

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

DID YOU KNOW?



1. April is the Month of the Military Child and was established in 1986 by Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger.
2. Purple is used to show support for military children because it represents all the colors of the services mixed together.
3. The dandelion is the official flower of military children because its seeds are scattered by the wind, but, like military kids, the seeds always bloom where they are planted.
4. Military children may change schools up to nine times between the start of kindergarten and high school graduation.
5. Use the following hashtags on social media to show your support: #MOMC, #MonthoftheMilitaryChild, #purpleup #purpleup4militarykids, and #purpleupday.
6. Local installations, schools, and CYP programs host Month of the Military Child events to recognize our children and youth for their sacrifices.
7. Since 1996, The Secretary of Defense has required a youth sponsorship program at every installation to facilitate the integration of military-connected youth into their new surroundings.
8. Child and Youth Programs and School Liaisons help support local youth and connect youth and families with local resources and programs that facilitate social and emotional adjustments, academic success, and leadership opportunities.
9. There are roughly 36 states in the U.S. that have legislation promoting the “Purple Star Designation Program” within their schools.
10. The Purple Star Designation Program recognizes and reinforces peer-led transition groups to support transitioning military-connected students within their local schools.

You can learn more about Youth Sponsorship programming through installation outreach events such as Welcome Aboard/Newcomers Briefs, Smooth Moves, and Newcomer Events/Orientations.

