



## RAMS NEWS—NOVEMBER 16, 2009



### Veteran's Day Appreciation



On November 11th, Quest staff and students recognized the heroic efforts of our Nation's veterans. Ms. Stokes, Ms. Angelee, and Ms. Wright organized the activity and created a DVD using iMovie of our Quest family veterans.

Second grader MaClain Smith introduced his favorite hero, his father, Stewart Smith. Mr. Smith, dressed in his flight suit, talked to the audience and described his activities as an Apache helicopter pilot.



### Lunch Payment Policy Reminder

Quest's [Student Lunch Payment Policy](#) was created and implemented by Quest's school board in August, 2009. The policy states that if a student does not have enough money in his or her account for lunch then the school will provide the child a minimal lunch (PBJ & milk) at no charge. A maximum of five minimal lunches will be provided each year. We will attempt to contact you in the morning if your student has an insufficient balance in his or her lunch account and will need to have a minimal lunch.

To help avoid the "minimal lunch" issue, Quest will send home reminder letters each Wednesday when your student's lunch balance is less than \$5. This will provide parents with an opportunity to send the student to school with lunch money, or make the [payment online](#), in order that the "minimal lunch" portion of the policy does not occur.

If you need a temporary exception to the "minimal lunch" portion of the policy, please contact [Lani Rounds](#).

### Reading Buddies

Literacy News reported in its Nov. 2, 2009 article that a "Reading Buddy" program improves reading ability and self-confidence, and increases empathy for both of the "reading buddy" students. At Quest, Ms. Stokes' 2nd grade class pairs with 5th grade reading buddies each week. Both the 2nd graders and the 5th graders look forward to, and enjoy their time reading with their buddy.



**Meet Rufus** Quest's own, "I am thankful for..." turkey. Stop by the office and complete your own feather stating what you are most thankful for.



### Lost & Found Items to be Donated to Charity on December 4th

Please remind your students to check the lost & found box for their personal belongings. On Dec. 4th Quest will donate everything left in the box.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Activity	When	Contact
Window washing	At your convenience	<a href="#">Shane Scamahorn</a>
Lunchroom assistance	11:00—12:45 daily	<a href="#">Rachel Temple</a>
Phoning parents	9:00—10:00 daily	<a href="#">Angelee Spader</a>

### Mark Your Calendars

- Nov. 18th** — Dads & donuts 8:00 am
- Nov. 19th** — Morning Clubs
- Nov. 23rd**— Student & Staff of the Month assembly
- Nov. 24th** — Early Out
- Nov. 25th—27th** — Thanksgiving break
- Dec. 11th**— Student & Staff of the Month assembly, Christmas sing-along.
- Dec. 21—Jan. 3rd**—Christmas break
- Jan. 8th**—*Freedom Essay* entry form due. Get your application at the office.
- Jan. 20th** — Inspirations contest entries due. Get your application at the office.

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