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Planned Veteran's Day programs at NACS elementary schools on Nov. 11, 2022

Carroll High School graduate returns to talk about his military experiences

Fort Wayne, Ind. (Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022) – Elementary students from Northwest Allen County Schools celebrate Veteran's Day tomorrow through a program designed to build patriotism and recognize those who have served our country through the armed forces. Students were encouraged to invite veterans and family members to attend their holiday programs to honor local veterans. Many schools have refreshments after the programs.

Eel River will have a special guest, 2nd Lieutenant Mike Hefner, who speak about his military service in the U.S. Army – Infantry Branch. Hefner completed the U.S. Army Air Assault, Airborne and Ranger Schools.

Media are invited to come to Eel River at 9 a.m., and Oak View at 1 p.m. Please notify Lizette Downey where you plan to attend.

Perry Hill Elementary School

Veteran's Day program at 12:45 p.m.

An area Cub Scouts pack will present the colors and music will be provided by the Fort Wayne Police Department Pipe and Drum Brigade. Each grade will give tribute to veterans. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

***Eel River Elementary School**

Veteran's Day program 9 a.m. featuring a 1990 Carroll High School alum and a West Point graduate Mike Hefner.

Arcola Elementary School

Veterans' Day Program at 9:30 a.m.

Huntertown Elementary School

Veteran's Day assembly at 8:10 a.m. The veterans and their associated students will have donuts and juice in the cafeteria after the program.

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Cedar Canyon Elementary School

Veterans Day program, we are having a program that starts at 9 a.m. They will have a Google meet with a former student (and sibling of a current student) who is on a base.

Hickory Center Elementary School

Veteran's Day program at 9 a.m.

Oak View Elementary School

Veteran's Day Program at 1 p.m.

Aspen Meadow Elementary School

Veteran's Day program at 9 a.m. focusing on the theme--what the flag means to me. A 5th grader will read the winning essay. Each grade level has a branch of military—classroom doors will be decorated

***Eel River guest speaker Mike Hefner's background and biography**

Education

Huntertown Elementary School

Carroll High School

US Military Academy at West Point (BS Mechanical Engineering)

Case Western Reserve University (MBA)

Military Highlights

Commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army - Infantry Branch

Completed US Army Air Assault, Airborne and Ranger Schools

Served with the 2-502nd Infantry, 101st Airborne Division

Deployed overseas to South and Central America (Argentina, Panama)

Civilian Highlights

President, CEO & Chairman of the Board at Security Engineers

Founder and principal shareholder at InfraDMS

Personal

Married to Michelle (24 years). Children: Harrison and Marin.

Favorite Football Team: Indianapolis Colts!

Favorite Basketball Team: Indiana Hoosiers!

Northwest Allen County Schools serves more than 8,000 students in 11 schools spanning three townships in Allen County. More information about NACS may be found at <https://www.nacs.k12.in.us>.

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