

Sullivan Village Elementary
Military Child Parent Night Out
December 2011

School Liaison Officer, Merlinda Tate, interviewed Principal, Jeanie Alldredge from Sullivan Village Elementary and here is what she had to say:

Winter holidays can be stressful for anyone, especially when your loved one is deployed or you are away from your family and friends. The staff and faculty of Sullivan Village Elementary recognized this need for their military parents five years ago. Many parents had just transferred to Fort Sill and didn't know anyone they could leave their children with or didn't have the extra money to pay for a babysitter. The staff and faculty brainstormed together to come up with an activity to show their appreciation to their military Families for the sacrifices they make everyday but especially during the holidays.

It was decided that Sullivan Village Elementary Staff and Faculty would offer military parents two hours of free time with various activities for their children, birth through 12th grade. Parents could use the time to go shopping, out to dinner, visit with each other, have an adult conversation, read a magazine, take a relaxed bath or just have time to do "nothing".

Children are fed dinner, then rotate among various centers such as: crafts, caroling, storytelling, cookie decorating, making cards for our troops, and pictures with Santa.

Our military Families are always very appreciative of this opportunity. But, the greatest joy and reward belongs to the Sullivan Village Staff and Faculty to have the chance to do this small service for our military.

Jeanie Alldredge,
Principal
Sullivan Village Elementary