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The Benjamin School hosted its annual Veteran's Day commemoration on Nov. 11 at the upper school campus in Palm Beach Gardens. The festivities were highlighted by guest speakers Congressmen Tom Rooney and Allen West, both who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

The Veterans' Day commemoration also included a special program that honored the men and women of the Benjamin community who had served or were currently serving in the military. In addition, there was a rifle drill demonstration and the Benjamin School's band, chorus and dance ensemble performed patriotic-themed pieces.

Along with being a graduate of the Benjamin School, Rooney served four years in the United States Army in the JAG Corps. West also served in the United States Army achieving the rank of Army Lieutenant Colonel. West served in several combat zones including Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and in Afghanistan.

The Benjamin School, a Pre-K-3 through grade 12 independent school, has a curriculum focusing on college preparatory education. For more than 50 years, the Benjamin School has inspired its students to develop a coherent set of values that includes love of learning, personal responsibility, self-motivation, concern for others and a commitment to serve society. More information about the Benjamin School can be found at its website <http://www.thebenjaminschool.org>

For photos from all of Congressman West's Veterans Day events click [here](#) .

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