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*Celebrating our Veterans Across The District*  
**TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF THE WAYS OUR SCHOOLS CELEBRATED VETERANS DAY**

Friday, November 10th, we came together as a district to honor the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve our country. We celebrated Veterans Day with a variety of assemblies and recognitions across the district. Enjoy some photos of our students and veterans as they celebrated the day!

Lemonweir Elementary, joined by some of the High School and Middle School band students, were a part of the Tomah VA Medical Center's annual Veterans Day program. The 3rd graders presented readings and a poem. The 4th graders did a presentation on the Veterans Day Tree, which serves as a symbol of all of the holidays and special events that members of our armed services miss with their families when they are deployed or when they don't come home and is a reminder to never forget the sacrifices our military members make for our freedom. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders also sang patriotic songs under the direction of Mrs. Loberger, and the 11th and 12th grade band students performed. Grace Stanek, Miss America, also joined the students for the ceremony. (She is the 3rd Miss Wisconsin to become Miss America and she is a native of Wausau, WI.) The table in the photos is part of the White Table Ceremony that honors those MIA and POW. It is a somber ceremony and the 5th graders handled it with grace and dignity under the direction of Mrs. Sparks, an Air Force Veteran and 5th grade teacher. During the ceremony, TMS band members Nathan and William played Taps in honor of those veterans.

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Warrens Elementary School held a Veterans Day Assembly at their school, organized by the 5th graders and invited in community members to join them in a celebration of thanks to honor our local Veterans. They wrote invitations and mailed them out to everyone on their local VFW list. The students decorated the gym the day before and, the morning of, each had a job to do to help make the event a success, including serving donuts, coffee, and juice for a sweet treat for breakfast. TASD's own Director of Transportation, Tom Dummermuth, was invited to speak to everyone about what it means to be a Veteran! They ended the ceremony by saying the Pledge of Allegiance altogether to honor our great country.



High school students gathered in the auditorium for an assembly put on by the social studies department. The assembly was called "Moments of the Flag". It highlighted some historic moments of the flag (military and civilian), described flag etiquette and protocols with a flag folding presentation and explanation of what each fold meant, read a story about POWs and the significance of the pledge to them. The choir also sang the Star-Spangled Banner and the branches medley. Students were also invited to write the names of loved ones (family or friends) who have served on a piece of paper, which was turned into an American flag that was hung in the hallway.





The Middle School held an assembly, during which they recognized Veteran family members of the staff and students, as well as Veteran staff members. The video can be seen on our YouTube channel. Members of the TMS Student Council also presented and did a fantastic job teaching the student body the history of Veterans Day and showed their upmost respect for our area veterans in attendance. Special thanks to Mrs. Hove who worked hard to ensure the students were confident and prepared for the program.

Middle School Presenters



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Miller Elementary School (with the help of our band students) also saluted our Veterans with a parade, which featured the Veteran family members of our Miller students.



Thank you to all the staff, for helping each school in the district use the day to celebrate and honor our Veterans in some way, with their students!