



To: Board of Education  
From: Amy Melinder, Director of Community Engagement  
Date: November 17, 2025  
Re: District Highlights

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Comments: **Letters to soldiers & veterans**

Woodridge 68 students wrote nearly 1,200 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 in Lisle will also receive some of the letters.

**Elementary choirs perform at hockey game**

Student choirs from Edgewood, Goodrich, Murphy, Siple and Willow Creek sang a tribute to the armed forces at the start of a recent Chicago Wolves hockey game.

**Preschool earns top designation**

The Woodridge School District 68 Preschool for All program has once again been awarded the Gold Circle of Quality through ExceleRate Illinois, the state's quality rating and improvement system for early learning and development programs. All three school locations, Edgewood, Goodrich and Siple, received this designation, demonstrating our commitment to providing quality early education to children in our district.

The Gold Circle of Quality, the highest rating a program can achieve, recognizes programs as determined by our most recent Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale (ECERS-3) scores and Compliance Checklist results.



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**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 17-21 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.