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Hopatcong Borough Schools Press Release

Marching Chiefs Perform at West Point

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Cynthia Randina, Hopatcong Superintendent of Schools, Announces

The Hopatcong Marching Chiefs were honored to again participate in this year's West Point Football Band Day on Saturday, October 22. Shortly after the conclusion of Friday night's Chiefs football game victory, the Marching Chiefs pulled out of Hopatcong at 4:30 AM for the trip to West Point arriving at West Point shortly at 6:00 AM. The Marching Chiefs rehearsed for two hours along with five other bands, the West Point Cadet Band and the West Point Army Band.

Unfortunately, the raw, cold, windy wet weather cancelled many of the events that occur on Army Black Knights Game Day, such as the Cadet Review, Black Nights Alley (the pre-game concerts and games) and paratrooper demonstrations. However, the Marching Chiefs had the opportunity to rehearse in awesome the indoor athletic facility, were able to talk to some of the Army Band members, and made some new friends from other bands. Mr. Zimmermann took some of the students who braved the weather on a small walking tour of the campus.

The band went to Michie Stadium and cheered on Army as they took on but lost to North Texas University. At halftime, the bands played to a large crowd, especially considering the weather.

Band Director Mr. Zimmermann said " They did a great job keeping their focus and rehearsing at 6:00 AM after a great halftime performance not even 10 hours earlier, and an hour and a half bus trip leaving before dawn! These kids have a great time no matter what the circumstances are, and they have already asked to come back for year three next year! Let's all keep our fingers crossed for nicer weather!"



