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Be My Valentine: Senator Murphy & Buchanan-Verplanck Students Salute Local Veterans

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Verplanck, NY - This year, the phrase "Be My Valentine" took on an added dimension of love and caring for Senator Terrence Murphy and the students at Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School in Buchanan. In recognition of National Salute to Veterans Patients Week, the students instituted their own version of "Valentines 4 Vets" as a way to say thank you to local veterans. Senator Murphy collected the cards from the students, distributing

them to appreciative patients at the New York State Veterans Home in Montrose.

Senator Murphy said, "There are no words that can adequately express what our veterans' sacrifices have meant to our nation. However, we can take time to express our personal thanks and show our appreciation. No one should be alone on Valentine's Day, and with the help of the thoughtful students from Buchanan-Verplanck Elementary School, these veterans have not been forgotten. Please take time this week to thank a veteran their service!"

"We are fortunate to partner with the Senator's office on this initiative to recognize and bring cheer and smiles to our veterans," said Hendrick Hudson School District Superintendent Joseph Hochreiter. "The lessons our students learned were invaluable, and I know they were proud to send Valentine's Day cards to brighten the day for those who have served our country with dignity and honor."



National Salute to Veterans Patients Week is celebrated this year from February 11th through February 17th. Individuals and families are encouraged to pay tribute and express appreciation to veterans, increase community awareness of the role of VA medical centers, and encourage citizens to visit hospitalized veterans and become involved as volunteers.