

# The Hawk Eye



Harrison Elementary School's Newsletter  
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## **Thankful for Stuff the Bus** **By Kylie Crystal and Haleigh Kim**

**When we found out that the food drive was starting, Student Council made an announcement that we would be bringing in food for Stuff the Bus. Kindergarten brought in cranberry sauce and canned gravy, 1st grade brought in canned vegetables and canned fruit, 2nd grade brought in canned soup and cereal, 3rd grade brought in peanut butter and jelly, 4th grade brought in rice and canned beans, and 5th grade brought in boxed stuffing and boxed mashed potatoes.**

**Outside of the office, Student Council made turkey boxes to put the food in. All of the students put the food in their assigned boxes. On November 18th, Mr. Bickel took them to a food pantry in Saint Philomena's. (Mr. Bickel is the Social Studies Supervisor) We asked him how he got involved in donating food, and he said that his sister inspired him to start Stuff the Bus. After she passed away he wanted to make her idea come true.**

**Mr. Bickel said that he donates food too. He donates rice and other healthy foods. When we asked him what he enjoys most about doing this he said, "My favorite part of doing this is watching all the kids bring in food and getting involved."**



## **History of Veteran's Day** **By Thomas Burke and Shaun Quirk**

Veteran's Day is a day to remember the troops that have served or are still serving in the military. It all started in 1914 when a terrible war happened in Europe. This war was called "The Great War." It started out with the nations of France, England, and Russia against Germany, Austria, and Hungary. Later on, more countries joined in, including the United States. The war changed the world. Over nine million soldiers died, as well as civilians. Veteran's Day was first called Armistice Day to honor the veterans that served in war. People in the United States grew vegetables in "victory gardens" to support the war effort. After the long war was over, they began celebrating Armistice Day on November 11, and people also did two minutes of silence at 11:00. They did this because the Armistice, or truce, was signed on the eleventh day of the eleventh month at 11:00. Then, World War II came along and that was even worse than World War I. This time more than 20 million soldiers died and even more civilians. We all honor our military to show that we are thankful for their service.

Victor Serban from Mrs. Herrera's 5th grade class interviewed his father about serving in a war. Victor's father said, "I didn't like staying away from my family but I was proud to serve my country." When asked what was hard for him, he said, "It wasn't easy to follow orders that I didn't agree with but I had to obey the officers."

Besides the interviews, students in fifth grade wrote letters and poems to honor our veterans. Look for them in this edition of The Hawk Eye.

## Service Dogs!

By Christina Newman and Kathleen Zhang

On November 10th, the 1st graders went to see an assembly about seeing-eye dogs. Seeing-eye dogs are responsible for helping people of all ages. In fact, there is even an Olympic swimmer who has a seeing-eye dog!

The woman brought a dog named Esma, who's training to be a seeing-eye dog and she's only one year old! She will help blind people with their daily deeds and protect them from danger. But, Esma can't just walk into grocery stores or restaurants. She needs permission to walk in. She is trained to have good manners, so she can go into places where dogs usually can't go. She can't have food from a table, which helps her be able to go to a restaurant. One student asked, "Do they get hurt often?" She answered, "No, they usually don't get hurt often because they get trained from a young age."

After the assembly, we talked to a 1st grader named Charlie in Mrs. Green's class. He said, "I think the coolest thing that the dog can do, is stop when the cars are coming."

As you can see, these animals have a great deal of talent and are very dedicated to their jobs.



## Kindness Corner

This month we show our gratitude to those who have served our Country.

### Veteran

Brave, kind, cooperative.

Who feels sad about leaving his family at home.

Who needs food, water, and weapons.

Who fears the enemy .

Who loves his family and country.

Who thinks of a strategy to win a battle and survive.

Who believes in God and the other soldiers.

By Victor Serban

### Veteran

Brave, trustworthy, and smart.

Who feels nervous and proud.

Who needs to be not afraid, confident.

Who fears nothing and is ready to fight.

Who loves his country and family.

Who thinks he can protect and defeat the enemy.

Who believes in freedom, peace, and equality.

Hero.  
By Gedas Gomez