

**December 14, 2009**

(GLENSHAW, PA) -- Today, U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) visited a third grade class at Rogers Primary School in Glenshaw, PA to thank students for participating in his "Holiday Cards for Veterans" project. As part of his on-going efforts to support America's heroes, Altmire invited elementary schools across western Pennsylvania to make cards for veterans who will be spending the holidays at Pittsburgh VA Healthcare System and Butler VA Healthcare System facilities. More than 200 students at Rogers Primary School made holiday cards for veterans. The cards will be delivered to local VA facilities later this week.

"These students have made some truly wonderful cards that will help to show our local veterans how grateful we are for their service," Altmire said. "As we celebrate with our families this holiday season, it is important to remember all the men and women who have fought to protect our freedom. I want to thank all of the students who have taken time to help me deliver some holiday cheer to America's heroes."

"Rogers Primary has a history of being involved in community service projects," Rogers Primary School Principal Leah McCord said. "Making cards for veterans is especially important as it helps our students to honor those who preserve and protect our freedom."

In addition to Rogers Primary School, a number of other schools in the North Hills participated in Altmire's "Holiday Cards for Veterans" project, including Reserve Primary School, Burchfield Primacy School, Marzolf Primary School, Jeffrey Primary School, West View Elementary School, Seville Elementary School, McIntyre Elementary School, Ross Elementary School and Perrysville Elementary School.