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Roosevelt School Musicians Salute Hospitalized Veterans *Teacher Honored by Veterans Affairs*

(OSSINING, N.Y.) – On Friday, February 12, 2010, several teachers and students from Roosevelt School traveled to the Montrose VA Hospital to help celebrate “National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week.” Teachers Peter Piacquadio, Doug Correllus and Alanna Honore took more than 25 students from the Roosevelt School Jazz Band and Orchestra to the hospital to play several pieces of music for veterans there. Teacher Ron Whitehead organized the event.

For the past 10 years, students from Ossining have played music at the VA Hospital on Veteran’s Day each November. This year, however, the District was asked to come back a second time due to popularity with the Veterans.

During the February visit, the Department of Veterans Affairs also presented Whitehead, an Art Teacher, Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach and District Web Master, with a Certificate of Appreciation for his continued support of the veterans at the Montrose Hospital. Whitehead, himself a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), organizes music students to travel to the hospital each year, as well as an annual event when the wrestling team hosts veterans at a match, followed by dinner.

The Ossining Union Free School District, nationally recognized for its mission to further the success of all children, serves approximately 4,300 pupils in six schools: Park Early Childhood Center for PreKindergarten and Kindergarten, Brookside School for Grades 1 and 2, Claremont School for Grades 3 and 4, Roosevelt School for Grade 5, Anne M. Dorner Middle School for Grades 6 through 8, and Ossining High School for Grades 9 through 12. **3/2010**

Photo Caption: Ron Whitehead, right, receives a certificate of appreciation from Peter Dinoff of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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