

"Buddy" Poppy Educate Your Community

October 2026

Involve & Engage our Youth with the "Buddy" Poppy

1. Start with a story: explain how the "Buddy" Poppy started and what it means to our Veterans and how it provides for the VFW to assist all Veterans.
2. Share "In Flanders Field", have them read the poem and you explain the history behind it.
3. Make it interactive: crafts-make poppies or plant a garden.
4. Storyteller-short story about a veteran and how poppies helped them.
5. Connect to service: explain that poppies are not sold (donation only)
6. Reinforce values: gratitude, community care, patriotism.
7. Extend the learning: invite a Veteran or VFW rep to speak with the children

Start planning your "Buddy" Poppy distribution event

VETERANS DAY
November 11th

- ★ Visit Veterans in the nursing homes (give a poppy)
- ★ Participate in your local Veterans Day parade and hand out poppies
- ★ Ask your local Scout troops or JROTC to help you distribute Poppies
- ★ Create a Poppy Pledge for kids to sign- committing to help a Veteran in some way and hand out during your Poppy drive
- ★ Distribute "In Flanders Field" poem to the community during poppy drive

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