

EASTLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Military Family Member:

On behalf of Eastlake Middle School, I want to thank you personally for your dedication and service to our country on this Veteran's Day. Whether you are active duty, retired or a spouse, your sacrifices are acknowledged and appreciated by our community. We would like to celebrate you (or spouse) on November, 14th. In this envelope is a purple placard that will give you access to the inner loop in front of the school. We would like to serve you donuts and coffee. Please pass by between 7:30 and 8:15 AM. Or come to the front office during the day. For planning purposes, kindly confirm with the link of the website or email Dr. Cooke. In addition, we are asking that you send an email to Dr. Cooke with a digital picture of you in uniform as well as listing your military branch and rank. We would like to make a video for our students and display our support for our military families.

My dad served for 20 years in the Coast Guard and I could not be more proud of his dedication as well as yours. I know firsthand the opportunities and challenges of the military life and we are here to help in any way possible. Starting next school year, we will be starting the process of implementing our military grant to support a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) initiative. We will send more information out shortly, and we want you to be a part of the planning process. We will be hosting a military night soon to outline the grant. We hope you will attend. I echo the following sentiments about the military said by former presidents:

"We remember those who were called upon to give all a person can give, and we remember those who were prepared to make that sacrifice if it were demanded of them in the line of duty, though it never was. Most of all, we remember the devotion and gallantry with which all of them ennobled their nation as they became champions of a noble cause." ~ Ronald Reagan

"I can imagine no more rewarding a career. And any man {or woman} who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: 'I served in the United States Navy {or any military branch}.'" ~ John F. Kennedy

With Respect and Gratitude,

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