



# School News



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## Crescent *Elementary*

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### Showing Their Support

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Our Crescent Elementary fourth- and fifth-grade students recently demonstrated their appreciation, support, and honor to the individuals of our country who have made great sacrifices to help keep us safe and protect our freedoms.

Through the nonprofit organization Operation Gratitude, our students were engaged in making cards that included special artwork and heart-felt words to those who serve our country. As stated on their website, "Operation Gratitude sends

200,000+ Care Packages each year to Deployed Troops, Veterans, New Recruits, First Responders, and Wounded Warriors... Writing a letter is a meaningful way for Americans to show support for all who serve."

This positive character-building activity helps foster patriotism, gratitude, and the importance of being an active citizen for our community and nation. A local restaurant in Anaheim Hills also supported Operation Gratitude by helping to kick off the card-making event by providing our students with pizza and root beer.

