

## HALL SCHOOL

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May 20, 2008

Dear Jeff,

I want to personally express my thanks to you for your part in allowing Mike Mastroni, Leroy Maiers and the other members of the Fallen Heroes Committee of Sikorsky Aircraft to be here at Hall School on Monday 19, 2008. Their help and enthusiasm was immeasurable in conducting the ceremony, dedicating a new flag for our school in honor of Connecticut's fallen heroes and our Veterans.

Mike and Leroy created a beautiful flower garden while working in the rain last Friday and returned on Saturday evening to complete the landscaping project. The committee provided a picnic lunch for our students and faculty, as well as a plaque dedicated to our fallen heroes. The beautiful plaque, mounted on a granite stone, will be placed at the base of the flagpole. Our custodian Swiftly Johnson, a Vietnam Veteran, was given the opportunity to raise the new flag. Most of us here at Hall School never knew that he was a Vietnam Veteran because of his quiet, unassuming demeanor. All community stakeholders were invited to the ceremony and many neighbors and parents attended, as well as our mayor and school superintendent.

It was truly a day that will never be forgotten. Words cannot express the ambiance, the patriotic atmosphere, the heartfelt dignity of the event with the POW/MIA, Gold Star Mothers, and the assorted armed forces corps flags.

Kudos to you and the Fallen Heroes Committee members for all that you have done for us, our community and our nation! We look forward to many more successful endeavors working with Sikorsky Aircraft, Inc.

God Bless You!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mrs. Veronica F. Thomas".

Mrs. Veronica F. Thomas