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Flag flown over Afghanistan presented to Bridgeway

In the middle of the school year last year, Bridgeway Elementary School in the Pattonville School District lost one of its PTA officers when he was deployed to Afghanistan.

Even though Bennie Feagan, the PTA treasurer, was half a world away, he was not forgotten. Bridgeway students collected small toys and shipped them to his troop. The troop gave the toys to children in the Afghan village where they were deployed, which helped build relationships with them. One parent even donated toys from her Burger King store for the cause.

As a way of thanking his school family, Feagan arranged to have an American flag flown over Camp Black Horse in Afghanistan on July 4, 2005 in honor of Bridgeway. On Sept. 27, 2005, Master Sgt. Dan Zebrauskas of the U.S. Army Reserves visited Bridgeway, presented that same flag to Bridgeway Principal Vicki Nienhuis while a crowd of students looked on. They concluded the flag presentation ceremony by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance under the school flagpole.

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