Veteran's Day

Veteran's Day is a day to honor Veteran's for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. Many military-connected children live in Prince William County and attend our schools. The families of our veterans serve too as they stand behind and support their service member. Don't forget, a Veteran is a person who is currently serving, and those who have served. Let's show our Veteran's how much we appreciate them. Although schools will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day, below are some activities you can do in your school on an alternative date:

- Select a day for students and staff to wear red, white, and blue.

- During the morning announcements, provide a brief history of Veteran's Day and dedicate the moment of silence to Veterans everywhere.

- Create a Wall of Heroes. Ask students to bring in pictures of their family members who are Veterans. Include at the bottom of the picture the parent's name, rank (optional) student's name. Designate a deadline for students to bring pictures to school to allow time to create the "Wall of Honor".

- Designate a day for Veteran's to come to your school. Create a schedule allowing Veteran's to visit classrooms and briefly speak with children about what it means to be a Veteran. Flex periods can also be used to accommodate school visits from Veterans.

- Encourage students to draw a picture or write a letter to a Veteran. Veteran's names can be obtained from local Veteran's organizations.

- Encourage students to write letters to deployed parents of children attending their school. It would make those children whose parent is deployed feel special knowing that that peers are wishing their parents a safe return home.

- School librarians can create a Veteran's Day corner by displaying books that call special attention to Veteran's Day and patriotism.

In your community, you can show your support by changing one light to green in a visible location on your porch, in your office, or in your home. Keep it glowing everyday as a symbol of support for our veterans. Then, share your support by taking a picture of your green light and posting it using the hashtag #greenlightavet. Visit greenlightavet.com. To feature your school's celebration of Veteran's Day on our Military-Connected Support webpage, please contact the Office of Student Services.