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BUCHANAN MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL RAISES \$1,700 FOR WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

BUCHANAN, MI - We're proud to share that our Buchanan Middle School Student Council recently raised an incredible \$1,700 to support Wreaths Across America, a nationwide effort that honors veterans by placing wreaths on their graves each December.

Through a fun and creative fundraiser called "Bucks for a Buck," students donated \$1 to participate in themed days—like Hat Day, Pajama Day, Popcorn Day, and Cookie Day. Grades also competed in a friendly "coin war" for a chance at extra recess. The result? A powerful show of generosity and school spirit.

“We chose Wreaths Across America because we saw a need in our community,” said 7th grader Marissa Murdock. “There weren’t enough wreaths to cover all of our veterans’ graves, and we wanted to help fix that.”

The funds will go directly toward placing more wreaths at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Buchanan, to ensure more local heroes are remembered.

“It just makes you feel good inside, knowing we’re helping honor people who gave so much,” said student council member Addison Mark.

Brinna Desenberg, another student leader, shared what made the experience truly meaningful:

“I actually went to Wreaths Across America and got to lay wreaths, and I felt like I was doing something for the community—and that felt really special.”

American Legion members working with the Wreaths Across America effort were deeply moved by the students’ leadership. “These young people are doing exactly what our Legion’s mission includes—supporting children, youth, and our veterans,” said American Legion Post Member Larry Money. “It makes me feel so great that they are honoring our veterans that’s done so much for the country.” Said American legion Post 51 Commander Marvin Pruett. “I appreciate everything these kids do.”

Wreaths Across America Day will take place this December, and students are invited to participate in laying the wreaths alongside community members and veterans.

We’re so proud of our students for recognizing a need, taking action, and showing what it means to be True Bucks.

Let’s go Bucks!



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