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## **St. Charles School District 303 honors Veterans Friday, November 10**

November 8, 2017 - St. Charles, IL – District 303 schools will honor Veterans on November 10 with ceremonies, assemblies and class visits. Some of the school highlights include:

Bell-Graham Elementary School fifth grade students have prepared a presentation with music, digital slideshows and poems. The school will be honoring two special WW 2 Veterans, one of whom spent the entire duration of the war in a Japanese POW camp. Bell-Graham is located at 4N505 Fox Mill Blvd and their activities are from 9:00 -10:00 a.m.

Anderson Elementary School, located at 35W071 Villa Maria Road, is collecting items for a veteran's shelter and will also be holding an assembly from 9:00 – 9:40 a.m. Students will read pieces they have written about why they are thankful for our nation's veterans, and local veteran Tom Aiello will speak to the students.

Thompson Middle School is holding two assemblies. The 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade center's assembly will be from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade center's assembly will be from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Students have invited family members who are veterans to participate. St. Charles Mayor Rogina will be a featured speaker at the 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade center.

Students at St. Charles East High School are discussing the importance of the holiday in social studies classes, creating honorary artwork in art class and sharing stories about members of their families who served. The entire school has also embarked on a holiday card writing campaign aimed at creating 4,000 cards that can be sent to members of the military over the holidays. The school has sent 20,000 cards to US troops over a 6-year period.

St. Charles North High School is holding a Veterans Day concert on Saturday, November 11 at 3:30 p.m. Both the choir and band will perform patriotic music and it is free to the public.

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