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Madeira Students Honor Local Veterans

Madeira Middle School (MMS) and the second grade classes at Madeira Elementary School (MES) held their annual Veterans Day programs this year, on the eleventh day of the eleventh month. MMS held theirs in person and MES held theirs virtually.

The middle school program featured the fifth and sixth grade choir, led by Mari Wilkerson, singing "The Star Spangled Banner" accompanied by the seventh and eighth grade band, led by Lori Adams and Ryan Ervin. There were also selected readings by students. A moving part of the program was the MMS Choir singing the "Armed Forces Medley" with Veterans in attendance standing when the anthem from the branch of the military they served in was sung. At the end of the program the lights were dimmed and "Taps" was played by Ryan Ervin and 2020 Madeira Schools retiree Wes Woolard.

The MES second graders' program featured students thanking Veterans through art, music and prose. They shared events in history that led to our official Veterans Day, and student art work of buildings in Washington DC and icons of America. The second graders also sang "Armed Forces Medley," holding up signs for each branch of the military. Their tribute can be seen by searching "2021 Second Grade Veterans Day Celebration" on YouTube.

After the Madeira Middle School program guests were invited to view 5th grade Veterans Day projects on display in the school's cafeteria and enjoy refreshments courtesy of the MMS PTO.



Pictured above: Second graders sing on the front lawn of MES
Pictured right: Eighth grader Owen Mobley and his grandparents Shirley and Frank Mendralski at the MMS Veterans Day program. Frank served in the US Navy on the USS Warbler and retired as a Captain in 1968. He was in the Reserves from then until 1991.