

**Jefferson Middle School  
Parent Teacher Association**

**Final Report**

**School Year:** 2012-2013

**Committee:** JMS Veteran's Day Celebration

**Chairpersons:** Kate Witte and Tyler Bluemling (6th grade teacher)

**Job Description:** We organized a breakfast for veterans and their families and held a flag raising ceremony with Jefferson Elementary School.

**What we did / accomplished:**

- We invited any student that had a veteran parent serving in the military presently or in the past. The JES invitation was adapted to change the time and location. Mr. Bluemling worked with the counselors to obtain names of students and distribute the invitations. Faculty members that served in the armed forces were also invited. Students, parents and teachers rsvp'd to Mr. Bluemling.
- We served breakfast in the teacher's cafeteria to students and veteran parents. Three families attended along with 3 faculty members (Tupta, Greenwald, and Wilkenson). The principals and counselors also attended.
- We served one dozen bagels, one dozen Dunkin Donuts, a pack of Costco mini chocolate chip muffins, fruit, orange juice, and water. We used blue and red tablecloths and patriotic decorations.
- Students and parents arrived at 8 a.m. to the faculty room for breakfast. At 8:40 they walked to JES and joined the elementary school for a flag raising ceremony, patriotic songs, and poetry readings.
- The morning probably concluded around 9 - 9:15 a.m.

**When the job started:** September 2012 (reserve the JMS library or faculty room and begin to coordinate with JES.)

**When the job finished:** November 2012

**Money used:** Food and beverages were donated this year. I would estimate approximately \$30.00 - \$40.00 was spent this year. If grandparents and family members are invited next year, I would suggest increasing the budget to \$50 - \$100 and seeking food donations from parents.

**Difficulties:** This was the first year for the Veteran's Day event so initially we tried to determine what type of event to hold and if there would be too many people to combine the two schools for an event. The JMS students were slow in responding to the invitation.

**Suggestions:**

- Reserve the library for the Veteran's Day breakfast early in September.
- Make sure that auditorium is reserved in case of rain.
- Possibly invite grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. to event as well as parents.
- If budget allows, coffee could be served.
- It would be nice to invite students that have parents serving in military to attend the breakfast even if the parent is not able to attend because they are stationed outside Pittsburgh.
- Mail invitations home.
- Determine by # if breakfast could be combined with JES or if JMS should have their own ceremony.
- Have JMS students bring in a picture of their parent / family member to have on a bulletin board at JMS during November.
- Lauren Hraber said that she would help with this event in 2013. Jessica Dewit and Mollie Gannon helped with the breakfast last year.



## Jefferson Elementary & Jefferson Middle School Honors Our Veterans

*Freedom is so rarely free...*

Dear Veteran,

Please join your loved one, our students and staff in celebrating Veteran's Day. We will be holding a light breakfast followed by a flag raising ceremony to begin our school day. It would be our pleasure to have you as our special guest.

**Date:** Monday, November 12, 2012 at 8:00am

**Where:** Faculty Room

**RSVP:** [tbluemling@mtlsd.net](mailto:tbluemling@mtlsd.net)

*We are strong and free because of heroes like you.*