

SUGGESTIONS TO USE WHEN PROMOTING PATRIOTISM IN OUR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES

SCHOOLS:

- Make “Thank –you cards” (younger grades & secondary grades)
- Teach the Pledge (Younger grades)
- Coloring Contest (Younger grades)
- In school Essay Contest (kids that don’t qualify for Patriots Pen) essay could be about “What the flag means to me”, “Why I love my country”, etc.
- Flag Rules, and days to fly half-staff (older grades)
- Flag Retiring Ceremony (older grades) do this with the VFW
- Flag Folding Ceremony (older grades) do this with the VFW
- POW/MIA Table (older grades)
- Food drives (older grades) make it a contest between grades, who collects the most, in a certain time. Pizza party for winners.
- Personal care items drives (older grades) again, make it a contest, and have a pizza party for the winning team.
- Encourage visiting Veterans in Nursing homes, and shut ins (older grades)

COMMUNITIES:

- Present flag to a new business as a form of “Welcome”
- Flag retiring ceremony (do this with the VFW)
- Personal Care Drives
- Food Drives
- “Store front Contest”
- “Decorate your Home/yard Contest”