

Schools to Commemorate Veterans Day with Ceremonies and Activities

Many of our schools have planned special activities to honor our veterans and make students aware of their service and sacrifice for our country. Some of these activities are listed below:

Century High School will hold its annual Veterans Day assembly on **Friday, November 9**. There will be a breakfast for veterans and guests from 8:00 to 8:50 a.m. followed by an assembly from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Students will have the opportunity to visit veterans as part of a Living History Museum which will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cadets from Century's JROTC program will assist the veterans as they prepare their displays.

Ebb Valley Elementary School is inviting any current or past military personnel to a Veteran Appreciation Assembly on **Friday, November 9**. Veterans are welcome to arrive at 8:45 a.m. for a small reception before the assembly begins promptly at 9:30 a.m. Veterans will also be invited to go to classrooms after the assembly for a short question and answer session with students.

Francis Scott Key High School invites all veterans, active duty military, and their families to attend the seventh annual Veterans Day Breakfast on **Friday, November 9**, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Breakfast will be followed by a veterans parade. Highlights of the program will include a performance of the National Anthem by the Chamber Singers, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Corey Goodman, and presentations by the dance class and Drama One. The program will close with Taps, a salute to the fallen by Sam Leppo. The FSK Marching Band will accompany the veterans on parade with the Armed Forces Medley.

Liberty High School's USO Club is sponsoring a Veterans Day Celebration & Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the Media Center on **Monday, November 12**. The breakfast will be followed by a program which honors the dedication and sacrifice of all veterans in the community.

Manchester Valley High School's Class of 2019 will sponsor a veterans celebration dinner and show on Saturday, November 10. Veterans and guests are invited to share in a complimentary dinner and show. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with dinner served at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The MVHS Drama Department will present a performance of *Pippin* beginning at 7:00 p.m.



Mt. Airy Elementary School will have a “Handshake and High-Five Day” with veterans on **Monday, November 12**. There also will be a bulletin board with photos of students’ family members and friends who have served.

Mt. Airy Middle School is honoring Veterans Day from **November 5-12** through a display of artifacts that showcases the experiences of veterans in the middle school community. The exhibition will feature photographs, uniforms, meal kits, personal journals, and other important relics that share the experiences of those who have served. In addition to the artifact display, students and staff members are creating posters that recognize the service members and their families and share interesting information about their time serving our country. Students have also been recording short interviews that highlight their family member’s experiences that will be presented during the morning announcements the week of Veterans Day. During social studies classes on **Friday, November 9**, students will visit the showcases and complete activities to help them enhance their understanding of the celebration of Veterans Day.

North Carroll Middle School will be honoring Veterans Day on **Friday, November 9**, at 8:45 a.m. Friends and family of students who have served in the military will be honored in a patriotic morning assembly which will feature the NCMS band/orchestra and chorus groups. Students who have personally brought veterans to school will be awarding their veteran with a certificate of appreciation from the school during the assembly. Veterans who have chosen to do so will be staying for the day to speak to students about their experiences in the military during Social Studies classes.

Northwest Middle School will host a light breakfast and a special assembly in honor of those who served on **Friday, November 9**, at 8:25 a.m.

Sandymount Elementary School is creating an Honor Wall. Active duty military personnel and veterans are invited to share their military experiences and photos. The tribute on the wall will include the service person’s name and branch of the military, dates of service, deployments or conflicts, and special awards, along with the name of the student who is a family member.

Shiloh Middle School will hold a Veterans Day breakfast and assembly on **Monday, November 12**. The assembly will feature a guest speaker and a recognition of the veterans from the community who are in attendance. The 7th/8th grade assembly will be held from 8:45 to 9:40 a.m. and the 6th grade assembly will be held from 10:00 to 10:55 a.m.

South Carroll High School will present a Veterans Day breakfast and living history interviews on **Monday, November 12**. A breakfast sponsored by the SCHS administration will be held from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. A welcome and entertainment will be provided by the Jazz Band and Chorus. A living history museum organized by social studies teachers will be held in the media center from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. All veterans, active duty military, and their families are invited to attend.

