



September 6, 2019

Dear Principals and Teachers:

I invite and encourage your students to participate in the 2019 City of Carmel's Veterans Day poster/essay contest. I believe that it will be a valuable learning experience for them and will enhance their understanding of the important role veterans have played in the preservation of our great nation.

We are having an essay contest for students at the middle level, and a poster contest for those in the elementary grades. The theme for both contests is "**Honor and Country.**" Poster contest winners in grades K-5 will receive \$50 each and essay contest winners in grades 6-8 will receive \$100 each, courtesy of Indiana Members Credit Union. Please be sure to remind your students that they should focus on our veterans in addressing this theme. Keep in mind only **ONE** finalist must be chosen by the teacher from each class, team, or grade to be submitted for the contest. Please note the student finalist must be a Carmel resident.

The winners from each contest will be recognized at our Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, November 8th at noon in the Tarkington Theater at The Center for The Performing Arts located at Three Center Green, Suite 200, Carmel, IN 46032.

Contest guidelines and information are attached. If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact Kelli Prader at 317-571-2474 or kprader@carmel.in.gov.

Very truly yours,

Jim Brainard
Mayor

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