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**AMERICAN LEGION POST 318**

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RE: Forest Hills School District *“Poppy Day”* Plan

The men and women of American Legion Post 318 are pleased that we will be participating in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Forest Hills School District *“Poppy Day”* Program.

The goals of this program are to:

1. Educate the youth of our community regarding the significance of Memorial Day and the symbolism of the *“Memorial Poppy”*.
2. Provide an opportunity for FHSD students to interact with local veterans.
3. Raise funds to support veterans in need.

Our intent is to create a common day for this event across the school district. The plan is for 1 or 2 veterans from American Legion Post 318 to visit your school, during the lunch hour, Thursday May 24, 2018. They will distribute the *“Memorial Poppy”* to each student and would appreciate a modest contribution. Based on the information previously provided, these veterans will bring with them enough Poppies to accommodate both your student body and staff. They will also leave a few behind to accommodate anyone who may have missed out on the event.

Prior to our arrival, we will deliver a series of talking points to the teachers of each school to support the *“Poppy Day”* experience. These talking points will focus on; 1) the significance of Memorial Day, 2) the symbolism of the *“Memorial Poppy”*, 3) the disabled veterans who produce them, and 4) the *“Poppy Day”* event itself. These talking points, along with a *“Poppy”* for each teacher to use as a prop, will be delivered to your school by May 11, 2018.

To facilitate communications home, regarding *“Poppy Day”*, a flyer entitled *“The Poppy Story”* is being prepared for distribution via electronic newsletter. This flyer will also be delivered to each school by May 11, 2018.

If you have thoughts you would like to share regarding our *“Poppy Day”* plan, or the event itself, please feel free to contact me at 474-4194, or via email at [dabishop@fuse.net](mailto:dabishop@fuse.net), or Donna Prues at [donna@foresthills.edu](mailto:donna@foresthills.edu).

Best regards



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