

**Josh Mounts** at **Edythe J. Hayes Middle** created an "Invite a Veteran to Lunch" program last year that was a great success. Last year over 50 veterans - relatives or close friends - of students at Hayes came to school for lunch.

But thanks to his tireless efforts and extra hours work – on his own time - this year over 90 participated! The veterans spoke candidly about how positively they were received at our school. Students and faculty walked up to these veterans and shook their hand and simply said " thank you." Josh had the school environment set to not only receive these individuals with warmest regards and awe, but it had a profound impact on everyone in the building that day. His creative idea of giving thanks in our building these past two years was a mark of true testament of an ability to engage the students and the community. Although he is a young teacher, his contributions are already being felt in our building.

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