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U.S. VETERANS REMEMBERED AND HONORED TODAY AT FREDERIC W. COOK SCHOOL

Family members received Certificates of Appreciation on behalf of their loved ones

Plainfield, N.J. (November 12, 2018) - Frederic W. Cook School held a special assembly today to remember the Veterans of U.S. wars as well as to present Certificates of Appreciation to their family members. The presentation included a "Thank You" from all the children at the school.

"This is the tenth year Cook School celebrates Veterans Day with a special program," said Principal Dr. Caryn D. Cooper. Family members received Certificates of Appreciation to take back home to them and some members, including educators, were present to receive them."

Below is a list of the veterans honored and the children and family members who accepted the certificate on their behalf.

1. Ron Breidenstein - Navy/ award accepted by cousin Jennifer Sowden - Cook School
2. Walt Sowden - Air force/ award accepted by daughter Jennifer Bowden - Cook School
3. John Sowden - Army/ award accepted by niece Jennifer Sowden- Cook School
4. Troy Pittman - Air Force/ he was present and is the husband of Chanice Pittman Sears - Evergreen School and son- in-law of Berenice Sears - Cook School
5. Fatima Tareen - U.S. Air Force/award was accepted by niece Sophia Sanchez
6. Dr. Craig R. Jackson - Army - he was present to receive the certificate. He is the husband of Shelia Jackson- Cook School
7. Edom J. Marshall - Army/ award was accepted by niece Mariah James
8. Monique Ward - Army/ award was accepted by sons Makai Evans and Naeem Ward
9. Virginia Christmas - Army/ she was present, 4th Grade Literacy Teacher – Cook School

Ms. Christmas, who served in the U.S. Army from 1975-78, said the assembly was wonderful, "it recognized and honored the Veterans. And, it is my privilege and honor to have been a part in this celebration honoring Veterans. Thank you."

The children read descriptions of all the five branches of the U.S. Armed Forces and sang the songs and hymns for each branch. Dr. Domecq Smith, music instructor, accompanied the children on piano and closed the program by playing Taps. To listen to the program visit our Facebook page at Plainfield Public Schools <https://goo.gl/HZoqBy>

Frederic W. Cook School serves approximately 367 children in grades K-5th.