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## **School District U-46 Celebrates and Honors Veterans**

***Schools partner with Gail Borden Library for living history lessons with local veterans***

**ELGIN** – Students and staff in School District U-46 will support and honor our local veterans and troops with special ceremonies, concerts, breakfasts and assemblies the week of Nov. 6. In addition, more than a dozen local veterans are visiting 16 schools across the District next week to talk to students about their service and their lives. The District is providing this opportunity for living history lessons in partnership with the Gail Borden Public Library.

“This is a great opportunity for our students to learn through stories told directly by the men and women who have served our country,” said Chief Executive Officer Tony Sanders. “We’re grateful for another great partnership with Gail Borden Library to provide a memorable learning experience.”



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Gail Borden Public Librarian Ben Bahl is currently working with 15 volunteer veterans who will visit more than 80 U-46 classrooms. Veterans who may want to participate can visit [www.gailborden.info/veterans](http://www.gailborden.info/veterans) to submit a volunteer application.

Bahl stressed that veterans do not need any prior speaking experience and they may just choose to accompany another veteran.

“All that’s needed is a desire to help people better understand our nation’s veterans and the contributions they have made protecting our freedoms,” Bahl said.

Veterans in this special program, called Veterans Voices, are scheduled to visit Clinton, Fox Meadow, Garfield, Hanover Countryside, Laurel Hill, Liberty, Lords Park, Nature Ridge, Oakhill, Ronald D. O’Neal, Parkwood, Ridge Circle, Spring Trail, Timber Trails, and Washington elementary schools and South Elgin High School between Nov. 6 and 10. Veterans who may want to participate in future Veterans Voices events are encouraged to visit [www.gailborden.info/veterans](http://www.gailborden.info/veterans) to learn more and submit a volunteer application.”

**Additional Veterans Day events are as follows:**

School	Address	Date	Time	Description
Abbott Middle School	949 Van St., Elgin	Monday, Nov. 6 to Thursday, Nov. 9 <hr/> Friday, Nov. 10	During social studies and history classes <hr/> 3 p.m.	Students will write letters/thank you cards to active service members <hr/> Students will participate in virtual assembly honoring Illinois veterans and active military



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<b>Bartlett High School</b>	<b>701 W. Schick Road, Bartlett</b>	<b>Friday, Nov. 10</b>	<b>9 a.m. to 10 a.m.</b>	<b>Assembly featuring patriotic music from the band, orchestra and choir; keynote speaker and Voice of Democracy essay winner.</b>
<b>Canton Middle School</b>	<b>1100 Sunset Circle, Streamwood</b>	<b>Friday, Nov. 10</b>	<b>Assembly 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. followed by veterans in classrooms</b>	<b>CMS partners with Salute, INC to fundraise, host and salute veterans. Fundraiser involves principal, vice principal and dean taking a pie to the face.</b>
<b>Century Oaks Elementary</b>	<b>1235 Braeburn Drive, Elgin</b>	<b>Monday, Nov. 6 to Friday, Nov. 10</b>	<b>During school</b>	<b>Various classroom events, including writing letters to our veterans thanking them for their service.</b>



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<b>Elgin High School</b>	<b>1200 Maroon Drive, Elgin</b>	<b>Thursday, Nov. 9</b>	<b>During school</b>	<b>The Chamber Choir will deliver singing telegrams to current EHS staff who are veterans. The school day will start with a poem honoring veterans.</b>
<b>Hawk Hollow Elementary</b>	<b>235 Jacaranda Drive, Bartlett</b>	<b>Monday, Nov. 6</b>	<b>8:15 a.m. to 11 a.m.</b>	<b>Students will give presentations for the veterans and veterans will go into classrooms to share their experiences in the armed forces.</b>
<b>Heritage Elementary</b>	<b>507 Arnold Ave., Streamwood</b>	<b>Friday, Nov. 10</b>	<b>8 a.m. to 9 a.m.</b>	<b>Flagpole ceremony at Heritage Elementary. Students will honor veterans during the ceremony.</b>
<b>Hillcrest Elementary</b>	<b>80 N. Airlite St., Elgin</b>	<b>Friday, Nov. 10</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.</b>	<b>Mr. Jerry Paulsen, Veteran and Founder of Operation Heroes &amp; Heroes will present to 4th-6th graders.</b>



