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Dear Families,

April is known as the Month of the Military Child. It is a time to recognize and appreciate the sacrifices and resilience of our military children. We have organized a few events to honor our military-connected students and families.

One way we will be celebrating is by hosting a school-wide Purple Up Day on April 17. Purple symbolizes all branches of the military, making it the perfect color to show our support and gratitude. We encourage all students and staff to wear purple on this day to honor our military families.

As part of our efforts, we are also inviting students who are children of military parents to participate in our morning announcements. We welcome their voices to share their unique experiences and insights with their peers, fostering understanding and appreciation within our school community. If your child is interested in writing and reading a morning announcement about what being a military child means to them during the month of April, please fill out this [form](#). We will let students know which day they will share.

Additionally, we invite military families to share photos with us. We would love to display pictures of parents and guardians, or a family portrait, to showcase the strength and unity of our military families. There is a link on the [form](#) if you would like to submit a photo.

Your participation in these activities will help us create a meaningful and inclusive celebration for the Month of the Military Child. For more about the Month of the Military Child please visit this [site](#). We thank you in advance for your cooperation and look forward to honoring our military-connected students and families together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Watkis
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