JEFFERSON *Elementary*

Honoring our Heroes Veteran's Day Program

Jefferson Elementary was proud to honor our nation's veterans with a wonderful Veterans Day program filled with music, gratitude, and appreciation! Our students showcased their talents by playing drums, ukuleles, bucket drums, shakers, and kazoos. We honored each branch of the military with an Armed Forces Medley, and students beautifully incorporated American Sign Language into their performance of America the Beautiful.

Veterans in attendance were recognized and gifted carnations and special pictures created by our students. Behind the music and performances was so much hard work, preparation, and learning. Students explored the meaning of words like bravery, valor, heroism, and sacrifice, gaining a deeper understanding of the courage and commitment of the men and women who have served our country.

We were so grateful for the wonderful participation and support from our students, families, and veterans who joined us to make this event so special. A HUGE shout-out to Mrs. Meeks for her incredible dedication, creativity, and hard work in planning and bringing this fabulous show to life!



"YOU'RE A GRAND OLD FLAG"



POEMS FOR OUR VETERANS



BUCKET DRUMMING 3RD GRADE

Family Fun Night

JUST BEFORE HALLOWEEN, JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY WELCOMED STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR A FUN-FILLED EVENING CELEBRATING THE FALL SEASON TOGETHER! FAMILIES ENJOYED AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND TIME AT SCHOOL, CONNECT WITH ONE ANOTHER, AND PARTICIPATE IN A VARIETY OF FESTIVE ACTIVITIES. STUDENTS HAD A BLAST TRYING THEIR LUCK AT GAMES LIKE RING TOSS, TAKING A TURN AT OUR POPULAR "TREAT WALK," PICKING CARAMEL APPLES, CREATING FALL-THEMED ARTS AND CRAFTS, AND PARTICIPATING IN FUN RELAY GAMES. THE PRIZES WERE A BIG HIT, AND OUR STUDENTS CERTAINLY ENJOYED THEIR FILL OF TREATS ALONG THE WAY! EVENTS LIKE THESE PROVIDE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES TO STRENGTHEN THE CONNECTION BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL WHILE CREATING POSITIVE MEMORIES FOR OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THE EVENING A SUCCESS!

A SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO OUR PARENT INVOLVEMENT TASK FORCE, INCLUDING MRS. BUIKEMA, MRS. CONDERMAN, MRS. WENDT, AND MRS. THORPE, FOR THEIR TIME, CREATIVITY, AND HARD WORK IN ORGANIZING THE EVENT. WE ALSO APPRECIATE OUR ADDITIONAL TEACHER AND FAMILY VOLUNTEERS, INCLUDING EMILY CONDERMAN, MRS. STOVER, MR. JERRY, AND MRS. KINGHAM. YOUR WILLINGNESS TO GIVE YOUR TIME AND HELP CREATE MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCES FOR OUR JEFFERSON FAMILIES IS TRULY APPRECIATED. THANK YOU FOR HELPING MAKE JEFFERSON SUCH A WELCOMING PLACE TO GROW!







Honoring their work...



WE BELIEVE THAT RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE POSITIVE CHOICES OUR STUDENTS MAKE IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF BUILDING A SCHOOL COMMUNITY WHERE EVERY CHILD FEELS SAFE, INVOLVED, LOVED, AND SET UP FOR SUCCESS. THIS SCHOOL YEAR, JEFFERSON PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS HAVE REACHED OUT TO FAMILIES TO SHARE POSITIVE NEWS ABOUT STUDENTS MORE THAN 150 TIMES! THESE MOMENTS OF RECOGNITION HAPPEN IN A VARIETY OF WAYS, INCLUDING OUR POWER SKILL RALLIES AS WELL AS THROUGH POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRALS. OUR STUDENTS LOVE COMING TO THE OFFICE TO CALL HOME ALONGSIDE MRS. THORPE AND MRS. FULL. THEY BEAM WITH PRIDE WHEN THEY SEE THEIR PICTURES DISPLAYED IN THE HALLWAY FOR OTHERS TO CELEBRATE, TOO! WHILE THESE CELEBRATIONS ARE EXCITING, OUR BIGGER GOAL IS TO HELP STUDENTS DEVELOP INTRINSIC MOTIVATION. WE WANT THEM TO RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF MAKING POSITIVE CHOICES, PRACTICING IMPORTANT LIFE SKILLS, AND BEING PROUD OF THE PEOPLE THEY ARE BECOMING, EVEN WHEN NO ONE IS WATCHING. THIS IS AN ONGOING JOURNEY, AND WE ARE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF THE EFFORT OUR STAFF PUTS INTO CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO FEEL SEEN, VALUED, AND CELEBRATED ALONG THE WAY. EVERY POSITIVE INTERACTION, ENCOURAGING WORD, AND MOMENT OF RECOGNITION HELPS US MOVE CLOSER TO THAT GOAL. THANK YOU TO OUR JEFFERSON STAFF FOR MAKING THE GOOD IN OUR STUDENTS IMPOSSIBLE TO MISS!