

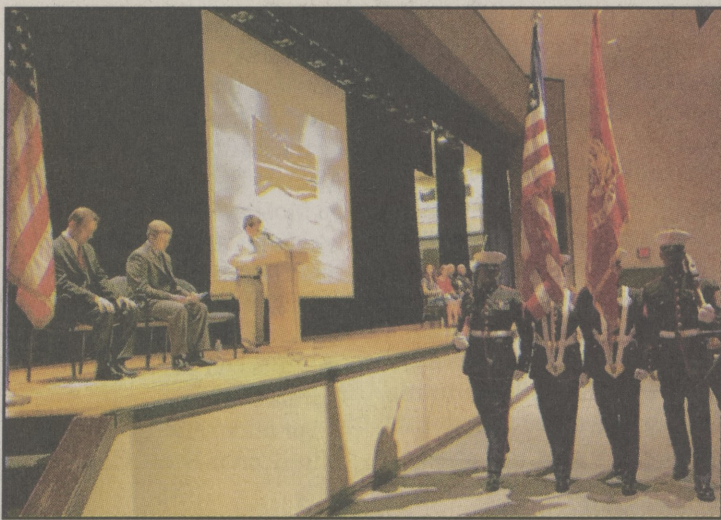
## HEROES

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were placed outside in the front. Students and staff attached postcards bearing the names of veterans and active military personnel to each flag's pole.

Clarence Michael, of Dallas, commander of Post 672 and a former eighth-grade teacher, spoke and said the middle school does something different each year to celebrate Veterans Day. Michael cited examples of a penny collection to support people in the military serving overseas and an assembly where children thanked their fathers and grandfathers for being heroes.

Members of the Dallas Middle School select choir, under the direction of Holly Major, sang patriotic songs including



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Seventh-grader Frank Hullihen addresses the audience during a Veterans Day Assembly at the Dallas Middle School.

the United States National Anthem and "God Bless America."

"I really want to specify that this program could not be done without the help of my Social Studies department," Holthause said. "It wasn't just myself

alone. The people who helped me put the flags in this morning- one was a band teacher, there were reading teachers and there were English teachers. It took the whole staff to pull this project off."

## HOLA

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words to color.

Liam Davis, 3, of Trucksville, came to the Spanish/English story hour with his nanny, Charlene Grady, of Hanover Township. The two attended the regular children's story hour at 10 a.m. and stayed for the bilingual story hour.

"I've worked as a nanny for many years and I've been to many story hours," Grady said. "This is the first time I've seen something like this. This is amazing. It would be nice if the other libraries joined in as well. She's great."

A native of the Dominican Republic, Ryan, 38, came to America in 1999, settling in Miami. She purchased a home in Harveys Lake around the same time and went back and forth between the two locations. While in Miami, Ryan completed early childhood education classes and worked at a preschool for two years. She also became a citizen of the United States of America.

Ryan later lived in Manhattan, N.Y. and Hoboken, N.J. before



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK/ FOR THE DALLAS POST  
Elsie Ryan, left, held a story hour for preschool and kindergarten children in Spanish and English at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

moving to Dallas two years ago with her children, Vanessa, 7, and Joseph, 3.

Having no family in the Back Mountain, she hopes volunteering at the library will help her to make friends. But her biggest wish is to teach the children what she knows.

"Just to look at the faces and see they are learning and they're

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happy- that means the world to me," Ryan said. "I treat the way I want somebody to treat my own. What goes along comes along."

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