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<p><b>Horizon Elementary</b></p>	<p><b>1701 Greenbrook Blvd., Hanover Park</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday, Nov. 9</b></p>	<p><b>8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Day of Honor breakfast and school-wide assembly. Band, orchestra and chorus will perform a musical tribute to our Armed Forces. Veterans welcome. Visits to classrooms by veterans as well.</b></p>
<p><b>Huff Elementary</b></p>	<p><b>801 Hastings St, Elgin</b></p>	<p><b>Friday, Nov. 10</b></p>	<p><b>6:00-7:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Short musical presentation by 5th and 6th graders, followed by interactive breakout sessions where students and veterans can interact while enjoying a small reception.</b></p>
<p><b>Kenyon Woods Middle School</b></p>	<p><b>1515 Raymond St., South Elgin</b></p>	<p><b>Friday, Nov. 10</b></p>	<p><b>2:30 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Musical tribute to veterans</b></p>
<p><b>Kimball Middle School</b></p>	<p><b>451 N. McLean Blvd., Elgin</b></p>	<p><b>Friday, Nov. 10</b></p>	<p><b>2:25 p.m. to 3:25 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Assembly featuring Elgin AMVets Post members and Mr. Jerry Turnquist, Elgin Historian, presenting the colors, discussing the history of our country's flag and</b></p>



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				<p><b>the importance that is has played for our veterans and current service members. They will also share the procedures for retiring a tattered flag. Kimball students and staff will also pay tribute to family members who are veterans or are currently in one of the service branches.</b></p>
<b>Larkin High School</b>	<b>1475 Larkin Ave., Elgin</b>			<b>Staff have created a wall of photos of Larkin alumni who are military veterans.</b>
<b>Liberty Elementary</b>	<b>1375 W. Bartlett Road, Bartlett</b>	<b>Friday Nov. 10</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.</b>	<b>Breakfast for family veterans and program</b>
<b>Lincoln Elementary</b>	<b>1650 Maureen Drive, Hoffman Estates</b>	<b>Nov. 6 to Nov. 10</b>		<b>Veterans Day celebration</b>



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<p><b>Parkwood Elementary</b></p>	<p><b>2150 Laurel Ave., Hanover Park</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday, Nov. 8</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Thursday, Nov. 9</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Friday, Nov. 10</b></p>	<p><b>11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 8</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Nov. 9</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Nov. 10</b></p>	<p><b>Guest veterans will present an overview of the branches of the military service to Parkwood students. Veterans will also highlight their personal military experiences.</b></p>
<p><b>Prairieview Elementary</b></p>	<p><b>285 Mayflower Lane, Bartlett</b></p>	<p><b>Friday, Nov. 10</b></p>	<p><b>1:15 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Assembly featuring School Boy and Girl Scouts Color guard, presentation, all school Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem, Veterans Day poems, and a talk from a member of the military services.</b></p>
<p><b>Spring Trail Elementary School</b></p>	<p><b>1384 Spring Valley Drive, Carol Stream</b></p>	<p><b>Friday, Nov. 10</b></p>	<p><b>1:30 to 2:30 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Veterans Day Assembly</b></p>
<p><b>South Elgin High School</b></p>	<p><b>760 E. Main St., South Elgin</b></p>	<p><b>Friday, Nov. 10</b></p>	<p><b>7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Assembly held outside by flagpole</b></p>



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<b>Sycamore Trails Elementary School</b>	<b>1025 Sycamore Lane, Bartlett</b>	<b>Friday, Nov. 3</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Assembly</b>
<b>Ontarioville</b>	<b>2100 Elm St., Hanover Park</b>	<b>Thursday, Nov. 9</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Assembly</b>
<b>Ronald D. O'Neal</b>	<b>510 Franklin Blvd., Elgin</b>	<b>Friday, Nov. 10</b>	<b>1:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Assembly at Gail Borden Library - Veterans Memorial Park</b>

**Reporters:** Please contact Mary Fergus at [MaryFergus@u-46.org](mailto:MaryFergus@u-46.org) if you plan to attend any of the above listed events or if you want details on the schedule for the program of veterans visiting classrooms.