

VALENTINES FOR VETERANS

Hi, my name is Natalie Picinic, a graduate from OPS, and currently an eighth grader at the River Dell Middle School. I am working on a Valentine's Day service project to collect home-made cards or letters for the residents at the Paramus Veterans Nursing home. During these difficult times dealing with COVID-19 restrictions, many elderly people especially in nursing homes are not able to see family and friends, so I thought this would brighten their day! It will bring happiness and joy to many people in our area. My goal is to collect at least 200 so that each veteran resident receives at least one.

The cards and letters can include something about yourself, maybe a joke or a riddle, or just let them know that they are loved by many people. Here are some guidelines you can follow:

1. Writing must be legible (large print) and handwritten. No worries if you're not artistic.
2. Exclude the date (day, month, and year). **Do not reference COVID-19, isolation, or quarantine**– focus it on making the recipient feel good.
3. Be creative! I encourage you to make it colorful and fun– photos and drawings are great!

All these wonderful creations can be dropped off by Wednesday, February 10, 2021 in a bin outside of my house at: 97 Merritt Drive, Oradell

Thank you for participating in my project!

Natalie Picinic