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Holly Area Schools elementary students honor local veterans

Students learn about service, songs and sacrifice

HOLLY, Mich. — Holly Area Schools elementary students honored area veterans with an assembly, musical performances and individual classroom activities recognizing their sacrifice for our freedoms during Veterans Day celebrations. Local veterans also visited classrooms, sharing stories of their military experience and fielding questions from students.

“Learning about the service and sacrifice of our military veterans is a critical component of a well-rounded, diverse education at Holly Area Schools that prepares our students for the real world,” said **Scott Roper**, HAS superintendent. “Our veterans exemplify the key life skills, such as leadership, taking responsibility and teamwork we teach our students every day.”

The **Davisburg Elementary** Veterans Day event was held on Nov. 8, and the events at **Holly**, **Patterson** and **Rose Pioneer** elementary schools were held on Nov. 9. Holly Elementary students mailed more than 50 invitations to area veterans from Holly VFW Post 5587 and American Legion Post 149. Students at Rose Pioneer and Davisburg elementary schools invited veterans from Huron Valley American Veterans Post 2006 to their events. Students also invited family members who are either veterans or current service members.

Fifth-graders at Patterson and Holly elementary schools earlier researched the armed forces in class, and selected patriotic music for their programs. Veterans conducted a flag-folding ceremony, and explained the significance of the tradition. Second-graders at Rose Pioneer Elementary gave veterans decorated gift bags of candy, and asked questions about their military experience. Students, staff and families at the school sang along to patriotic songs projected on a large screen, led by music teacher **Sarah Manning**. At the same event, veterans presented and retired the colors and performed “Taps.”

“It’s wonderful to have so many of their members support our Veterans Day assembly and to honor them for their service,” **Manning** said. “It’s a powerful opportunity for students to thank veterans for their service to our country and to see so many members from our community.”

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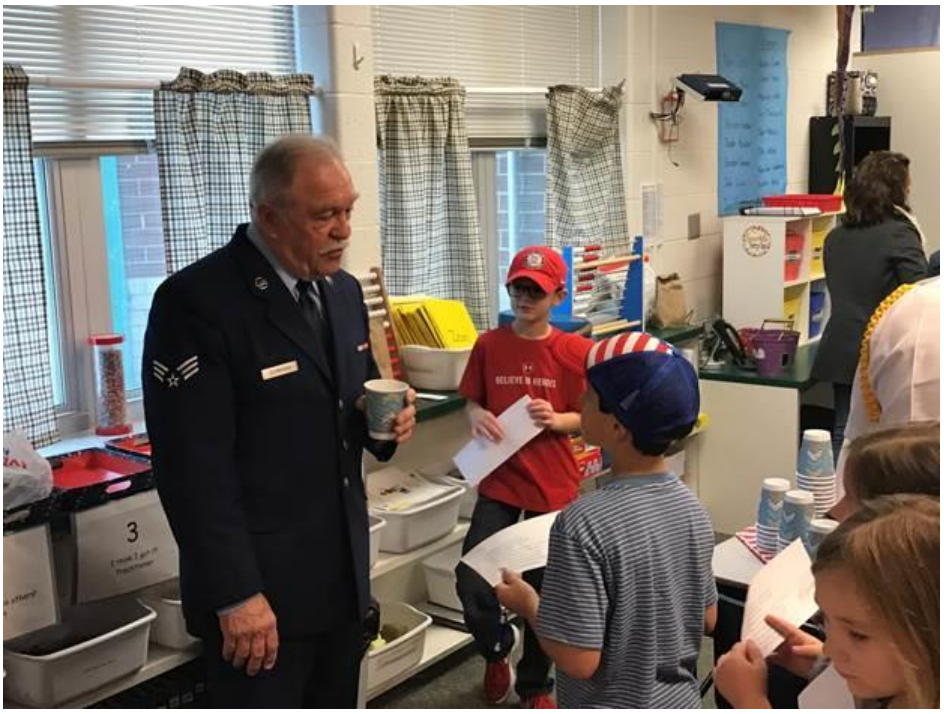
A local veteran takes questions from Holly elementary students.



A local veteran meets with students during Veterans Day festivities.

Holly elementary students perform patriotic songs for area veterans.

Local veterans follow military tradition as they fold the American flag.