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## School District U-46 to Demonstrate Appreciation for Veterans with Special Events

Partnership with Gail Borden Public Library allows vets to speak to classrooms about military service

**ELGIN** - Students and staff in School District U-46 will support and honor our local veterans and troops with special ceremonies, concerts, displays, and collections during the month of November. In addition, local veterans will visit classrooms to speak to students about their service and their lives in a program being held in partnership with the Gail Borden Public Library.

Tish Calhamer, the community engagement manager at the Gail Borden Public Library, is working with about 20 volunteer veterans as part of the special program, called Veterans Voices. Veterans who may want to participate in future events are encouraged to visit <a href="mailto:gailborden.info/veterans">gailborden.info/veterans</a> to learn more and submit a volunteer application.

In addition to the Veterans Voices visits, additional Veterans Day events in U-46 schools are as follows:

School	Date/Time	Description
Ridge Circle Elementary School - 420 Ridge Circle, Streamwood	Throughout the month of November	Students create pictures, letters and cards for military troops stationed overseas.



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Harriet Gifford Elementary School - 240 S. Clifton Ave., Elgin	Through Friday, Nov. 11	"Thankful for our Veterans" bulletin board with photos displayed in school all week
Prairieview Elementary School - 285 Mayflower Lane, Bartlett	Through Friday, Nov. 11	Throughout the week, the school librarian will be reading to classes the book "America's White Table" and the students will be "setting the table" according to the book with the items that represent special symbols of our veterans.
		A 1st grade classroom will write thank you notes to veterans, learn about the five branches of the military, and talk about the vocabulary word "appreciate" in relation to veterans. 5th grade classrooms will be making cards for veterans and conducting a reading and worksheet activity centered on Veterans Day.
Tefft Middle School - 1100 Shirley Ave., Streamwood	Through Friday, Nov. 11	Slideshow displayed on screen in cafeteria featuring photos of staff's family and friends who are veterans



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South Elgin High School - 760 E. Main St., South Elgin	Activities will vary through Friday, Nov. 11	A breakfast for staff veterans and visiting veterans will be held. Students will write postcards thanking veterans. Students at the Beacon Magnet Academy will share a veteran-themed broadcast with veteran interviews, history of Veterans Day, issues for veterans in the community, and patriotic music performed by the SEHS band. The SEHS student council and Storm Nation are collecting donations of comfort items to be delivered to Veterans Affairs hospitals.
Horizon Elementary School - 1701 Greenbrook Blvd., Hanover Park	Thursday, Nov. 10 at 8 a.m.	Veterans Day breakfast
Sycamore Trails Elementary School - 1025 Sycamore Lane, Bartlett	Thursday, Nov. 10 at 9 a.m.	Veterans Day assembly
Hawk Hollow Elementary School -	Thursday, Nov. 10 at 1 p.m.	Veterans appreciation ceremony



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235 Jacaranda Drive, Bartlett		
Kenyon Woods Middle School - 1515 Raymond St., South Elgin	Thursday, Nov. 10	Veterans Day panel held all day in the library for social studies classes
Bartlett High School - 701 W. Schick Road, Bartlett	Friday, Nov. 11	English classes will participate in a Veterans Day presentation in the auditorium. During PE classes, an Army vet will help organize physical fitness exercises similar to what's used in basic training
Elgin High School - 1200 Maroon Drive, Elgin	Friday, Nov. 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.	Current EHS staff members who are veterans will participate in a forum with students to take questions and discuss their experiences in the military
Timber Trails Elementary School - 1675 McDonough Road, Hoffman Estates	Friday, Nov. 11 at 9 am.	Veterans Day assembly

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Heritage Elementary School - 507 Arnold Ave., Streamwood	Friday, Nov. 11 at 9 a.m.	Student-lead Veterans Day assembly featuring student performances
Ellis Middle School - 225 S. Liberty St., Elgin	Friday, Nov. 11 from 2:55 to 3:30 p.m.	Veterans Day all-school assembly in the gym
Streamwood High School - 701 W. Schaumburg Road, Streamwood	Friday, Nov. 11 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.	"Veterans Day Winter Black & Gold Tip Off" featuring a boys basketball scrimmage, girls basketball scrimmage, varsity 3-point shoot-out, wrestling tug-of-war and community free throw contest. \$2 per entry will be donated to VFW Post 5151

Reporters: Please contact Karla Jiménez at <u>karlajimenez@u-46.org</u> if you would like to attend any of the above listed events or if you want details on the schedule for the program of veterans visiting classrooms.

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School District U-46 serves families in 11 communities: Bartlett, Elgin, Hanover Park, South Elgin, Streamwood and Wayne, as well as portions of Carol Stream, Hoffman Estates, St. Charles, Schaumburg, and West Chicago. In total, the District encompasses 90 square miles within the Fox River Valley, approximately 45 minutes west of downtown Chicago, and



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includes communities within Cook, DuPage and Kane counties. More than 35,000 preschool through 12th graders attend the 57 District schools and programs. To learn more, visit the U-46 website, or like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.