

NEWS RELEASE

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Mariemont City Schools

Brigadier General Returns Home to Mariemont Elementary



In a recent visit to Cincinnati and the Mariemont chapter of Kiwanis, U.S. Army Brigadier General Jeffery Foley made a stop at Mariemont Elementary to speak with students. General Foley is a Mariemont Elementary alumnus and Mariemont High School Class of '74 graduate who went on to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Susan Fiorina, a Mariemont Elementary sixth grade teacher, and Sheryl Melvin, also a sixth grade teacher and mother of a serviceman stationed in Iraq, provided a rapt student audience. The sixth grade students asked some very in-depth and thought provoking questions, ranging from, "What has been your most difficult experience as a Commanding General" to, "What do the soldiers do for fun."

Logan Brinson, a Mariemont Elementary sixth grader whose passion is to collect political and service oriented memorabilia and visit historical areas of our country, was ecstatic when General Foley awarded him his special General's Coin. The coin, or medal, is traded among the servicemen and passed on to loved ones when a soldier has fallen in service to country. To be presented with this gift is a very rare and high honor. Logan was heard saying "This is the happiest day of my life."

The Mariemont Elementary sixth grade students were enlightened and inspired by General Foley's visit.

Photos:

MEGenFoley 1 – General Jeffery Foley presented student Logan Brinson with a special General's Coin during a visit to his alma mater, Mariemont Elementary.

MEGenFoley 2 – Sixth grade students at Mariemont Elementary had plenty of thought-provoking questions for U.S. Army Brigadier General Foley on a recent school visit.

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