



## THOMASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### THOMASTON CENTER SCHOOL PRESENT ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

Fifth Grade to Honor Veterans and Servicemen and Women in the Armed Forces

(Thomaston, CT)— Thomaston Center School Principal Kristin Bernier announced the fifth grade students of Thomaston Center School will honor veterans and men and women serving in the Armed Forces at the Annual Memorial Day Celebration. The program will take place on Friday, May 26, 2017 at 9:00 am in the Thomaston Center School Auditorium. Thomaston Center School Music Teacher Kate Zitnay facilitates the musical celebration and poetry readings as a means for students to show their appreciation to all who serve our country. Musical selections include classic patriotic songs including “You’re a Grand Old Flag” and “America the Beautiful” as well as more modern songs such as “God Bless the USA.” The annual event is widely attended by students, families, and Thomaston community members and is open to the public.



*Students perform at the 2016 Memorial Day Celebration.*

**Thomaston Board of Education Mission Statement:**

In a partnership of family, school and community, our mission is to educate, challenge and inspire each individual to excel and become a contributing member of society.

*-TBOE Policy 0100*

**Goals and Objectives of the Thomaston Board of Education:**

The Thomaston Board of Education believes that all students have a right to an education which is based on standards of excellence, which stresses rigorous demands and which serves to expand students' personal horizons. The Board believes that the education of each student is the shared responsibility of students, parents, faculty, and administrators. The Board also recognizes that students differ in their interests and abilities and therefore the district offers a comprehensive program consisting of a variety of learning experiences. The Board believes that an important function of the school is to prepare students for participation in our American democratic society. The Board seeks to improve the intellectual, emotional, social, and physical capacities of all students. The Board encourages the development of thinking and communication skills, the tolerance of and responsibility for others, and the understanding of varied cultures and life styles. In order to implement this philosophy, recognizing that elementary, middle and high school education are important steps in a lifelong process, the Board of Education establishes the following objectives:

- A. To teach the essential skills traditionally associated with the various disciplines.
- B. To develop the four communication skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing.
- C. To extend and refine the students' ability to comprehend, interpret, and evaluate printed, visual, and aural material.
- D. To develop critical thinking.

- E. To further the students' development of self-awareness, self-discipline, and self-esteem.
- F. To promote the physical well-being of all students.
- G. To promote creativity and appreciation of the arts, humanities, and sciences.
- H. To encourage students to consider both the alternatives to and the consequences of their actions in the decision making process.
- I. To present career options and to assist students in setting tentative goals.
- J. To help the student appreciate that learning is integrated and continuous.

*-TBOE Policy 5010*

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