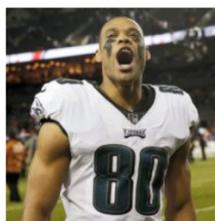




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## TREDYFFRIN/EASTTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Board to vote on property buy

### Acquisition by eminent domain of land adjacent to high school to be decided in special meeting

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**EASTTOWN TOWNSHIP** » The Tredyffrin/Easttown Board of School Directors will hold a special meeting for Nov. 4 to consider a vote to exercise its right of eminent domain on the Doyle-McDonnell nursery adjacent to Conestoga High School.

Cassatt Road, is under agreement of sale with Toll Brothers to develop a high-density residential property of up to 85 units. Due to the adjacency of the 13-acre parcel to Conestoga High School, the District has held long-term interest in purchasing the property for a fair price.

This property, located at 250

However, as long as the property has served as a functioning

tree nursery, the District has been willing to wait to secure acquisition. Because the property is subject to an agreement of sale with a third party, the District is forced to consider the use of eminent domain as a measure of last resort.

Student enrollment in the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District has risen every single year since 1990, with a near 10 per-

cent growth rate for the past five years alone. This has led to building construction projects inside District schools and even significant expansion projects such as the current plan for Conestoga High School.

Because the high school is situated in a neighborhood with many nearby homes, there is no other property suitable for addi-

tional facilities or athletic fields near Conestoga that can be accessed without crossing public roads.

Tredyffrin-Easttown residents and families should note that the potential acquisition of the nursery property by the district through eminent domain is not related to the longstanding plan

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## WESTTOWN

# HONORING THE SACRIFICES OF OTHERS



PETE BANNAN-MEDIANEWS GROUP

More than 50 veterans were honored at Westtown-Thornbury Elementary School in the West Chester Area School District on Monday. The school asked the students to invite any of their relatives that may be veterans to come to the school to be honored.

## Veterans remind Westtown-Thornbury students about the reality of war

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Photographer

**WESTTOWN** » Students at Westtown Thornbury Elementary School have a personal connection with Veterans Day. Like most schools they honor veterans but here it more, the school

asked the students to invite any of their relatives that may be veterans to come to the school to be honored. On Monday more than 50 did.

The veterans ranging from World War II era soldiers to active duty personnel were honored with a program that brought the entire school to-

gether.

The program, in its sixth year, is the brainchild of principal Dr. Nora Wheeler who said while it is a lot of work to put together, it's worth the effort.

Wheeler said the idea for the event came when she was a Social Studies teacher and she attended an eighth grade veter-

ans day at another school. The students had interviewed family members who were veterans.

"It was so moving to capture in that fashion," Wheeler said. "You can read in a book but when you talk to someone who lived it, it is so much more."

When she became principal

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## DOWNINGTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Students thank veterans for their service

### Lionville Middle School hosts 10th annual Veterans Day assembly

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**UWCHLAN** » Saying "thank you for your service" can go a long way to a veteran.

Like many of the veterans who walked the hallways of Lionville Middle School on Monday for the 10th annual Veterans Day assembly, Marine veteran Doug Forsthe had goosebumps as the stu-

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Lionville Middle School students escort veterans through the hallways prior to the 10th annual Veterans Day assembly held on Monday.

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Vietnam veteran Francis Mueller with his granddaughter Libby Mueller during Westtown-Thornbury Elementary School's Veterans Day ceremony. Over 50 veterans, parents, grandparents and friends were invited to a ceremony honoring their service.



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Veteran Marty Walsh with his grandchildren Shayla, 8, and Brogan, 10, wait to enter the ceremony.



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Michelle Fernandez with her daughter Mia. Fernandez served in the Navy from 1998-2012. Her husband Israel Bonilla is also a veteran, having served in the Army from 1995 to 2016.



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Each veteran stood with their child or grandchild when they were introduced.



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Navy veteran Charles Scanlon talks with Dean and Grant Scanlon about his time in the service.



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Veterans Day has a personal meaning for the children at Westtown-Thornbury Elementary School in the West Chester Area School District.

## Sacrifices

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she decided to bring that lesson to her school.

"I saw it almost as my duty to help others," said Wheeler. "It's important we honor the sacrifices that others make for us to enjoy our freedom."

Wheeler said each year the program is little different as different veterans take part. "Protecting our freedoms is not just happening here, it's happening in places all over the world," Wheeler said. "It's an honor for us to say thank you for people in our community who do that."

Each veteran was honored individually during the

program with their child or grandchild in attendance in front of a packed assembly. During the program the students sang a number of patriotic songs to thank the men and women for their service.

Navy veteran Michelle Fernandez said it's nice to be honored by the school where her children Mia and Elias attend. Fernandez served in the Navy for 14 years and her husband, Israel Bonilla served 20 years in the Army.

Following the assembly, a number of the veterans stopped in classrooms where they took questions and talked about their service.

Navy veteran Daniel Behl told the first grader in his grandson Nicky's class about life aboard a

destroyer during the Vietnam War. He had a map to show the many places he visited and confirmed the slogan "Join the Navy, See the World." Among the other items he brought was currency from a number of countries, a photo of him in the service and his dog tags.

Some of the students had a chance to research the veterans before they arrived and asked them about their time in the military and interesting question such as one for Air Force Capt. Jared King about what it was like being in charge of over 100 people and a \$22 million weapon.

Stanley Wlodarczyk served in the Army in the early 1960s. His grandson's Michael and Matthew attend WTE. Wlodarczyk worked at Checkpoint Char-



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Navy veteran Daniel Behl holds his grandson Nicky Sinkevich as he talks to a first-grade class about life aboard the U.S.S Brownson during the Vietnam War.

lie at the Berlin Wall. "You would be amazed

at the crazy things the Russians did," Wlodarczyk said. "But I try to forget about the things that happened. My friend who I grew up in Bridesburg with, Michael Ebal, he was shot dead, two months after arriving in Vietnam. That is the re-

ality of war." Following questions, veterans and students returned to the gymnasium for more patriotic music before the day ended with a video of "Taps" and the U.S. Army Band at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

## OBITUARY

### Victor C. Girafalco

Victor C. Girafalco, 95, died on July 13, 2019. The 7th son of Rafael and Virginia Girafalco of Church Street, Downingtown, Vic was quarterback on the Downingtown HS football team, a track sprint runner, and an excellent jitter bugger. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, he joined the US Army Air Forces. He married "Jit" Gaspari in 1946. Together they opened the Neopolitan Deli in Berwyn in 1964, working there until they sold it in 1980.

Predeceased by all his siblings and his wife,



whom he loved up until her death in 2017, he is survived by daughters Beth Chirich and Gigi (David) Kaer; son, Victor (Sally) Girafalco; and granddaughters Rebecca and Alexandra Chirich. Loved and respected by all who knew him, he is sorely missed.

Relatives and friends are invited to a 12 PM Mass in Vic's honor on Saturday, December 14, 2019, at St. Norbert's Church, Paoli, followed by a secular celebration at St. Anthony's Restaurant in Downingtown.

## 1935-2019

### Carolyn Preble Krieg of Honey Brook

Carolyn Preble Krieg, 84, of Honey Brook, PA passed away on Thursday, Oct. 24, 2019.

She was the devoted wife of John A. Krieg, Jr. and mother to Patricia, Elizabeth, John and her departed son, David.



A visitation will be held from 1-3 pm, Sunday, November 17th at the James J. Terry Funeral Home, 736 E. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA 19335.

www.jamesterryfuneralhome.com.

## Inspiration

"So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations."

— Matthew 1:17

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