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Crittenton Community School Students to decorate veterans' grave

Students from Crittenton Community School will place American flags on the graves of veterans in Greenlawn Cemetery, 1000 Greenlawn Avenue, on Veteran's Day, Monday, November 12 at 10:00 am.

Molly Ferryman, the students' teacher indicated, "Our students are interested in paying their respects to those who served our country and wanted to do something to acknowledge the sacrifice that others have made for all of us. Students will also continue their service at Greenlawn by volunteering to take care of trash clean-up in a section of the cemetery during the school year. Volunteering in the community is an important part of our work with the students."

Crittenton Community School is an affiliate of Directions for Youth & Families and serves students in grades 6 – 9 with innovative, individualized outreach instruction. In the last school year, 79% of the students had been retained for one or more grades before entering Crittenton School. Linda Maloney, principal of Crittenton Community School, said, "Our students are over-age, academically challenged middle school students. Our belief is that every child deserves a learning program that works. We know that students facing many challenges can succeed with the right attention, and Crittenton School has helped many students succeed."

Students can also receive comprehensive services that address behavioral and emotional needs through Directions for Youth & Families' community-based programs, including counseling, prevention and education, and programs for strengthening families. Directions for Youth & Families serves more than 6,800 youth and families every year through community-based outreach services, two youth centers, and the Crittenton Community School. Directions is funded in part by United Way of Central Ohio, ADAMH Board of Franklin County, and the City of Columbus.

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