WOODRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 68

memo

To: Board of Education
From: Amy Melinder, Director of Community Engagement
Date: November 16, 2026
Re: District Highlights

Comments:

Letters to soldiers & veterans

Woodridge 68 elementary students wrote heartfelt letters to soldiers serving overseas and area veterans. Through a collaboration with Woodridge VFW Post 1578 and Janes Avenue Neighborhood Outreach, these letters and others were sent to Operation Support our Troops, bringing a piece of home to those serving overseas during the holidays. Veterans at Hines VA Hospital will also receive some of the letters.

Jefferson Student Council Establishes Little Free Library

Jefferson Junior High's Student Council recently installed a Little Free Library to make books more accessible to the community. Previously, the school maintained an indoor book-sharing table, but Student Council members wanted to expand the initiative beyond the school building. Using a portion of the funds raised last year, students purchased and installed the library, which will be stocked with donated books and available to students, families and community members.

American Education Week

American Education Week presents everyone with an opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every student receives a quality education. This year November 16-20 has been set aside to raise awareness about the need to provide every child with a quality public education. The celebration highlights the importance of bringing together

educators, parents, students, and communities in a unified effort to build safe, just & equitable schools.

The Board of Education recognizes our teachers and support staff for their dedication to our students, schools, and community. We present the Woodridge Education Association and Woodridge Educational Support Staff each with a certificate of appreciation for their efforts.