



# A NOTE FROM THE DESK OF MRS. LEAHY

## First Annual Celebration to Honor Our Veterans

On November 10 at 10:00 am our school gymnasium was filled with more than 80 guests who joined our students and staff to reflect, remember, and honor those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. With more than 50 veterans in attendance and our school gymnasium decorated with the colors of red, white, and blue, and social studies and art projects displayed, our students presented poetry, songs, prayers, plays and cheers for our honored guests.

This memorable program began with members of Stewart

Air Force Base Color Guard leading our school with a flag ceremony and our kindergarten students leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Deacon Frank Hung lead the school students and guests in an opening prayer that touched our hearts and allowed the students and guests to reflect on the true meaning of Veterans Day. The program lasted for approximately one hour and was followed with a delicious luncheon prepared by the staff of Saint Martin de Porres School and served by the newly elected officers of Saint Martin's Student

Government.

As a school community it was a wonderful learning experience about liberty, patriotism and democracy as well as a way to acknowledge the dedication of these worthy Veterans from our school and parish community. This celebration was an opportunity for our students to spend time with men and women who have kept America strong and have protected our way of life for more than two centuries.

## Flag Football Rocks

When the school dismissal bell rings loud and clear every Thursday afternoon more than 70 boys and girls in our school from grades 5 through 8 race to the school gymnasium to join together for intramural flag football. With six teams representing students from grades 5 through 8, the students enthusiastically rush to the school field to demonstrate their athletic skills and loudly cheer for their classmates. These six teams are coached by volunteers from our school staff, three of our teams are coached by student volunteers from Our Lady of Lourdes High School and, of course, one team is coached by Father Gui. This fun and exciting program has given our students in the upper house an opportunity to take part in a sports program that has taught them the game of flag football as well as share in fun times with many friends. This program will conclude on November 20 and intramural hockey will shortly follow for our students.