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## **Bucks IU and Snyder-Girotti Elementary School Students Honor Local Veterans at Breakfast**

**November 9, 2018, Doylestown PA:** Many of the students attending Snyder-Girotti Elementary School have veterans in their families and because of that, are aware of the dedication, commitment, and sacrifice willingly given by our military personnel.



For this Veteran's Day, and centennial commemoration of the end of World War I, students brought in pictures of their family members in uniform and a beautiful display was created. This allowed the students to share the significance and importance of Veteran's Day with their peers, and provided a wonderful centerpiece for their planned breakfasts

The students invited local veterans, from various branches of the military, to come join them for breakfast. Children in grades K-3 participated on Thursday November 8, 2018 and those in grades 4-6 repeated this with a different group of veterans on Friday, November 9, 2018. They stood with the honored veterans to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, provided each veteran with a special American flag pin, and shared stories and poems they had written. The students spent time showing their guests the display of their family members who have served, prompting stories by several of the veterans about their time in the military.



Special attendees included Representative Brian Fitzpatrick's (R-PA 8<sup>th</sup> district) office's Chief of Staff, Mr. Michael Conallen. Mr. Conallen is a Navy Veteran who presented the school with a flag that had been flown over the White House. Also attending were Dr. Tom Shaffer, Superintendent of the Bristol Borough School District, Bristol Borough school board members including Mr. John D'Angelo who is also the President of the Bucks IU Board of School Directors, and the Bristol Borough Mayor, Mr. Joe Saxton. The significance of attendance by these guests was not lost on the students, as the fact that such importance personnel would take the time to stop at their school to share in this, helped the student's grasp the significance of military service, and this special day.

In honoring our service men and women, those in active duty were not forgotten by these young students either. The children collected 8 large boxes of supplies to ship out to those currently deployed. Included were items such as puzzle books, hygiene products, pens and writing supplies, batteries, snacks, and gum.

The efforts put forth by these students, under the direction of Amy Austin and Kelly Ware-McGovern, knew no bounds as they worked together to create a special and memorable day for those who have, and are, serving our country. Funding came from sales of t-shirts by the students in support of RED; Remember Everyone Deployed. The money raised was then

combined with generous donations from Keystone Bagel (Bristol), Dollar Tree (Bristol), BuxMont Bouncers (Doylestown), Source4Nurses, the Bucks County Intermediate Unit, and the Bristol Borough School Board.

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