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PATRIOTISM SHINES IN JEFFCO SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS

Schools around the Jeffco district set aside time in their school day to observe and honor military veterans and their families.

Veterans Day falls on Thursday, Nov. 11 and many scheduled school events will serve as expressions of gratitude to those veterans who have served and continue to serve the country.

Schools and community organizations have worked together to create patriotic tributes to include flag raisings, color guard presentations, *Wall of Honor* tributes and musical performances.

Many schools have also invited veterans from their community to speak and share their experiences with students.

Please see the following list of Jeffco school events. Call individual schools to gain access to school buildings and confirm event times and details.

School	Date/Time	Description of school events
Carmody Middle School 2050 S. Kipling St. Lakewood, CO 80227 303-982-8930	Mon., Nov. 8	The school's student video production team put together a brief recognition of veterans to be viewed by the whole school.
Columbine Hills Elementary 6005 W. Canyon Ave. Littleton, CO 80128	Thurs., Nov. 11	The proper way to dispose of a U.S. flag is through a flag retirement ceremony. This Veterans Day, students and teachers of CHE participate in a flag retirement ceremony presented by Chris Trost, a West Metro firefighter. Trost will visit each class to explain flag etiquette and the correct way to dispose of a worn, tore, faded, and soiled flag. Together the students will help cut the stripes of the flags and prepare them for the retirement ceremony. All CHE families and the CHE community are invited to attend.

<p>Columbine High School 6201 S. Pierce St. Littleton, CO 80123 (303) 982-4435</p>	<p>Thurs., Nov. 11 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Student senate organizes a Veteran's Appreciation Lunch for staff, parents and community members who served or currently serve our country. The Veteran's Luncheon has been going on for years and many return each year to "catch up" with their fellow veteran's. Student Senate also invited all students and staff to write a letter of appreciation to our service men and women who are serving in the military in Iraq. The letters will be distributed to the service men and women.</p>
<p>Dakota Ridge High School 13399 W. Coal Mine Ave. Littleton, CO 80127 303-982-1970</p>	<p>Thurs., Nov. 11 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>An assembly will have the veterans seated in the main area with seniors doing a candlelight ceremony. We will have a few songs, and our guest speaker will be Captain Jack P Miller, USN. There will be light refreshments served afterward in the cafeteria.</p>
<p>Dutch Creek Elementary 7304 W. Roxbury Pl. Littleton, CO 80128 303-982-4565</p>	<p>Thursday, Nov. 11 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>We are inviting ALL veterans or current service men and women to join us and be recognized during our program. The Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Student Leadership, our vocal music classes, and our student body will be a part of our program. Don't miss this Dutch Creek event to say "Thank You" to our veterans and service men and women. A reception will be held in the library following the assembly with our honored guests, their families and several lucky staff members. Please stop by the front lobby to view. The school will have a Veteran's Day "Wall of Honor" in the front lobby; the display and "Wall Of Honor" will be available for viewing through the month of November.</p>
<p>Elk Creek Elementary 13304 Hwy 285 Pine, CO 80470 303-982-2900</p>	<p>Thurs., Nov. 11 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Elk Creek will hold its traditional Veteran's Day program with music by the choir, a skit involved patriotic performances by students, and reading of the names of veterans to be honored by our families. All veterans are invited to attend and will be asked to come on stage at the end of the program to be honored. This traditional event is well attended by the community.</p>
<p>Foothills Elementary 13165 W. Ohio Ave. Lakewood, CO 80228 303-982-9324</p>	<p>Thurs., Nov. 11 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>All Veterans (honored guests) are invited to join the students and staff at for a celebration of Veteran's Day. We will have an assembly in the gym followed by a flag raising ceremony by members of the Colorado Civil Air Patrol. All veterans and</p>

		their families are invited to a reception in the cafeteria following the program.
Fremont Elementary 6420 Urban St. Arvada, CO 80004 303-982-1699	Beginning Nov. 1	We sent out a letter from the Principal to all students at Fremont asking them to send in a Veteran's information sheet regarding a family member or friend that is a veteran. They write a little bit about this acquaintance and attached a picture. We will be hanging all of them up in our front hallway beginning November 1st.
Green Mountain High School 13175 W. Green Mountain Dr. Lakewood, CO 80228 303-982-9500	Wed., Nov. 10 9:00 a.m. – breakfast 10:05 a.m. - assembly	Breakfast in will be served in the commons area for guest veterans. Choir performance and a veteran's wall will be set-up in the commons; A "Thank You" poster will be in the commons area all week for all staff and students to sign. The all-school Assembly will be held in the gym. American Legion Color Guard, Legion Riders (motorcycle vets), honoring GM teacher vets, taps on bugle. Invitations to local VFW, Legion and VA office in Green Mountain area.
Jefferson Academy-Elementary 9955 Yarrow St. Broomfield, CO 80021 303-438-1011, ext. 223	Thurs., Nov. 11 8:30 a.m.	4-5 veterans will be honored and provide a Q&A of their experiences and share how serving in the US Armed Forces had an impact on their life and job skills. Grade-level musical performances will take place.
Kendrick Lakes Elementary 1350 S. Hoyt St. Lakewood, CO 80232 303-982-8324	Thurs., Nov. 11 7:30 a.m.	We have invited all our special veterans to a special breakfast. Then the choir will sing patriotic songs to the veterans. Finally, the whole school will participate in a flag ceremony led by the Boy and Girl Scouts.
Kyffin Elementary 205 Flora Way Golden, CO 80401 303-982-5760	Thurs., Nov. 11 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.	It is a musical performance with patriotic songs and speaking parts honoring and thanking all those who have served and are serving in our Armed Services. It includes all the songs of each branch of service and some historical letters of soldiers from several wars. Our families are encouraged to bring family members who are Veterans and anyone who is currently serving but may be home on leave. We create a "WALL OF HEROES" with photos and information about family members who are Veterans. We consider all our Veterans to be the honored guests and have them come to the front to be recognized. Our school performance is at 9:30

