

BRIDGING GENERATIONS:

With Heroes
of the Forgotten War

This event is organized to celebrate the Korean New Year and honor Korean War veterans. The Korean students have prepared a mini performance on Korean culture and history and want to share New Year celebrations with you all. Please join us to deliver our deep appreciation for the 'forgotten war' heroes as well as the host parents, teachers, and friends at Andover Public Schools who supported this program.

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Educational Divide Reform (EDR)
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EVENT BACKGROUND

The Andover Public School and Educational Divide Reform (EDR) invited 27 Korean students for three weeks (Jan. 4 to Jan. 27, 2018). While in the United States, students were fully immersed in the American society and engaged with American students and teachers. The EDR Intercultural Leadership Program allowed both American and Korean students to experience each other's cultures, share educational values, and build long-lasting friendships.

During their stay, the public annual event "Bridging Generations With Heroes of the Forgotten War", is held in West Middle School, Andover, MA. Hosted by EDR in collaboration with Korean War Veteran's Association (KWVA) and Andover Public Schools, "Bridging Generations" is an event that reminds the young generations of the Korean war veterans' sacrifice for freedom and democracy.



APPRECIATION LETTERS

from Korean Students to Korean War Veterans





Hwan Kim, 5th grade

Dear Korean War veterans

Hello. My name is Hwan Kim, I'm here for studying English. And I'm South Korean.

Thank you for your service in Korea. If you didn't participate in Korea war, maybe our president would be Jung-un Kim, and we will be under Kim's

dictatorship. And that's awful. I respect you from the bottom of my heart. If I was you, I think I don't want to go to the Korean war because it is risky, and it is not related to America, but you did! I feel really, thank you and respect you.

Sincerely, Hwan Kim.

Ashley Park, 7th grade

Dear, Korean War Veterans

Hello, my name is Ashley.
Thank you for helping us when our country was
in war.
If I was you, I think I can't fight in Korean War.
You are very respectful for me.
If your country didn't help our country,
we were supposed to be dead.
I think you are very brave.

Sincerely,
Ashley



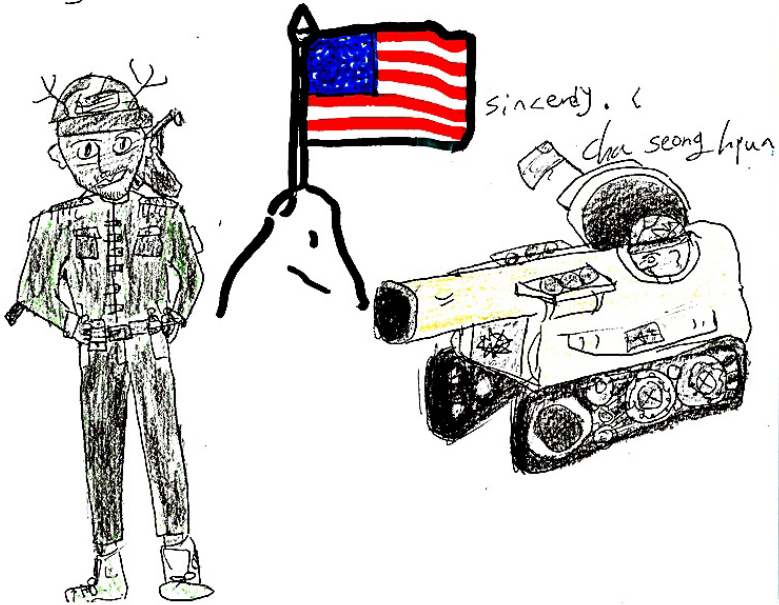
Thank
you



Seunghyun Cha, 7th grade

Dear. Korean war veterans

Hello ~ my name is Cha seong hyun (David) from Korea.
I would like to say thank you to you. I want
to be like you. without your service, I would
probably be under Kim's dictatorship, It is because of
you that I am able to come to the United States
and study here. Once again, thank you for your service.

