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Producing Powerful Podcasts for Community Service

In 2008, seventh graders at Lake Shore Middle School in Mequon produced podcasts about veteran memorials in Ozaukee County. The concept arose from discussions about Veterans Day. Staff members wanted to help students appreciate the sacrifices of local veterans. Twelve veteran memorials became the focus of the project. Students assumed various roles: project managers, researchers, photographers, script writers, narrators, and podcast engineers. This was the second podcast project produced by Lake Shore students. In 2007, eighth graders developed a podcasts for the Milwaukee Public Museum. These podcasts tell the story of Kasumi Tsukuba, a beautiful Japanese Friendship Doll from 1927.

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<http://mtsd.k12.wi.us/>

Credits

George Washington quote from <http://www.claremont.org/>
Abraham Lincoln quote from <http://myloc.gov/exhibitions/lincoln/Pages/default.aspx>
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Part 1

Messenger of Friendship: The Adventures of Miss Kasumi Tsukuba
<http://www.mpm.edu/exhibitions/featured/friendshipdoll/podcasts.php>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japanese_Friendship_Dolls

Part 2

The flag stands for...
<http://www.lackland.af.mil/>

Overview

- Familiar landmarks in your community
- Why is it there?
- What else would you like to know?
- What answers would you like to discover?
- Tell the story
- Think outside of the building: community service

Integration: English Language Arts

- Reading: research
- Writing: storytelling
- Oral communication: audio portion of podcast

Integration: Social Studies

- Standards: local / state / national
- Students as historians: Inquiry-based approach
- Primary source material: historical documents

Honoring Veterans: Ozaukee County

http://mtsd.k12.wi.us/Lake_Shore/podcast/vet-mem/Intro.html

<http://itunes.apple.com/WebObjects/MZStore.woa/wa/viewPodcast?id=292994797>

- Intro - Map - Movie - Photos - Podcast - Waymarking

The Story Continues...

<http://honoring-veterans.wikispaces.com/>

- A National Collaborative Project

Your Students May Participate

- Consider a local project which connects students with veterans
- Share it online (school website, YouTube, TeacherTube, etc.)
- Add your project name to this list:

<http://honoring-veterans.wikispaces.com/share>

Recognition and Awards

- National Middle School Association - Expressions from the Middle, 2008-09
 - Messenger of Friendship: Miss Ibaraki (aka Miss Kasumi Tsukuba)
 - Featured Podcast
 - Honoring Veterans: Ozaukee County
 - Special Thank You for Episode 12
- Wisconsin Educational Media & Technology Association - 2009 MEDIA FAIR
 - Honoring Veterans: Collaborative Podcast
 - 1st Place

Future Presentations

- Friday, April 24
 - TechForum-Midwest 2009 (Chicago)
 - <http://www.techlearning.com/>
- Wednesday, July 1
 - 30th Annual ISTE-NECC 2009 (Washington DC)
 - <http://center.uoregon.edu/ISTE/NECC2009/>