Veterans Day

By: Andrea Pagnone '30 and Tori Williams '30

"World War I officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month," states the U.S. department of Veterans affairs. Due to this, November 11 became a new national holiday which was called Armistice Day.

After World War II, President Eisenhower signed a bill that changed Armistice Day to Veterans Day, a day to honor all veterans. A law passed in 1968 moved the national celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon grew clear, however, that November 11 was a date of historic importance to countless Americans. Due to this, in 1978 Congress returned the holiday to its previous date.

We have several veterans here at school today. Mr. Sokolis, who teaches 6th and 8th grade, joined the



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Army because he felt a duty to serve his country. He left the army because he wanted to spend more time with his family, and he celebrates Veterans Day by catching up with his old friends from the Army.

Mr Aquila teaches 7th and 8th grade. He joined the Marine Corps in 1999 because he wanted to serve his country. He celebrates Veterans Day by posting marine memes.

Officer T, our security officer, was in the Army for four years. When he joined the army he got to meet cool people and got to fly fighter jets. He celebrates Veterans Day by eating free food and playing golf. Thank our veterans for their service!

Why Do We Have the Gladiator Store?

By Khushi Subudhi '29

In our school, virtues are celebrated and rewarded! We have a total of nine virtues that we strive to embody every day: Responsibility, perseverance, citizenship, honesty, integrity, humility, courage, and wisdom - these are not just words, but values that we live by. And when we follow any one of them, we get a reward - a gladiator ticket that gets us one step closer to the monthly gladiator shop. It's the perfect way to keep us motivated and focused on our goals. Thanks to Ms. Hatch, we have this opportunity to earn and have fun at the same time. "I want the middle school students to be rewarded for following the nine virtues and I want some fun on campus!" says Ms.Hatch. On December 1st, Ms. Hatch will be selling candy during middle school lunch. See you there!



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Giving Tuesday

By Ms. Curtis

Giving Tuesday is a movement that unleashes the power of radical generosity around the world. Giving Tuesday re-imagines a world built upon shared humanity and generosity. Our global network collaborates year-round to inspire generosity around the world, with a common mission to build a world where generosity is part of everyday life.



Whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts, and everyone has something to give.

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Girls Basketball at NPX

By Brady Foxwell '25

In previous years, girls would have to play on the men's team if they wanted to play basketball for North Phoenix Prep. With the help of Coach Fulton, that is no longer an issue. On November 20, the first ever Varsity Girls Basketball team played their first game. The girls are led by junior Ellaina Wakeham, who said "I'm honored to have the opportunity to set the bar for future generations. My team is a family to me and I'm excited for the girls in the future to experience the same things I do." Congratulations Girls and Go Gladiators!

Thanksgiving Twist

By Sarah Traore '26

