## Agenda Item B - Recognitions and Celebrations

## Veterans Day Essay Winners



**Brittany Witt**, a 12th grader at Mineola High School, was the first place winner in the Veterans Day Essay Contest sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 296, the Mineola American Legion, and the Mineola Marine Corps League. The essays were written on the topic of "Is the Constitution Still Relevant?" Mr. Tony Gilbreath's class participated in the contest.



The second place winner was Olivia Heard.



The third place winner was **Madelyn Wood**.



The fourth place winner was Winter Wilson.



The fifth place winner was **Sydney Cox**.

The students were recognized on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> with prize money for the top three winners and certificates for all of the winners. The Mineola ISD Board of Trustees takes great pride and honor in recognizing these outstanding students. We also want to congratulate Brittany Witt as she has now been declared the District Winner in the Essay Contest. She will now be competing at the State Level in the Essay Contest.



**Emily Phonsnasinh**, a 4th grader at Mineola Elementary School, was the winner in the Mineola Pilot Club Essay Contest. All of the fourth grade students participated in writing an essay entitled "What a Veteran Means to Me." Emily read her essay at the Mineola ISD Veteran Day Program on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. The Mineola Board of Trustees takes great pride in recognizing Emily as an outstanding student at Mineola Elementary School.