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Red, White, and Blue

At the 12th St. Campus, you might notice a very excited group of 4th grade students both before and after school in front of the building as they take part in a very important duty at school: raising and lowering the American flag! Each year, the 4th grade students have the privilege of carrying out this special duty for the school, and it seems to be a highlight of their 4th grade year.

Before one of the 4th grade classes is scheduled to complete their flag duty, the class receives a presentation about the flag. This presentation includes the history of the flag, how we ended up with the flag design we have today, what half staff means, how to properly fold the flag, and the meaning behind each of the folds. In addition, the students who are on flag duty for the week lead the Elementary students in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at the end of the week.



4th grade students were also able to help lead part of our annual Veteran's Day chapel on Friday, November 11 as they demonstrated the folding of the flag. Our K-8 Veterans Day chapel certainly filled the gymnasium with students, parents, staff, and veterans as we took time to recognize and honor those who have served in the military.

Our speakers for the chapel were Bethany and Jason Forbes, parents of 1st grade student Grace. Both Bethany and Jason are military instructor pilots and are assigned to the Battle Creek Air National guard base as full time active-duty members. Both graduates of Western, Bethany and Jason have been in various locations throughout the USA and overseas. They were able to share some pictures of the airplanes they flew as well as locations they served. Bethany and Jason also took the time to talk about the school theme of *Image Reflecting* and how we can continue to grow more and more each day to reflect God's image to those in our midst.

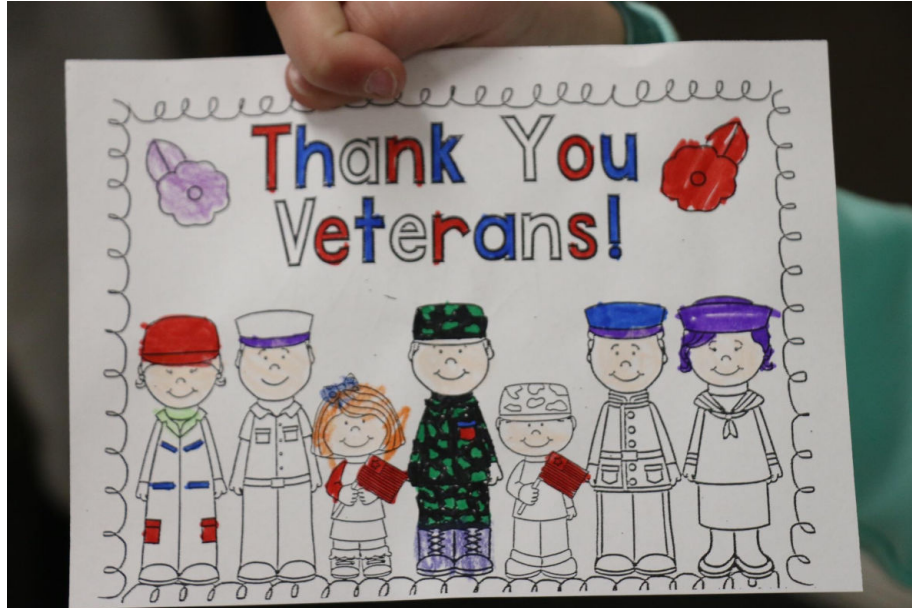
The chapel was a wonderful time for us to gather as a school community and thank our veterans. We are so grateful for their service to our country!

-Tyler Van Schepen, Elementary Principal



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