

Patriot Week

9/11 Memorial

9/11 was a tragic day in our nations history, and is a day that we should not let be forgotten. In order to commemorate the terrible loss our country suffered and keep students aware, we offer you the 9/11 memorial project. The following steps will help you plan out the memorial.

- Ask your art club, or create a committee of students to handle the creation of the memorial
- It is suggested that the memorial be placed in or near a school entrance way for maximum effectiveness.

There are many ways of how you can approach the memorial. The following are suggested ideas formulated by our Patriot Week committee:

- Create a collage of all the names of the people who died on 9/11, with a patriotic background. This will bring a great perspective to the students, and help them understand the sheer amount of innocent lives that were claimed that day.
- Create a collage of pictures of the events of 9/11. Many students were too young to remember any of the images, or news reports of the events of 9/11. This collage has the opportunity to hit home with the students, and show them the tragedy our nation has faced.
- Have the students choose one person who died on 9/11, and research that person. Find out what their job was, if they were married, had kids, etc. Make the memorial not just about the events of 9/11, but about the people who lost their lives. It is important students realize that the people who were victims of this event were ordinary people like them, who had families and friends.
- Create a time-line of the events of 9/11. Show pictures, or make descriptions of events in their order, such as the first tower being hit, the second tower being hit, the president being informed of the attacks, etc. This helps put in perspective for the students the many events that occurred in under 24 hours.

Remember that these are just a few suggestions. 9/11 is a day that effected all of us, and left us with many memories. We encourage you to take your own experiences and make something of them. This is a project that will be a very effective in inspiring the students, and bring out that pride in their country.

Patriot Week Competition

Something that can really get students motivated about their country is a good old fashioned competition. The competition is suggested to be held between each of the grades. There are many games and activities that you can use for the competition, however here is a suggestion formulated by the Patriot Week committee:

- Each grade will be tasked with coming up with a patriotic or American subject. Ex: the Air force, Army, Marines, Our branches of government, The revolution, etc.
- Each grade will be assigned a hallway (the higher the grade, the better hallway you receive).
- The grades will be challenged with dressing up the hallways based on the topics they as a class choose.
- A committee will be formed made up of adults or students to judge the winner of the contest. A good idea is to even get local politicians, such a mayor, trustee, judge, etc... to be the judges of the competition.

This competition will help the students become motivated about Patriot Week. When the students put time and effort into their hallways, they will take with them pride for what they have made, and subsequently a pride for that American/Patriotic topic their class choose.