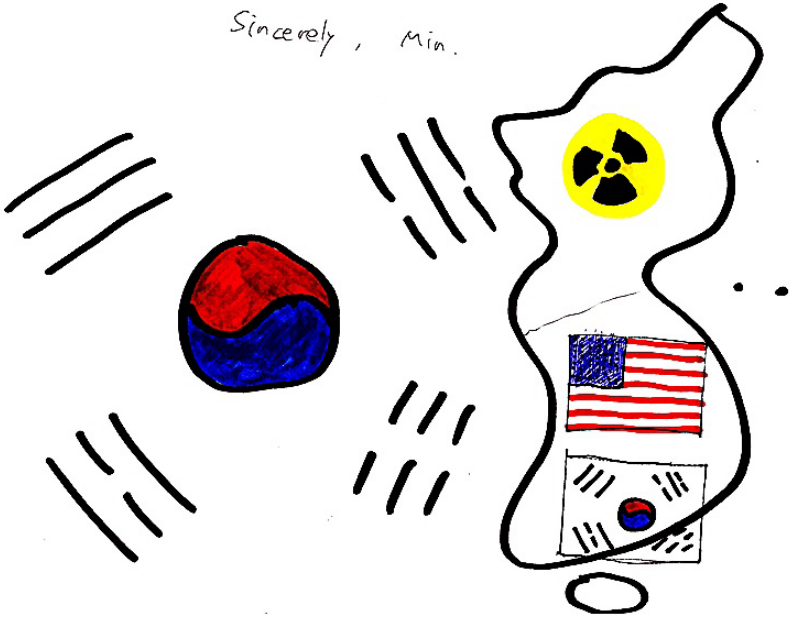


Minwoo Kim, 9th grade

Dear Korean War veterans.

Hello. I'm Minwoo kim. My English name is Min. I'm live in Korea. Through this letter, I would like to express my gratitude for your service. I, min, would not be here if you did not fight for Korea. Thank you.

Sincerely, Min.





Leo Lee, 7th grade

Dear Korean war veterans

Hello I'm Leo from Korea. Before I continue with letter I just let you know my grand father also fought Korean war. Writing this letter means alot to me. Your service in Korea has saved millions of lives. Thank you, again, for your service and time in Korea.

Sincerely,
Leo

Korea

Annie Jeon, 7th grade

Dear. Korean War Veterans

Hello. I am Annie. I am 13 years old.

I heard that you fought in the Korean War for South Koreans. I think you were really brave soldier. Thank you for fighting the Korean War for us. Thankfully, we can live in Korea peacefully. When I was 6th grade of elementary school, I learned about the Korean War. It was so terrible because both sides are in same country named Korea. Also, I learned that many people in various countries helped us to keep Seoul and win the battle. I can't imagin how hard the war is. Many people have died or injured during the war. I am not sure that if I was not Korean, I didn't fight in the Korean War. That's because it's just related in Korea. I don't participate in the war, if I am not Korean. I feel greatly thankful but I can't express enough by words. However, I want you to know that I appreciate your service.

Sincerely

Annie



Sooyoung Kim, 6th grade

Dear, Korean war veterans

Hello, my name is soo young kim.

Thank you for fighting in the Korean war.
I think you gave us an enormous Present for people.
Korea is exist, thanks to you.

... I'll remember Korean War Veterans.

And, I think we should do our best for not to reply war.
I promise you.

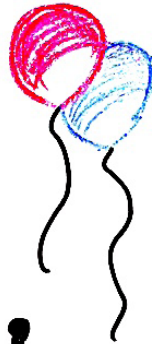
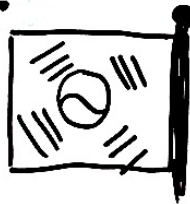
Thank you, thank you so much.

From, Korean Student
(Sooyoung)

"감사합니다" = Thank you.

Thank
you!

Korea



Blaire Lee, 9th grade

To Whom It May Concern

- maybe grandpa?

Hi! I'm Blaire. I'm from Korea (Republic of), Ulsan, ^{in detail, I'm from} above Busan. (I hope you know Busan! It's biggest port city in Korea. U.S soldiers' first landing spot was in Busan, I believe.) Well, my introduction was too long, huh? I want to say thank you. I'm so grateful of your brave behavior. With you and your comrades, our territory wouldn't be kept. I learned that it was really bad condition because the Soviet Union, and China helped North Korea. Thanks again to fight for us. You're my (our-Korea's) hero.

With Love, Blaire Lee. 1 / 11 / 2018

Thank you again! I wish you enjoy longevity!♥



Hyeong-Gyu Kim, 6th grade

Dear Korean war veterans,
Hello my name is HYEONG-GYU Kim and my English name
is Jacob. The reason why I came here is because
I wanted to study English more.

And Thank you for fighting in the Korean War.

If you had known me to fight, my country
have become North Korea now.

I respect you all.



