



Knob Noster Elementary

Veteran's Day Assembly Agenda

Nov. 11th at 2:00 in the Gym

- **Parade of Heroes (Student body)**
Through Halls, students hold picture during ceremony to remind them of the Veteran in their life.
- **Welcome (Michael Cohron)**
At Podium
- **Posting of Colors (ROTC)**
Center of Gym
- **Pledge of Allegiance (Student Body)**
- **National Anthem (3rd grade)**
- **Moment of Silence for our Fallen Heroes**
- **White Table (Jane Hughes and KNE STUCO)**
White Table should be set up near the podium. (Gives Color guard time to prepare for flag folding ceremony)
- **Flag Folding Ceremony (ROTC)**
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Welcome Speech

When Francis Scott Key wrote the "Star Spangled Banner" almost 200 years ago, he called America, "the land of the free and the home of the brave." Those words are as true today as they were then.

Throughout this Nation's history, America's soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and coastguardsmen have bravely answered the call to defend our freedom, to aid our friends and allies, and to turn back aggressors.

We can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to the more than 650,000 American servicemembers who died in battle or the 1.4 million who were wounded.

We can, however, recognize and thank the 25 million veterans still living today.

These words are inscribed on the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C.:

"Our nation honors her sons and daughters who answered the call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met."

Those words apply equally to many of our World War I, World War II, Vietnam War and Gulf War veterans as well. They apply to today's active duty servicemembers — tomorrow's veterans — who are helping to maintain peace throughout the world.

Today, it is our privilege to say "thank you" to all of America's veterans, to let them know that we appreciate them for their service and honor them for their sacrifices.

The price of freedom is high. We cannot afford to forget those willing to pay it.

Today, we celebrate America's veterans for keeping this Nation "the land of the free and the home of the brave."



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Veteran's Day Explanation (Read during announcements)

Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day and marked the end of hostilities of World War I that occurred at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month. Therefore, the day is always recognized on November 11th, regardless of the day of the week the 11th falls on.

In 1919, President Wilson commemorated the first Armistice Day with these words:

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

The day was originally set aside to honor the Veterans of World War I with a day of parades and remembrances as well as a pause in activities at 11am on the day.

In 1938, it was made a legal federal holiday for all.

However, after World War II and the Korean War, Congress recognized a need to expand the meaning of the day to recognize all of our Veterans and not just those of World War I.

In 1954, the word "Armistice" was replaced with "Veterans" as a way to formally include all Veterans of all American wars in the day of remembrance.

Today, Veterans Day is a federal holiday which many cities celebrate with parades and ceremonies.

In Washington, D.C., there are ceremonies throughout the city including a wreath laying at Arlington National Cemetery.

Veterans Day is a day not only to remember those who died in service to our country, but also to recognize those who continue to serve today.

Americans are encouraged to say thank you to those who fulfill this patriotic duty to maintain the freedoms of our country. Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day and marked the end of hostilities of World War I that occurred at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month. Therefore, the day is always recognized on November 11th, regardless of the day of the week the 11th falls on.

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Maintenance needs

- **Set up Podium in corner across from boys restroom.**
- **Mic Podium with stand.**
- **Small round table for "White Table" Talk to Jane Hughes.**
- **One chair for "White Table"**