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April is Month of the Military Child, a time to recognize and support military families' children.

**Decorate with purple, purple camo, and military insignias. Purple indicates support for all branches of the military: Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard. Resources include support from the Department of Defense, community organizations, and the VA. *Ideas for celebrating Month of the Military Child: *Highlight military families on a day each week in April. Designate a spirit week and have activities every day such as: Monday: Flag ceremony, Tuesday: wear red, white, and blue, Wednesday: Write a letter to thank a military person, et., or Mon- Service Branch t-shirt, Tuesday Purple, Wed Orange for Unity. *When their parents are deployed, their children's milestones such as birthdays, the holidays and graduations are sometimes missed, have a picnic, go to the park, zoo, library, movies, ice cream, fairs, games, etc. *Congratulate and support the children for supporting their parents and let them know that without their support, military parents wouldn't easily handle the important mission of serving their country. *Take the child out to eat, educate the child on the importance of their parents mission. *Do guidance lesson H is for Honor. *Show-n-Tell – Have students in something military related. Examples: memorabilia from an installation or service branch, favorite airplane, book, military character, items or pictures from prior living locations, pictures or anything related to being a military child. *As a service project adopt a deployed family. Find out what a family with a deployed service member needs help with. *Month of the Military Child recognition in their instruction by having students share their military-connection story through the visual arts, creative writing, musical composition, poetry, etc.*

- ✦ **Thrive Online Program offers courses** for parents on positive parenting, stress management, and physical health.
- ✦ **Don't forget** Veterans and their families on Easter, decorate eggs, make up a basket, easter egg hunt, transportation to church, donate easter outfits, make a cake...

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