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Good morning I.S 201! I'm Elly WuFeng from class 851 speaking to you on behalf of the SEAL Team on this Motivational Monday.

As many of you may be aware of, today is 9/11, also known as Patriot Day. Twenty two years ago, four planes were hijacked- two crashed into the World Trade Center, one hit the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia and the other crashed into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. As the Twin Towers went down, thousands of families were torn apart. Two thousand nine hundred ninety-six lives were lost, among them were students who were rushing to school; employees on their way to work, and travelers from foreign countries. Many brave men and women from the emergency services rushed to the tragic scenes and risked their lives in efforts to rescue the victims. 411 of them lost their lives attempting to save people and fight fires.

Patriot Day was established by Congress as a remembrance of the 9/11 attacks. Memorials and museums were created to honor the thousands of lives lost on this tragic day. The September 11 attacks not only impacted greatly on our country's economy but also on the emotional feelings of the citizens. The brave responders and rescuers showed perseverance, courage, and teamwork as they fought through the dark 9 months of recovery. This day was not forgotten, and it will never be forgotten.

Let's take today as a day to remember the heroes and the victims who unfortunately lost their lives 22 years ago. George W. Bush, who was President during the attacks, said, "These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of America's resolve." Buildings collapsed, but our spirits as a united nation did not.

Thanks for listening have a Memorial Monday 😊

SEAL Team pledge:

We are the Dyker S.E.A.L. Team

Positivity is our dream

We teach it every day

To help others live the optimistic way

We learn to control our emotions and feelings

So, we always have effective social dealings

No stone left unturned; no person left behind

Every member of our team has the power to be kind

We spread kindness to our friends, families, and those who need a smile

When facing hardships and adversity, the S.E.A.L. Team goes the extra mile

