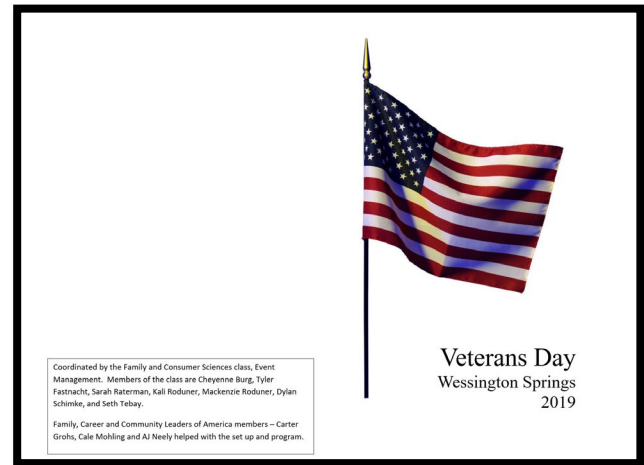


Community Service  
 Honoring our Veterans on Veterans Day  
 Wessington Springs Senior FCCLA Chapter  
 2019-2020

The family and consumer sciences class, Event Management and the Senior FCCLA chapter planned and facilitated a number of activities for Wessington Springs area veterans on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The day kicked off with serving coffee and rolls to veterans, current military personnel and their spouses at the elementary school. The senior class was invited to share their future plans for the group.



The Veterans Day Program featured presentations from each class, keynote speaker Melissa Schimke, and a flag burning ceremony by the American Legion.



<b>Masters of Ceremony</b>	Carter Grohs Cale Mohling AJ Neely	<b>Introduction of Speaker</b>	Dylan Schimke
<b>Star Spangled Banner</b>	MS/HS Band	<b>Keynote Address</b>	Melissa Schimke
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Preschool	<b>America the Beautiful/My America</b>	K-6 <sup>th</sup> Choir
<b>Welcome</b>	Piper Jones Student Council President	<b>Thank You</b>	Event Management Students
<b>I'm proud to be an American</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	<b>Flag Retirement Ceremony</b>	American Legion Willman Fee Post 14
<b>Veterans Day Poem</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	<b>Closing</b>	Carter Grohs Cale Mohling AJ Neely
<b>Oh, I Love America!</b>	Kindergarten 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<b>Flag Burning</b>	American Legion Willman Fee Post 14 East of Gym
<b>Grand Old Flag</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<i>Veterans and spouses – we invite you to join the students for lunch following the ceremony.</i>	

# A heartfelt student salute

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A school-led salute honored local service men and women on Veterans Day with a program held at Wessington Springs Elementary School Monday morning.

Organized by students in the Wessington Springs High School Family and Consumer Sciences Event Management class, the program featured music by the middle school/high school band alongside K-6 performances choreographed by elementary school teachers.

Shown at the top of this page, Kim Orth's third grade class is pictured reciting a Veterans Day poem.

At right, members of the preschool class (left to right) Holden Schelske, Kershaw Reiner, Alice Heumiller, Kolt Messmer, Emma Stuber and Journey Johnson look intently at the American flag held by Liberty Mikkelson as they lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A flag retirement ceremony concluded the program with members of American Legion Willman-Fee Post 14 on hand for the ceremony. U.S. Flag code states that, "the flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." Due to high winds on Monday, a retirement ceremony, including a prayer, was held indoors.

Members of the class that planned the event are Cheyenne Burg, Tyler Fastnacht, Sarah Raterman, Kali Roduner, Mackenzie Roduner, Dylan Schimke and Seth Tebay. Family, Career and Community Leaders of America members Carter Grohs, Cale Mohling and AJ Neely served as Masters of Ceremony and also helped organize the event.

More photos from the program can be found on **PAGE TEN**

