



Dear Piccowaxen Family,

When Francis Scott Key wrote the “Star Spangled Banner” almost 200 years ago, he called America, “the land of the free and the home of the brave.” Those words are as true today as they were then.

Throughout this Nation’s history, America’s soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and coastguardsmen have bravely answered the call to defend our freedom.

We can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to these soldiers, but we can pay tribute to them by honoring them with a very special acknowledgment on Veteran’s Day.

This year, we plan to honor our veterans and service men and women in two ways:

1. We would like to honor our Veteran’s by transforming our display case in the main lobby into a tribute for Piccowaxen family members and friends that are either **currently serving in the armed forces or have served in the armed forces** in the past. Please send to school (**before Friday, November 6, 2009**) any photographs or military memorabilia that you would be willing to loan us for display in our showcase. Fill out the form on the reverse side so that we can include the information in the display case with your items. You may also send photographs of Veteran family members to Ms. Gamble electronically (cgamble@ccboe.com). Photographs may also be used for a power point slide show at the **American Freedom Day on November 12, 2009** and would be greatly appreciated. Please remember to include all the information requested on the form with your photographs sent electronically as well.

Memorabilia will be collected in Mrs. Gamble’s room during home base each morning through Friday, November 6, 2009.

2. **We will be celebrating American Freedom Day on Thursday, November 12, 2009 beginning at 1:00 P.M.** The students will enjoy an assembly dedicated to those who helped protect our country in the past and in the present. We will have guest speakers and special performances by our band and chorus. We would like to extend the invitation to you or any family members that have served or are serving in any of our military branches. As previously mentioned, photographs sent to the school for the display case may be used in a power point presentation at the celebration as well. Any electronic copies of photographs would be greatly appreciated and can be sent to Ms. Gamble’s e-mail address (cgamble@ccboe.com).

If someone in your family has been in or is currently serving in the military, we would like to honor him/her. We would also like to invite those members to our celebration.

Please complete the attached page and return it to your child’s social studies teacher by no later than **November 6, 2009.**

Thank you in advance for your continued support of our school.

A SALUTE TO OUR TROOPS



American Freedom Day Celebration

Veterans/ Military Display Case:

My Family is willing to loan the following item(s) to be displayed:

Item	Belongs to:	How is this person related to the student?	Years served and Military Branch

Feel free to include any other pertinent information on the form. Please send the item(s) to school with your child or drop them off with this form to the school office. Students may take their items to Ms. Gamble (room 14) during home base. Items will remain on display until the end of January 2010.

Student's Name: _____ Social Studies Teacher _____

American Freedom Day Celebration:

Please list the names of the people who will be attending our American Freedom Day celebration on November 12, 2009 at 1:00 P.M.

Name	Years Served	Military Branch

Return this form to your child's Social Studies Teacher no later than Friday, November 6, 2009.