		a.m. and our performance for parents is at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym.
Lakewood High School 9700 W. 8th Ave. Lakewood, CO 80215 303-982-4688	Thurs., Nov. 11 9:00 a.m. West atrium	Jazz band, vocal music and a senior citizen breakfast.
Lumberg Elementary School 6705 W. 22nd Ave. Edgewater, CO 80214	Thurs., Nov. 11 8:30 a.m.	Flag raising ceremony during a school assembly.
Marshdale Elementary 26663 North Turkey Creek Rd. Evergreen, CO 80439 303-982-5188	Begins: Mon., Nov. 8	Marshdale will be displaying a "Wall of Heroes". It includes biographies (and pictures) ,written by students, of family members and friends who have served or are serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. The display will be posed through the end of November.
North Arvada Middle School 7285 Pierce St. Arvada 80003 303-982-0517	Thurs., Nov. 11 Barbara Joy Social Studies Class	Ms. Joy will be discussing Veteran's Day with students by showing them a picture of her grandfather and explaining his role in World War II. She will also discuss with students why Veteran's Day began and how veterans can be honored.
O'Connell Middle School 1275 S. Teller St. Lakewood, CO 80232 303-982-8370	Thurs., Nov. 11 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. USO at 11:00 am for all Veteran guests (WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Somalia, Iraqi Freedom, Afghanistan) 1:00 -2:00 Formal Ceremony in gym (students will return to their classes at end of ceremony)	16th annual event. This year's theme: <i>HomeFront: Serving at Home for those deployed</i> . Guest speaker is Brig.General Dan Capozzella, Commander Colorado National Guard. Recognition of the 150th anniversary of the Colorado National Guard. (1) Gold Star Mother Gerilyn Romero. Mother of Colorado's first casualty in Afghanistan, Sgt. Daniel Aaron Romero. (2) Special guests: families of currently deployed National Guard families of Colorado's 994th Engineering Company. (3) Forgotten Heroes: Brig. General Sal Villano performing Military Medal presentation. (4) Wreath ceremony at large replica of Tomb of the Unknown Soldier followed by Taps and moment remembrance. (5) All students will have visits to their classrooms by United States Veterans and family members of deployed service members.

		O'Connell Middle School is named for World War I Veteran Emory O'Connell.
Pomona High School 8101 W. Pomona Dr. Arvada, CO 80005 303-982-0616	Thurs., Nov. 11 7:00 a.m. 8:15 a.m.	7:00 a.m. Flag Raising & Breakfast for Veterans & their families. 8:15-9:00 Taps, Slideshow presentation and World War II Veteran's share thoughts, observations and memories of their recent visit to Iwo Jima, 65 years later.
Powderhorn Elementary 12109 W. Coal Mine Ave. Littleton, CO 80127 303-982-0074	Tues., Nov. 9 Morning Assembly: 9:55 – 10:40 a.m. Reception: 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. Afternoon Assembly: 1:30 – 2:15 p.m. Reception: 2:15 – 3:00 p.m.	Students that are members of boy and girl scout troops will be leading the Assembly with a color guard presentation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Our music teachers, Travis Stevens and Aaron Hunt will be leading the two different assemblies as students sing songs, honor the veterans, and present a few speeches. Aaron Hunt will be performing a piece of music on bagpipes and Travis Stevens will accompany the student body with his guitar as students sing. A reception will follow each assembly in the art room where the veteran and related student will spend some time visiting with others and enjoying refreshments. Art teacher, Katie Micek, created a "Wall of Honor" in the hallways of the school where staff and students remembered Veteran's in their lives through a writing and photo project.
South Lakewood Elementary 8425 W. 1st Ave. Lakewood, Co. 80226 303-982-7325	Thurs., Nov. 11	Our very popular annual celebration with a musical program in the gym. Many vets attend and are asked to sit on our stage to be honored. There will be a presentation of the colors and a special hand bell performance.
Stony Creek Elementary 7203 S. Everett St. Littleton, CO 80128 303-982-4120	Thurs., Nov. 11 9:10 a.m.	The American GI Forum Honor Guard will conduct a Flag Raising Ceremony. Two Vietnam era veterans will be guest speakers; the Chatfield High School band will play patriotic songs; Stony Creek Elementary choir will sing patriotic songs; and Stony Creek Elementary Girl and Boy Scouts, Brownies, etc. will wear their uniforms and participate in the event. Breakfast Reception for veterans will follow the ceremony. Veterans will visit classrooms and will be escorted by members of the Student Council.
Westridge Elementary School 10785 W. Alamo Pl. Littleton, CO 80127	Thurs., Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Every boy and girl in the school will perform at least one song for the Veterans that attend. The veterans and active personnel will be seated on stage as the entire school, honor choir and 6th grade

	<p>bell choir perform for them. They will also receive a complimentary breakfast or lunch, depending on which program they attend. This is a grand event that involves the entire community in a celebration of our soldiers and our country.</p>
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