
Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Dear Parents:

Today marks the 107th anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended World War I, known as "The Great War." The official document was signed in a railway car in a French forest at the 11th hour, on the 11th day and in the 11th month. Thus, November 11th became a historically significant day, at first as Armistice Day and then later, Veterans Day. It is a day that we



should stop to reflect on the United States military and appreciate their willingness to serve and sacrifice. In the words of *America the Beautiful*:

*O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!*

I have not visited many large military cemeteries but have been able to view the rows of markers at both Gettysburg and Arlington. Looking toward the horizon, the seemingly never-ending sight of the solemn, white graves brought a mist to my eyes and a lump to my throat.

The students and staff were able to express their love of country this morning in chapel as we sang patriotic songs, recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and listened to our special speaker, Mr. Gary Hall, a retired Air Force veteran. (He is also Mrs. Indra's dad!) It was a special time and, hopefully, is tucked away in the students' hearts and minds for many Veterans Days to come.

Other events to remember:



November 14: Professional Development Day; **2:15 dismissal**



November 18: Our next monthly Mileage Club challenge is called "Grateful Hearts." The theme dress for the first through sixth graders is Pilgrims/Native Americans/Thanksgiving. The token for 2.5 miles will be a heart.



November 25: The two kindergarten classes will present a program, *The First Gives-Thanking*, to the student body and kindergarten parents at 9:30 in the auditorium.



December 4: Moms, we are excited to invite you to our "Mornings Out with Moms" event to connect with other moms from our church and school in our Connection Point in the main lobby. Feel free to drop in at any time during that hour and stay as long as you can. We will provide coffee and light refreshments for you to enjoy! You are welcome to bring your younger children who are not enrolled at BTCs, but you will need to keep them with you.



December 18: Carol Sing at 9:30 am in the auditorium; Party Day; End of first semester



December 19 – January 4: Christmas Break



January 5: Classes resume

I hope that you have a chance to thank a veteran today. Have a good week!

Mrs. Newton

