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home. Many schools participated in American Pride Day on Friday. "Everyone was asked to wear red, white and blue to school," said Paul Reinert, assistant principal at Dallas Middle School. "Teachers will be doing a patriotic reading at the beginning of each class and when it comes up in class the teachers are dealing with it."

Dallas High School students watched some of the events of the day in their classes. "We felt we didn't want to give out too much information because of the different situations at home," said Frank Galicki, principal. "Some parents took their kids out of school because they had relatives in New York or Pittsburgh. We asked that parents talk to their kids. We'll reference the history part of it in our classes."

The high school has rescheduled a dance for September 21, at which time one dollar from each ticket sale will be donated to the American Red Cross. "We've offered to hold a blood drive here at the school, but we haven't heard back from them, yet," said Galicki. "We already have one scheduled for October 18 and we'll do a lot of publicity about that one."

Students, teachers and administrators throughout the Lake-Lehman school district fully participated in red, white and blue day on Friday. "Students are also decorating the windows throughout the school and participating in special projects in art class," said Robert Kunkle, principal at Lehman-Jackson Elementary.

"It was a very difficult choice to make, but we made sure that all the children knew what happened before they left school on Tuesday," said Kunkle. "Teachers told the students the very basic information and also told them to go home and talk to their parents. They handled it very well," said Kunkle.

Patty O'Neill, elementary school guidance counselor at Lehman-Jackson, concurred with that decision. "Right now the best thing is to keep it normal for kids and normal is to be in school," said O'Neill.

## Blood drive

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everyone to think long term about their blood donation.

"It's an ongoing need," she said. Blood will be needed for weeks to come and the Red Cross wants to keep the reserve going.

Other ways people can help, Wilson said, is through monetary donations or by volunteering. Most Red Cross volunteers have to be trained, but Wilson said now is a good time to get signed up for training.

Retired teacher Bev James of Dallas knew she had to do something after watching the events of September 11 unfold on her television. She heard about the blood drive on the radio and as a member of the Irem Temple Country Club, thought she should help.

James has not been trained by the Red Cross, but with the influx of people they needed her. For over six hours she walked donors to the canteen and carried blood from the donation tables to the storage area.

"I'm the world's biggest chicken when it comes to blood and here I am. My mom wouldn't believe it," Bev said. She is surprised how she has been able to conquer her fear.

James spent the entire day doing what she felt was her little part in helping the victim in New York and Washington. "I think it's just the spirit of what can I do," is the reason she thinks



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Lehman-Jackson Elementary School students worked on a project to show their support for America. From left: Jared James, Nicole Ford, Morgan Decker, Caleb Keiper and Karli O'Brien.



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At left, a display of patriotism at the Meadows Manor on Lake Street, Dallas. Above, even this pooch silhouette got into the act, donning a stars and stripes neckerchief.

so many people turned out at the Back Mountain blood drive.

As Rachael Matthews, a College Misericordia student, lay on the table donating blood, she said, "I just felt like I should do something. Contribute in some way."

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She said the campus of College Misericordia on September 11 was a very somber place. "All we did all day was watch the news to see what would happen next."

"Just living in America, you take it for granted that nothing like this would happen here," Rachel said, but it did.

"It's unfortunate it takes a disaster, but this is a way to stand united," said Gary Smith, Blood Services coordinator, about the response.

The Red Cross has received a large number of calls from businesses and organizations wanting to host drives. The Wyoming Valley Chapter had to shut down two of its bloodmobiles to add additional staff to the Hanover Industrial Park donation site. "The phones haven't stopped ringing," Smith said.

Even with the huge increase in donations, the American Red Cross is not cutting any corners. The rigid pre-screening process is still in place, said Smith. Blood will be processed and ready for hospitals to use within 48 to



Rachael Matthews, a College Misericordia student, kept pressure on her arm after donating blood last week.

72 hours, he said.

Smith was really surprised at the number of first time blood donors, from college students to the elderly. He also said no matter how long people waited no one complained. People were very patient, he said.

"We personally thanked every person who gave today, but they were happy to

be part of the process," Smith said.

The Red Cross's goal for the Irem Temple Country Club Blood Drive was 70 pints of blood. The drive had reached its goal within an hour of opening the doors. At 5:30 p.m., Smith announced 215 pints had been donated.



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Al and Sharon Kingsbury, Wyoming, felt it was important for them to give at the Red Cross Blood Dive at the Irem Temple Country Club. "The fulfillment you get from doing this is well worth it," said Sharon.