

Jefferson Middle School PTA

# Final Report

**School Year:** 2013-14

**Committee/Activity:** Veteran's Day Celebration

**Chairperson:** Lauren Hraber & Tyler Bluemling (6<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Mr. Bluemling obtained the names of JMS students who had veteran parents serving in the military either in the past or presently and mailed invitations. Mr. Thornton, Principal of Jefferson Elementary School, adapted the elementary invitation for us. Faculty members that served in the armed forces were also invited as well as the Principal, Dean of Students, and Counselors. Families RSVP'ed to Mr. Bluemling's email address.

We served breakfast in the JMS library. Approximately 15 people (students and their families) + Dr. Walsh and Mr. Bluemling and several veteran faculty members attended.

We served 1.5 dozen bagels, 1.5 dozen donuts and a box of coffee (all from Dunkin Donuts – received a 10% discount), homemade muffins (donated), fruit salad (donated), homemade pumpkin bread (donated), mini water bottles, and a gallon of orange juice. We used borrowed tablecloths (red, white and blue table covers were set the Friday before the breakfast, but the custodian cleaned up and threw them away), flag centerpieces, and a large banner provided by Mr. Bluemling. PTA paper products were used from the closet in the copy room.

Guests arrived in the library starting at 8:00 AM. At 8:40, we walked through the buildings and out the JES office door to the flagpole for the flag raising ceremony. The elementary band students performed some patriotic songs, the elementary students sang "You're a Grand Old Flag," and several elementary students read poems.

The events concluded by 9:10 AM.

**When the job started:** September 2013 (reserve the JMS library and begin to coordinate with JES)

**When the job finished:** November 2013

**Monies used/needed /Profit:** \$100 PTA budget + donated food items

**Suggestions for next year:**

Possibly invite grandparents who served in the military as well. This year, there were too many people to include grandparents.

It was suggested that students bring in pictures to hang in the building of their military family members, but the students didn't submit them. Perhaps next year this could be more strongly encouraged.

Do all set-up/decorating the morning of the event. We tried to set up in advance, but it was accidentally cleaned up.

**Other comments (committees, number of people needed, etc.):** Jessica Dewit donated food and helped the morning of the event.

**Miscellaneous Notes:** none

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