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U.S. Air National Guard M. Sgt. Kristen Luciano salutes the flag during the Pledge of Allegiance.

### VETERANS DAY 2019



The front of Garrettford Elementary School featured lots of U.S. flags Monday morning. Approximately 380 flags were expected to be planted throughout the day.



Garrettford parent Nichols Hoyt and U.S. Air National Guard M. Sgt. Kristen Luciano help a student from teacher Nicole Dougherty's first grade class plant a flag on the school's front lawn.



A flag at the Kindergarten Center dedicated to a student's great-grandfather.



The front lawn of the Kindergarten Center on State Road. Students planted their flags late last week ahead of Veterans Day on Monday.

## U.D. students plant U.S. flags at schools for vets

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**UPPER DARBY »** Veterans Day traditions continued in the Upper Darby School District Monday.

Garrettford Elementary students planted almost 400 flags on the front lawn of the school on Garrett Road to pay tribute to millions of Americans who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Students bought the flags and wrote the names of loved ones to whom their flags were dedicated.

Students were helped by U.S. Air National Guard M. Sgt. Kristen Luciano as they planted their flags in the ground Monday morning. As classes rotated in and out of the building students were able to thank Luciano for her service. One class said the pledge of allegiance as Luciano saluted the flag.

This flag planting event has been occurring for years at Garrettford, the proceeds going to the Philadelphia Veterans Comfort House.

Garrettford was also the location where Upper Darby's hometown banner program kicked off in September to honor the township's veterans.

Flags covered the fields of Aronimink Elementary, too, for a similar program.

The district's youngest learners did their part late last week as well.

Kindergartners at the district's Kindergarten Center planted hundreds of their own flags on the school front lawn.