

## A Salute to Heroes

Wallins Elementary and Jr. High First Priority presented a memorial program on Friday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> to salute the fallen heroes of 9/11 and to recognize veterans, soldiers, and service workers in the community. A luncheon was provided by the library staff for honored personnel, followed by a school wide salute given by the children as the honored personnel filed into the gym, which was decorated with a patriotic theme and symbols of 9/11. The Honor Guard folded the flag and gave a history of the meaning behind it. Afterwards, the fourth grade joined in with the honor guard to do the pledge. To familiarize younger students with the events of 9/11, a video was presented that gave a visual story of the events of the day. The rest of the program included patriotic songs by the Jr. High Band and Primary students, and poems written by eighth graders about 9/11. A speech was given by retired Lt. Colonel John Luttrell in which he challenged students to be good citizens, respect our country and our service men and women. Students in the fifth grade concluded the program with a drama performance to the song "There's a Hero". Principal Bristol Belcher and the organizers of the program would like to thank our honored personnel and the school staff and students for their participation and support in the program.

