## Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 Recognizes & Supports Union Street School's Americanism Flag Program

The Springfield Elk's Lodge was invited to Union Street School to recognize and celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers & students who promote and encourage honoring our American flag through their Flag program.

Exalted Ruler, Carolee Murchie and Americanism Chair, Jackie Driscoll-Page presented to each of the nine "flag" students, T-Shirt uniforms, that were designed by two of the flag students and donated to the program by the Elks Lodge.

The flag program was established at Union Street School in 2000 when Jerry Weeks (former employee) organized a team of student to learn about the flag, flag etiquette, and to raise and lower the flag each school day. In 2018, Jan Rounds (school counselor) took over as the advisor to the group, as it evolved into being a student driven program. Students in this program exemplify the characteristics of responsibility, respect, kindness, and working together. As spring approaches, the nine 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will begin to train their 4<sup>th</sup> grade replacements to continue the program.



Union Street School 5th Grade Flaggers