Thank you for Protecting Our Freedom





Na-yeon Lee, 7th grade

Dear. Korean War Veteran,

My name is Dana from South Korea. I am very thankful for fighting at Korean war.

I think you are very brave and very strong. Because you have

lived through the war, I am

very happy you did this for my country.

Maybe you are very scared and tired. But you fight at war for a long time.

I respect you.



Sincerely,

Dana 나연



Young-woo Cho, 7th grade

Dear Korean War Veteran...

Our South Koreans are very proud of you. If you didn't come to Korea and help the South, we would have lost the war. Maybe we could be North Korean. It's not very good to us. Because you helped South Korea, we could get the lead of the war, I'm so thankful of you.

If I became a big person in the world, I'll make a statue of "Brave Korean War Veteran". I think you are very brave and strong because you didn't get scared of war, and I fought for us. I want to be like you.

Thanks for Korea!

Sincerely, Wayne..

Thank
You!

Haegun Yang, 7th grade

Dear. Korean War Veteran⁺⁺

Hi, My name is Joe (Haegun Yang).
We are always proud of you and You are
always honorable. Our Korea had very hard in
that Korean War in June 25th, 1950. And It's
still until to now. If you were not come to
here during Korean War, We could be North
Korea now. That times, Many peoples and kids are
killed and dead by the Korean War. But, Many
U.S and others veteran came to Korea and
they are in Korean war, so I'm so thankful
for you and Our Koreans and I will always
remember Korean War and you who Korean
War veteran. I will respect you. Thank
you.

Sincerely,



Joe , (Haegun, Yang)



Jiwoo Choi, 7th grade



Dear Korean war veteran,


Hello, My name is Jiwoo. 

First, I want to say thank you.

If I'm in that situation, I think I'll
Just run away and hide.

But you fought bravely.

So, I respect you for your bravery.


If you don't fought or didn't exist in
that situation, I'll not be here,
And my friends, family, too.

You save south korea and many people.

I want to say you are hero of south
korea. I really respect you and
really thank you.



Sincerely,

Jiwoo (Joy)




Haesol Kim, 5th grade

Dear. Courageous veteran,



Hello, my name is Hae Sol Kim.

First, I want to say "thank you" because you and different people fought for the country.

I think many veterans are very brave and strong.

I know you have a hard time, but stuck with it and fought through the war. Because of your bravery in the war, I can live.

Thank you for saving me.

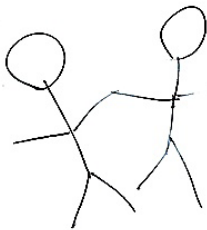
Regards,
Haley Kim



Woosuk Han, 7th grade

Dear Korean War Veteran,

Thank you for being very
Brave and strong. I am
glad that you were courageous.
Thank you for helping South Korea.
I hope that you are living
well. You are very honorable.



Sincerely, Albert / Woosuk

Thank you for Protecting Our Freedom

EuiHyeon Cha, 9th grade

Dear Korean War veteran

Hello my name is Eui Hyeon Cha and I am happy to write letters to you. You are a hero to us. You are very courageous and brave and strong and tough. Thank you.

Sincerely EuiHyeon Cha.





Minseok Park, 5th grade

Dear Korean War Veterans
Hi, my name is Tom, and I'm a person
who lives in South Korea. Firstly,
thank you for saving our Korea.
I think you very for you, I want
met you hurry up!
Sincerlely,
Tom



Jaeyeon Kim, 8th grade

Dear. Korean War Veteran

Hello! I'm Claudia Kim from South Korea.

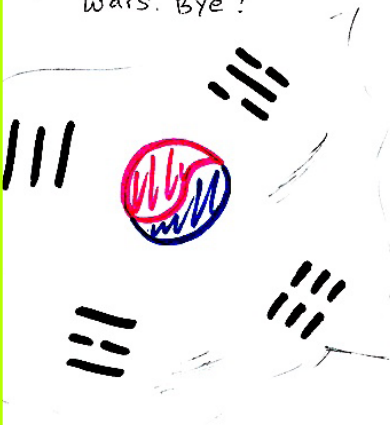


I cannot still believe that you participated in the war against North Korea around my age. Thank you for fighting for Korea!

We probably would have lived under Kim Jung Un if it weren't you. I'm really really thankful to all of you even though the word 'thank you' is not enough.

Thankyou for being heroic, brave, and strong.

I hope we have peaceful world without any wars. Bye!



