video feed to the entire school. The program allows every individual to have three experiences as part of the Veteran's Day observance.

