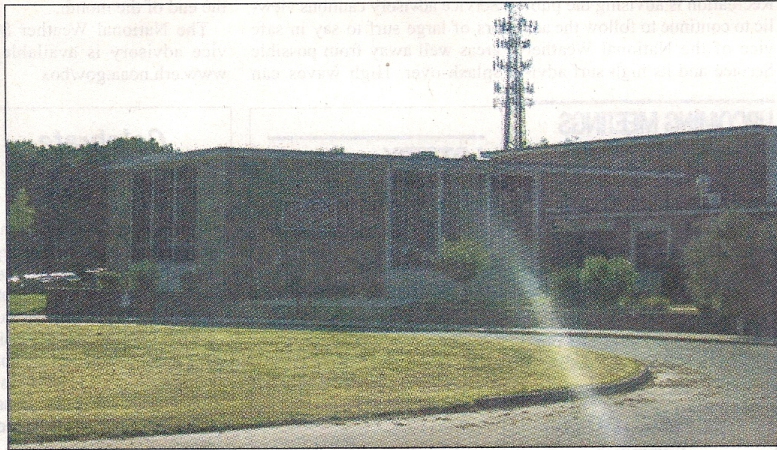


Coventry schools reflect on 9/11



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The four teams of sixth grade students at Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School have selected patriotic names in light of the 10th anniversary of 9/11: The Patriots, Justice, Synergy and Shooting Stars.

Students discuss patriotic themes and will wear red, white and blue to honor victims, survivors

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COVENTRY—In light of the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11, Americans have been reflecting on the events of that day and students in Coventry are no exception.

For the entire year, students at Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School will represent themes of patriotism that they have discussed and collaborated amongst themselves.

According to Dr. Michael Almeida, the principal at the middle school, the sixth grade class chose their own team names during the first week of school. And their objective? To create names that reflect patriotic beliefs as the anniversary of 9/11 nears.

"All the teams knew that the themes were to recognize the 9/11 anniversary date," said Almeida, explaining that the four sixth grade teachers have had discussions with each of the teams to help guide the students' ideas.

After making suggestions, a list of ideas was compiled on the board and the students voted on what they wanted for a team name.

According to Almeida, the final names were The Patriots, Justice, Synergy and Shooting Stars.

Almeida also said that discussions within individual classrooms have revolved around the events of Sept. 11. Social studies classes, he expects, would discuss it on Monday.

Western Coventry Elementary School students were given a moment on Friday morning, Sept. 9, to pause and reflect.

The school opened at 8:25 a.m. and following opening announcements, Janice Sullivan, the principal at the school, said that they participated in a "special moment of silence for our

heroes that perished and how America takes a lot of pride in the men overseas and what they are fighting for."

With the elementary school students, the teachers have not cited specific examples due to the sensitivity of the subject and young age of the children.

"Many of our children have

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The younger students will be learning about rescue dogs as part of their remembrance of 9/11. Above: A rescue dog is shown wearing booties to protect his feet from the rubble.

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police or firefighters for parents... so each teacher is handling the topic with great sensitivity," said Sullivan. "Many families talk about it at home as well."

Sullivan stated that some of the upper grades have had more opportunity for discussion.

At Hopkins Hill Elementary

School, all of the students will be dressed in red, white and blue for school on Monday.

"The students will be having a remembrance day to remember the victims of 9/11," said Tracey Whitehead, the principal at the school.

Fifth grade students, Whitehead explained, will also be having discussions about that day and the meaning of terrorism.

"[We will be] showing age appropriate video clips about rescue dogs," said Whitehead.

These events will be lead by Mrs. Simoneau, a social studies teacher at the school.

"Her cousin's best friend was on Flight 93 and the students will be sending her cards to support her through the 10th year anniversary of this event," according to Whitehead.