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MEDIA ADVISORY – Wednesday, November 7, 2018
Fargo Public School District #1

STUDENTS HONOR VETERANS WITH LEARNING AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

Washington Elementary is commemorating Veterans Day with two very different activities: one is a school-wide support drive, the other is a personal presentation from one teacher's father.

WHAT: Operation Gratitude Candy Drive
WHEN: **Friday, November 9, 2018** from **10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.** in Room 35
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And

WHAT: Korean War Presentation by a Veteran
WHEN: **Friday, November 9, 2018** from 8:50 to 9:30 a.m. in Room 43
CONTACT: **Mark Seeba**, fourth grade teacher, 701.446.5444 or seebam@fargo.k12.nd.us

WHERE: Washington Elementary School, 1725 North Broadway, Fargo

The fourteen fourth and fifth grade students in Stephanie Newland's gifted services program at Washington have organized a school-wide candy and personal hygiene item drive to benefit Operation Gratitude, an organization that sends care packages to military recruits, actively deployed service men and women, and veterans. On **Friday, November 9 from 10:15 to 10:45 and 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.**, the students will finish packaging the collected candy and personal hygiene items for shipment to the Operation Gratitude collections center in California.

The students made presentations in each Washington classroom to kick off the drive on November 1 and they anticipate collecting more than 100 pounds of candy, along with the personal care items. The Jon Greenley AmVets Post #7 of Fargo has agreed to cover the cost of shipping the students' packages to Operation Gratitude.

The fourth grade students in Mark Seeba's classroom will learn about military service on **Friday, November 9 beginning at 8:50 a.m.** directly from a veteran, who also happens to be Seeba's father. Walt Seeba, who is 89 years old, will show wartime and military memorabilia and give a presentation to the students about his experiences as a soldier during the Korean War (1950 – 1953). The students have been learning about U.S. military service and veterans to better understand why our country honors service men and women with a national holiday – Veterans Day, November 11.

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