

# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



**Veterans Day Program**  
 Bronte ISD hosted their annual Veterans Day assembly on Tuesday, November 11. Veterans from all branches of the military attended and were honored for their service to our country.

The program was opened by Bronte High School Student Council as they led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence. After opening remarks from Donna Poehls, Elementary Principal, Kindergarten students played America the Beautiful with hand bells and First Grade followed by singing This Land is Your Land.

Guest speaker, Veronica Reyes Rodriquez honored veterans with a heartfelt speech.

An essay contest was held and Elementary and High School students, Amanda Marrs and Hunter Hamrick read their winning essays for the crowd.

The Bronte High School Band played numerous patriotic pieces throughout the assembly. After the program, the Bronte Student Council hosted a

reception for veterans and their families. One veteran offered his appreciation and said that it was

wonderful to see young people taking time to honor veterans who sacrificed for their country.

*Bronte High School*

Hamrick, Hunter 11<sup>th</sup> grader

November, 2014

**Why Do Veterans Deserve Our Support, Respect, and Understanding?**

Every year teachers ask the children who enter their first year of school the same question: what do you want to be when you grow up? Their answers may differ, but the reason behind their choices are the same; they all want to be something glorious and admired, whether it be a fireman, singer, movie star, or even a princess. But what about a maintainer for planes? An infantry rifleman? A captain on a ship? Are these any less glorious or admirable than being the next Taylor Swift? The answer is no.

Every year 180,000 people enlist in the armed forces. These are 180,000 human beings who are sacrificing everything that they have to do something for our country. Their motives for doing so may be because they want to support their families, they want to have a specific career that the military offers, or because they feel that this is the best option for them at the time. No matter what the reason, they are giving up the lives they have in order to start a new life as a military member to help support our nation and allow it to grow into something better than it was the day before. I can't think of any singer who would do that for the 316 million people they don't know who make up America today.

Veterans of our military have seen and done things that we could never fathom. They know things we will never know. They have sacrificed and been through things that have caused them more pain than we will ever know exists. These are the things that makes them different and set them apart from us "civilians". When they put on their uniforms, they wear the most important thing that they could ever be seen in, and when someone shake their hands and says, "Thank you for serving our country", that's the moment when they have received the recognition that they really want. They want to know that the sacrifices they've made, the pain they've endured, the hardships they've faced have been given meaning by simply saying "thank you".

The question, "Why?" is the main point of this essay. Why do they deserve our support, respect, and understanding? Without our support, we would have no military. We would have no public school system, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, or any other things that we do not think of as privileges so much as something we've had our whole lives that comes to us naturally. But these things all have a price. That price is the lives of people who could be your brother, sister, mother, father, uncle, a friend from school or a neighbor from across the street. Think of the person that you love the most. What would you do if they enlisted, served our country as a military member, and died in combat? That's the price we pay to say the pledge of allegiance, have freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and the freedom to have our own place in the United States.

So why? They asked me, and now I ask you. Why is it important? Why does it matter to give these people, those who have given us everything, respect? This day, Veterans Day, is not a day to sit around and eat cake decorated like a flag. It's the time we've been given to say "thank you". We're giving them one day in exchange for their giving us everything that we see, enjoy, and have, including our lives. That is what makes this day important.



## School Menu

**Breakfast**

**Monday, November 24**  
 Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

**Tuesday, November 25**  
 Pancake on stick or cereal, toast/jelly, fruit, juice, milk

*Thanksgiving Holidays*

**Lunch**

**Monday, November 24**  
 Beefy queso nachos, garden salad, pears, lime sherbet, milk

**Tuesday, November 25**  
 Corn dog, baked beans, broccoli salad, apple-pineapple, milk

*Thanksgiving Holidays*

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*Bronte Elementary School*



*Amanda Marrs 6<sup>th</sup> grade*

*We pray for the people who fight for us, not because they have to, but because they want to. Veterans Day is a day where we celebrate the lost and living military. We celebrate it by thanking every man and woman who went to war to keep the United States a free country.*

*Me, being born as a American, and having memory of my dad being a veteran, I respect and honor what all military people have seen, done, and heard for our sake. They risk their lives so we can have one. To me, I think we need to respect that by all means. I really don't remember much of what my dad did, but looking through albums of him in his army uniform I smile at the thought of him sitting in those chairs and listening to this speech. As years pass it can get worse and we need the military help to save America. Today there are families who have a veteran that died in war. Then there are families that have their veteran relatives come home safely. I respect all men and women who have been Coast Guard, Navy, Army, Air force, and Marines. Today is a day to show our appreciation to them. "In God We Trust."*



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