Sincerely,
Claudia Kim
(김재연)

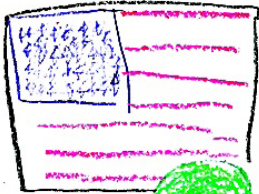


Eugene Jeong, 8th grade

Dear Korean War Veteran

Hello my name is Eugene Jeong. Firstly, I'm really thankful that you protected South Korea from North Korea. Your bravery, courage, and strength protected South Korea. If you didn't fight for us, I would not exist, and would not be able to write this letter for you and other veterans of all countries that made Korea's future. Veterans also protected 38line. I'm very grateful for all veterans.

Sincerely, Eugene



Saejin Park, 7th grade

 To  Korean War  Veteran

Hello my name is Daisy. I heard you helped Korea when we fought against North Korea. I am grateful that you fought for my country. I respect your bravery. You makes me happy now! Your bravery is so cool! If you didn't help, I couldn't live happily like now. It's hard to fight for a country! I'm very thankful of you one more time and I hope you are happy as well!

Sincerely,

Daisy

♥ Thank You



Hyunjin Choi, 8th grade

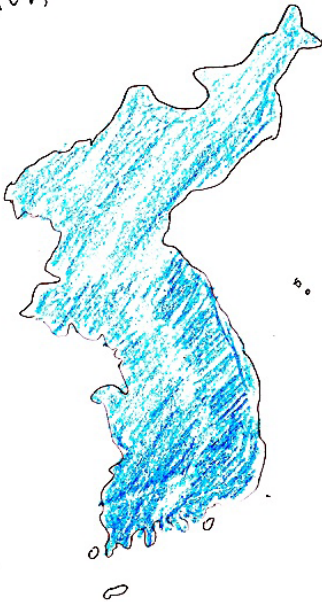
Dear Korean War Veterans

Hello my name is HYUN-JIN CHOI

Thank you for helping us in the Korean War

I will not forget your help and your legacy

You were brave courageous with
your help we have become a better
nation



Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized, overlapping loops and lines.

Jinwon Lee, 6th grade

Dear Korean War veterans.

Hello, my name is Jinwon Lee. I'm twelve years old.

I'm from South Korea.

I am writing this letter to you. I read about the Korean War on Naver.

We fought against North Korea. The U.N helped South Korea.

The U.N is very friendly because they helped South Korea.

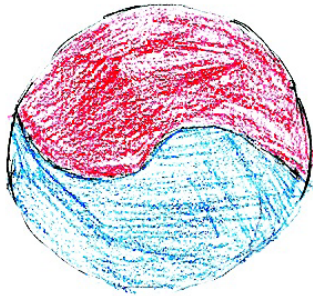
Thank you veterans. I will not forget you.

And I will not forget they the U.N.

Fought North Korea for US. Thank you.

Sincerely, Jinwon Lee

1/9/2013





Eunjin Kim, 6th grade

DEAR KOREAN WAR VETERANS



Hello, I'm Ellie. I'm just a normal student who lives in Korea. I got a chance to write some letters to you so I am writing this letter. Well, I'm very grateful that you worked for our country

during the Korean War. If you didn't fight during the war for our country, I would be a member of North Korea. I'm so glad that I am the member of South Korea and I was able to write a letter to you.

If we lost the war, I would not come here and you'll not be able to see this letter. It's all because you fought bravely to protect South Korea! I hope you are proud that you are a Korean War Veteran and live very well as a member of America.

I'm so glad that you read this letter.

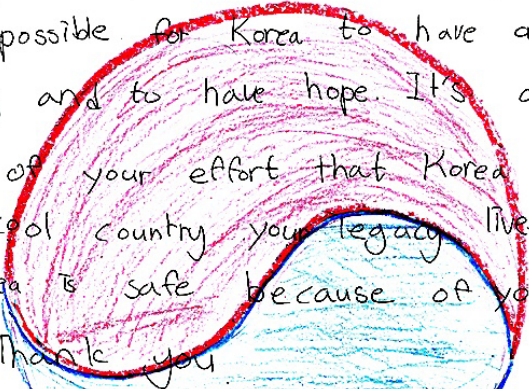
Sincerely, Ellie



Jaeyoung Jeon, 7th grade

Dear Korean war venteran.

