

## Veteran's Day 2017

On November 10, 2017, schools across Kane County School District celebrated Veteran's Day with assemblies, songs and classroom discussions. At Kanab High School, students watched a video tribute, sang patriotic songs, and discussed the history of Veteran's Day. Valley High School held a Veteran's Day assembly where the school choir sang and they heard from 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Kimberlee Trower. They invited local veterans and had each one stand and tell where they served and which branch of the armed forces they served, at which point each student shook all the veteran's hands and thanked them for their service. Valley Elementary sent out 60 invitations to personally invite veterans from the area to their school assembly. Valley Elementary students heard from SGT Michael Franklin, then the K-3<sup>rd</sup> grades sang Thank You Military. Students watched a tribute video to the veterans where each veteran told where they served our country, and the veterans were given a flag pin as a token of appreciation. At the conclusion of the assembly all of the Valley students and teachers shook each veteran's hand and thanked them for their service. Kanab Elementary had the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students sing patriotic songs and heard from students Cache Johnson, Meredith Betenson, and Kasia Smith, who read their essays honoring veterans. The American Legion Kanab Post 69 helped with a flag raising and retiring ceremony and a 21-gun salute. Then students heard from Veteran Clint Nielsen who gave a heartfelt presentation on the U.S. flag, freedom and what they represent. Kanab Middle School invited veterans to speak to the students about the importance of freedom and what it means to be a veteran. A flag raising ceremony was conducted at KMS with all of the students present, along with the local American Legion. Lake Powell School had a presentation on Veteran's Day where students shared who they knew in their family that had served in branches of the military. One Native American student told about his grandfather who was a Code Talker in WWII. Big Water School is planning to send care packages to active military serving abroad.

As a district we would like thank all of the veterans for their service to our county and for taking the time to visit our schools on Veterans Day. At Kanab Elementary I had the opportunity to personally thank the Veterans for their service where one veteran said, "We have to teach them what freedom is all about." Thanks again to all of those who participated in teaching our students what freedom is all about.

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