Spring Garden Elementary School is inviting veterans to come in and have lunch with their students on Friday, **November 9**, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Classes have written letters and made welcome signs and lunch will be provided in the cafeteria for veterans to eat on the stage during their child’s lunch period. In addition, veterans and active duty military members of the Spring Garden community are invited to a free after-school art class on **Monday, November 12**, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Participants may spend an hour making simple art projects while also making a special memory with their Spring Garden students. All materials and directions will be provided.

Sykesville Middle School will be honoring veterans in a special way on **Monday, November 12**, when the Maryland 911 Rolling Memorial visits the school. Students and teachers will have the opportunity to view and listen to Chuck Ritz, the founder of the memorial, talk about the lessons it has to teach us. This event is open to parents and the community. Students and teachers are encouraged to wear red, white, black, and gold for Wear Maryland Colors Days. Students have been working in their Focus classes to create pinwheels to honor veterans. They will plant the pinwheels around the school building creating art installations which will serve as a visual reminder of the sacrifices made by the men and women in our nation's Armed Forces. Colonel Stephen Landry will perform the POW/MIA Remembrance Demonstration for sixth grade students at 10:55 a.m. in the cafeteria. Parents and community members are invited to attend. In addition, the Camp Snoops Project has provided educational postcards to students that will help them understand the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day. **Friday, November 9**, is Wear Red, White, and Blue Day."

West Middle School will hold a Veterans Day Breakfast on **Friday, November 9**, in honor of veterans who are part of the West Middle family. Donuts and bagels will be served starting at 8:45 a.m. with the program starting at 9 a.m. There also will be a Veterans Day picture tribute. Students may bring in photos of their family members who are serving or who have served in the military. The photos will be displayed in a slide show on the Bluejay News during homeroom.

Westminster Elementary School is participating in the Jeans for Troops campaign. Students in grades K-2 and grade 5 will be visited by guest speakers, and third and fourth graders are writing letters and cards to veterans. A former Navy fighter pilot will speak to fifth grade students on **Monday, November 5**, at 2:15 p.m.

Westminster High School will be hosting a Veterans Day tribute of the Westminster High community. A gallery walk will take place on **Monday, November 12**, between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Pictorial tributes in the gallery walk will include current students' relatives who have served, or are serving; alumni who have served, or are serving; and a series of pictures celebrating the Greatest Generation, our World War II vets. The morning will begin with a selection of students singing the National Anthem. While viewing the displays, visitors will be entertained by students from the WHS instrumental department. Please visit us for this inaugural Westminster High Veterans Day presentation. The displays also will be up on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings, **November 8, 9, and 10**, to coincide with the school play.

William Winchester Elementary School will celebrate and honor the bravery and sacrifices of our U.S. veterans on **Thursday, November 15**, with a light breakfast from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. Each student is invited to bring their family members who are veterans or are currently serving in the branches of the military. There also will be a short program. In addition, the William Winchester Elementary Sunshine Committee will be participating in the GI GO FUND again this year. Staff members can pay \$5 and wear jeans for the week of **November 12th – 16th**. The GI GO FUND helps vets with medical care and housing. Last year the school raised \$200. During this week, students and staff will also have an opportunity to honor our vets by wearing military/camo clothing, and a red, white and blue day.

Winfield Elementary School is raising funds for veterans through the "GI Go Fund" Jeans for Troops program.

Winters Mill High School students are leading the planning and implementation of a Veterans Day event on **Friday, November 9**. A breakfast will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., followed by a Veterans Assembly from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. For the first time, a Living History activity will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Veterans are invited to share artifacts, stories, and life experiences with students, staff, and community members. Performances by the JROTC, chorus and orchestra, dance team, and various other student groups will help to honor the men and women who have served our nation.

Please contact individual schools for more information.

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