

 Yellow Rose at Vietnam’s Veterans Memorial © Jens Scott Knudsen

**Deer Hill School Celebrates Our Veterans**

Our country was born out of the desire for freedom. For over 275 years our service men and women have defended our ideals, both at home and on foreign shores. But these dedicated members of our armed services do more than just defend. They seek out injustice around the world and carry the burden of those oppressed on their shoulders.

Freedom comes at a cost. A cost that we owe an enormous debt of gratitude towards. For everyday that we ride our bicycles or listen to music or read a book or simply walk down the street without a hassle; it is in large part due to the sacrifice of these brave individuals.

Once a year, we have a day dedicated to honoring and appreciating those who fight for our basic freedom. At the Deer Hill School, we take this day very seriously. The fifth grade team asks that you spend some time reflecting on the freedoms that you were lucky enough to be born into. We ask that you think of the men and women who have sacrificed for our country, for our rights, for freedom. And this year, we ask that you communicate those thoughts in a way that is the most meaningful for you.

Please take some time this week to think about which of the following options you would like to select to show your appreciation for our veterans. If you have another idea, you may present it to your teacher on **Thursday, October 23rd**. If you feel an independent idea is best for you, you must also choose a back-up from the activities provided. Background information and discussion of the meaning of Veteran’s Day will be done in school, and the project must be completed and brought to school on **Tuesday, November 4th.** *Pieces will be selected from each class to be evaluated for inclusion in our Veteran’s Day Ceremony*.

 Once again, we owe a tremendous debt to the men and women who have left their homes, left their families, and at times, paid the ultimate price so that we don’t have to live our lives in fear. We expect that whichever project you choose, it reflects your deepest gratitude and your utmost effort.

Sincerely,

The Fifth Grade Team