

# VETERANS APPRECIATION WEEK



## *POETRY CONTEST*

Our community and our country owe a great debt to those Veterans who, when the need arose, readily chose to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Many of these Veterans left jobs, educational opportunities and families behind. They gave up valuable time out of their lives to serve this nation, still others gave their life so that we could have the freedom this Country offers.

Mountain Ridge Junior High School PTA invite students to participate in their Veterans Appreciation Poetry Contest. The contest is open to students in grades 7-9. Poems are to focus on Veterans and related topics.

Only one poem per writer can be entered comprising 50 lines or less. Each entry must be the original work of one student only, collaboration with other students is not allowed. An adult may not alter a student's work.

Submissions should include the following information: title of poem; author's name; and grade. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. Plagiarized entries will be disqualified and returned to the student.

Students must submit poems by Monday, November 9, 2009 to the front office. Entries are judged on creativity and interpretation of the theme.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.