



For Immediate Release

Press Release:

Flagstaff Police Officer Appreciation Event

Officer Tyler Stewart was laid to rest the beginning of January 2015, but students at Mount Elden Middle School have not forgotten the loss of this 24 year old public servant. Led by MEMS Animal Society and Student Council, these middle school students are responding to this tragedy with a Flagstaff Police Officer Appreciation event on Thursday, January 29th from 1:00 - 2:20 pm in the MEMS Auditorium. Student leaders have planned a school-wide assembly for guests of honor- Flagstaff Police Department public servants. Mayor Nabours will be Master of Ceremony, the school Symphonic Band will be playing the National Anthem (and other music selections), Student Council and MEMS Animal Society will lead the student body in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Nabours will introduce three students that won an essay/art contest expressing their appreciation to our town police force for keeping our community safe. Wrist bands are being printed that say: "Hands Out: We Appreciate You!" these bands are being sold with proceeds to be presented to Officer Stewart's family. Students want this young officer's family, and our local police department, to know how much we appreciate their extraordinary choice to serve our community: these students are grateful police officers are willing to put their lives in danger for their safety. The "Hands Out" wrist bands will be presented to all guests of honor at this event. The "Hands Out, We Appreciate You" slogan was chosen by MEMS Animal Society students to counteract negative attention police officers in the USA have been given in recent months. Students are encouraging the citizens of Flagstaff to extend their hands and express their gratitude to all public servants in our community. The event will close with a member of the Flagstaff Police Department accepting this expression of gratitude from the student body at Mount Elden Middle School. (This event is for students and guests of honor. The presence of media/press to shine positive light upon police officers who are grieving the loss of a fellow public servant would be greatly appreciated: thank you for considering giving this event your time and attention on Thursday, January 29th from 1- 2:20 at Mount Elden Middle School; Flagstaff, AZ.)