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DATE: December 1, 2009
TO: George Zini
FROM: Dr. Boyaj
RE: **Operational Report**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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| December 4, 2009 | Report Cards |
| December 7, 2009 | Taft School Faculty Meeting – 3:00 p.m. |
| December 8, 2009 | PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. – Taft Café |
| December 9, 2009 | Taft School Council Meeting – 3:30 p.m. |
| December 10, 2009 | PTO Holiday Shoppe Vendor Fair 6:30 p.m. Taft Café |
| December 11, 2009 | Curriculum Half Day – Dismissal @ 11:30 a.m. |
| December 18, 2009 | Spirit Day - "Home is Where The Heart Is" |
| December 24, 2009 | Winter Break- Taft School Office Closed |
| January 4, 2010 | School Resumes – Taft Office Re-opens |

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences were held at Taft School on Thursday evening, November 19 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and again on Friday afternoon, November 20 from 12:15 – 3:00 p.m.

As usual, large numbers of parents visited Taft School and enjoyed the opportunity to meet with their child's teachers. The fall season Parent-Teacher schedule is one of our school's most popular and worthwhile programs.

Taft Students Honor and Donate to Veterans

Grade 4 students celebrated Veterans Day on Friday, November 6 with an assembly. This is the fourth year the fourth grade has been involved with veterans' education activities. The following veterans from Uxbridge, Bellingham, and Milford were part of a panel to talk about their war experience, answer questions, and listen to comments from the students: Ernie Esposito, Dan Deveau, John Nadeau, Mary Meg Walsh, Russell Wise, Andrew Simonds, and Mickey Emery.

“What was war like?” asked a student. “What is the difference between the Marines and the Army?” “Thank you for our freedom!” “If it wasn’t for you all, we wouldn’t be able to do what we want here,” were just some of the comments and questions from the youngsters.

The students also sang (“Star Spangled Banner,” “Taft School song,” “America-My-Country Tis’ of Thee,” Tribute to the Armed Forces” and “Thank a Vet”) under the direction of Gretchen D’Andrea, accompanied by Robert Hammerton on piano.

The highlight of the assembly were gifts presented to Uxbridge Supports Our Troops, in the amount of \$575, and to the Disabled American Veterans also for \$575. Around 75 students studied 20 words about veterans and got sponsors for each word spelled correctly. (The test was optional and some student used their allowances from home to donate to the veterans). After they took the test, they went back to their sponsors and collected monies for donations.