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Dear West Orange Public School Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

I hope this message finds you safe and well. I am glad to report how the district was proud to recognize and honor all Veterans this week. Many ceremonies and celebrations took place within our schools, as the district wholeheartedly recognizes the meaning of Veterans Day and takes advantage of the opportunity to educate those in our care who may be unaware of the significance of Veterans Day. We do so not only because it is right and just, but because many of those in our charge and in our employ have family and friends who have served. Our freedoms would not exist without the dedication, devotion, sacrifice and service of those in our armed forces.

In case you missed it, the Diversity Data and Recruitment Action Plan was presented at the BOE meeting on November 8th. Like all presentations, the PowerPoint is posted on the [district website](#) for your review.

Another highlight from the week included the webinar that was created and conducted for parents, guardians and caregivers by TeacherCoach CEO Dr. Jared Scherz and colleagues. The event was well attended and was recorded for the benefit of those who could not attend, and can be viewed on the district [YouTube](#) channel. As a reminder, session 2 is scheduled for January 18, and session 3 is on March 16, 2022. It is highly recommended to attend all 3 sessions of this sought after program. Here is the [zoom link](#) which is valid for all 3 sessions should you wish to bookmark it.

Please keep in mind that there is an early dismissal scheduled for students on Wednesday, November 24th, as noted on the district school calendar. And our schools are closed on Thursday, November 25th, Thanksgiving Day and on Friday, November 26th. Please mark your calendar if you haven't already done so.

I wish you a restful and safe weekend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Scott Cascone".

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