Nice to meet you. I'm Jae Yeong from Korea and say thank you. Without you, it may have been impossible for Korea to have a democracy and to have hope. It's all because of your effort that Korea is now a cool country your legacy lives on. Korea is safe because of your effort. Thank you


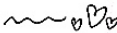
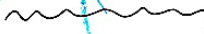


Sincerely, Jae Yeong



Siyeon Yoo, 7th grade

DEAR KOREAN WAR VETERANS,

Hello, I'm Siyeon Yoo. Nice to meet you. I am impressed by your bravery and courage. Thank you for protecting our country. I hope you will live well. I respect you and everybody  respects you. Because of you, I can have my own future. Even though we are divided into two, I am able to live a happy life. I will not forget you. Bye  

— Siyeon Yoo —

Seun Kim, 8th grade

Dear Korean War
Veteran

Hello! My name is se eun kim and I'm from south korea.
I respect your courage and your strong mindset.
Thank you for risking your life and fight against
North korea Armites to protect south korea.
Your actions made south korea's future.
Always stay healthy and I hope for your happiness.

Thank you!

&

I LOVE you!

From se eun kim





Hyungseok Kim, 9th grade

Dear Korean War veteran,

The U.S and U.N helped South Korea. At that time, so many people died. In 1950, North Korea invaded South Korea, North Korea's weapons were stronger than South Korea because China and Russia helped them. North Korea was stronger than South Korea and they took away our territory. And South Korea had only Busan, but General MacArthur came to Incheon with the U.S army and the situation changed. Then, South Korea went in front of Abrahm river.

However, China send their army and the situation changed again. And 1953, the war ended. And this war divide Korea.

But thanks to the Korean War veterans, South Korea could keep its territory. So I can live in South Korea, I also live in a democracy. Thank you for your help!

From Korean student Hyungseok KIM.

An Appreciation Letter

from KWVA

January 23, 2018

Intercultural Leadership Program
Educational Divide Reform (EDR)
The Academy at Harvard Square (TAHS)
30 John F. Kennedy Street, Cambridge, MA 02138



Dear Students,

Thank you for participating in Bridging Generations: With Heroes of the Forgotten War. The American community and the Korea War Veterans Association are thankful to have such a hard working and thoughtful young person recognize our dedication to your country during the Korean War.

We salute your families abroad for encouraging you to come to the United States and learn more about America and the history this country shares with Korea. Your participation in this program is proof that our sacrifices are a part of your prosperity. We hope that you continue to strengthen the relationship between both nations and maintain a high standard for civil liberty, justice, and freedom that our countries value so highly.

Please remember that to be a global citizen and leader, it is absolutely imperative that you embrace the value of democracy and freedom. We fought alongside your forefathers so that you may have a bright future full of opportunities.

Congratulations again on a wonderful performance and taking steps towards being a leader.

We look forward to welcoming you back very soon to the United States of America.

Sincerely,

Captain Albert McCarthy
2nd Vice President, KWVA





EVENT SPEECH

By **Captain** Albert McCarthy

2nd Vice President, KWVA

On behalf of our Korea veterans and myself, I would like to thank Dr. Cazabon and Dr. Jang for this very special occasion.

We veterans are very pleased and proud to be with you who have come so far to expand your knowledge of the world, and experience the special relationship of our two countries.

There are over three million American veterans who have served in Korea. Some fought against the Japanese to liberate Korea and help reestablish your nationhood in 1945. Some fought long and hard against extraordinary and sometimes impossible odds from 1950 to 1953 to ensure South Korea's survival.

And for the last 63 years Americans have served alongside ROK troops to protect and defend South Korea and the United Nations DMZ from a determined and tyrannical dictatorship in North Korea during the so-called armistice. An armistice that has seen the loss of 1,947 Americans and over 2,000 South Koreans.

Some have asked why America fought in Korea? The answer is simple; because the struggle for Freedom in Korea was and is, the same struggle for Freedom that we in America, fought so hard for, many years ago. The desire of the people of South Korea to live free and determine your own destiny was, and is, the same desire that the American people had in 1776 and still have today.

Our two countries have grown, developed, and prospered because the potential of our people was set free when our military forces defeated dictators who would enslave our minds, bodies, and souls.



So why are we Korea veterans here tonight? It is because you are our legacy. When we look in your eyes, when we hear you laughter, when we see what your country has done with its' freedom, we know that everything we Americans did, and still do, to help ensure your freedom has been worth every single drop of blood, every single drop of sweat, and every single tear that has been shed.

We are proud of what we did in Korea, and very proud of you, our legacy. God bless you,

God bless Korea, and God bless America.

Anyoung hashimnikka!



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EDR envisions global communities where anyone can achieve his or her dream, live in harmony, and contribute to international peace through global citizenship education.

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