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HAPPY VETERANS DAY

Monday, November 11th is Veterans Day. Veterans Day -- originally called Armistice Day -- began as an occasion to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in our country's service. It falls on November 11th, the anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended World War I. In 1954, the name of the holiday was changed from "Armistice Day" to "Veterans Day" in order to recognize veterans of all wars. We celebrate and honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. Veterans Day is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served. For one day, we stand united in respect for you, our veterans. This past Friday, we hosted a Veterans Day Ceremony for Tennyson's eighth graders and special guests. Our Tennyson Varsity Choir, Theatre and Honors Band performed, our own Christian Aguilar and Asher Peacock presented the colors, Aubree Robinson and Abiram Gonzalez recited the pledges and Mr. Knox and Mr. McMillan spoke. It was a beautiful ceremony. Thank you to all those who participated.

SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER

Thank you for selling the World's Finest Chocolate bars like gangbusters. The goal was to sell out by the end of our fundraiser window (November 15th) and we beat that date by eight days! We will need all money turned in by Friday (whether or not all the bars from the boxes have been sold). $60 per box is due by November 15th. You can continue to sell whatever you have left after you've paid for your box and then ultimately pay yourself back. With this huge success, we will be able to pay for our end of year trips.

SUCCESS AT ALL-REGION BAND AUDITIONS

Yesterday, our Honors Band and a couple select Symphonic Band members auditioned against hundreds of other students from Belton ISD, Corsicana ISD, Midway ISD, Temple ISD and Waco ISD for chairs in two select Region 8 North Zone Middle School Honor Bands. Our students competed at a high level and 18 students earned chairs and four students are first or second alternates which means they can earn a spot if another student is unable to attend the clinic/concert next Saturday.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, November 15th: End of WFC Candy Bar Fundraiser - all money is due
- Saturday, November 16th: All-Region Band Clinic & Concert, 6:45 AM - 8 PM, Temple HS
- Tuesday, December 3rd: Advanced Bands Winter Concert, 6:30 PM, TMS; band parent mtng at 6
- Tuesday, December 10th: All-District Band Clinic & Taping
- Thursday, December 12th: Beginning Band Winter Recital, 6:30 PM, TMS, band parent mtng at 6