

Virginia Celebrates the Month of the Military Child



VDOE Leadership

- **Communications to division superintendents, counselors, principals, teachers, and school liaisons**
- **Ideas and materials provided**
- **Military Families “button” on VDOE homepage**
- **Governor’s and Board of Education’s Resolution of Recognition**

VDOE Leadership

The screenshot shows the Virginia Department of Education website. The main content area features a news article titled "6th Annual AP Honor Roll" with a photo of three people. To the right is a graphic for "Month of the Military Child" with a star and the text "Month of the Military Child". Below the graphic is a paragraph of text. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links. On the right is a "Teacher Direct" sidebar with links for families and students.

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6th Annual AP Honor Roll

Advanced Placement Instructor Jessica Wilkerson and school counseling director Robin Mitchell celebrate King George County's selection as an **AP Honor Roll District** with Superintendent of Public Instruction Steven R. Staples on AP Recognition Day during the 2016 General Assembly.



Month of the Military Child

Governor Terry McAuliffe has designated April as the **Month of the Military Child** and, along with First Lady Dorothy McAuliffe, is encouraging schools to show support for military children by participating in **Purple Upl Day** on April 15. The Virginia Department of Education has **resources and information** for schools, communities and families to recognize and support military children.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- VDOE Grants Fund 32 Summer Cybercamps – March 9, 2016
- Prince William County High School Teacher Receives \$25,000 Milken Educator Award – March 9, 2016
- VDOE Announces 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Competition – February 2016

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Teacher Direct
For Families and Students
For Military Families

How Do I Find?

- Released Tests & Item Sets
- Superintendents & Principals' Memos
- Public Meetings
- School Report Cards – SOL Test Results
- 2016 Legislative Tracking
- Graduation Requirements
- College & Career Readiness
- Licensure Requirements



Materials Provided to Schools



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia is proud to be home to more than 108,000 children (of whom 71,000 are school-aged) with parents serving in the military, stationed in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, April is Month of the Military Child, a special month to recognize and pay tribute to military families and their children for the daily sacrifices made, and for their commitment, courage, and unconditional support of our Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Virginia has one of the highest numbers of military school-age children in the nation and is committed to being an active participant in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children which facilitates military children transitioning in school systems across state lines; and

WHEREAS, the children of our service members continue to make significant contributions to schools, communities, the nation, and our Commonwealth, despite prolonged and repeated absences of one or both parents; and

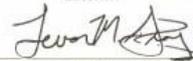
WHEREAS, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), Virginia's public schools remain committed to the care and education of the children of men and women of our armed forces. By partnering with school liaison officers, military leaders, educators, and community organizations, VDOE provides resources about the unique support needed for military service members and their families during all stages of transition and deployment; and

WHEREAS, Month of the Military Child reaffirms our commitment to ensuring excellence in schools, childcare, and youth services to military children who face unique challenges that other children their age never experience;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize April 2016 as **MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth



Virginia Board of Education
RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
to Commemorate April 2016 as
the Month of the Military Child

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth is home to more than 70,000 school-age, military-connected children; and

WHEREAS, military families in Virginia include men and women on active duty service in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy, and members of the reserves and the National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Virginia is a proud member of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, which addresses key transition issues encountered by military students including enrollment, placement, attendance, eligibility and graduation; and

WHEREAS, military-connected children often demonstrate resilience, perseverance, maturity, and cultural competence in the face of frequent moves, family separations through deployments, and reintegration following deployments; and

WHEREAS, military children provide unique and valuable perspectives on learning, friendship, and service to others; and

WHEREAS, the Month of the Military Child provides an opportunity to salute our military children and acknowledge the contributions they bring to their families, our schools, our communities, and our Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, across the nation individuals are encouraged to wear purple on April 15, 2016, in celebration of "Purple Up! for Military Kids," to show support for military-connected children and to thank them for their strength and sacrifices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Virginia Board of Education recognizes April 2016 as the Month of the Military Child and encourages Virginia's schools and communities to celebrate this recognition with activities to honor the contributions of our students from military families;

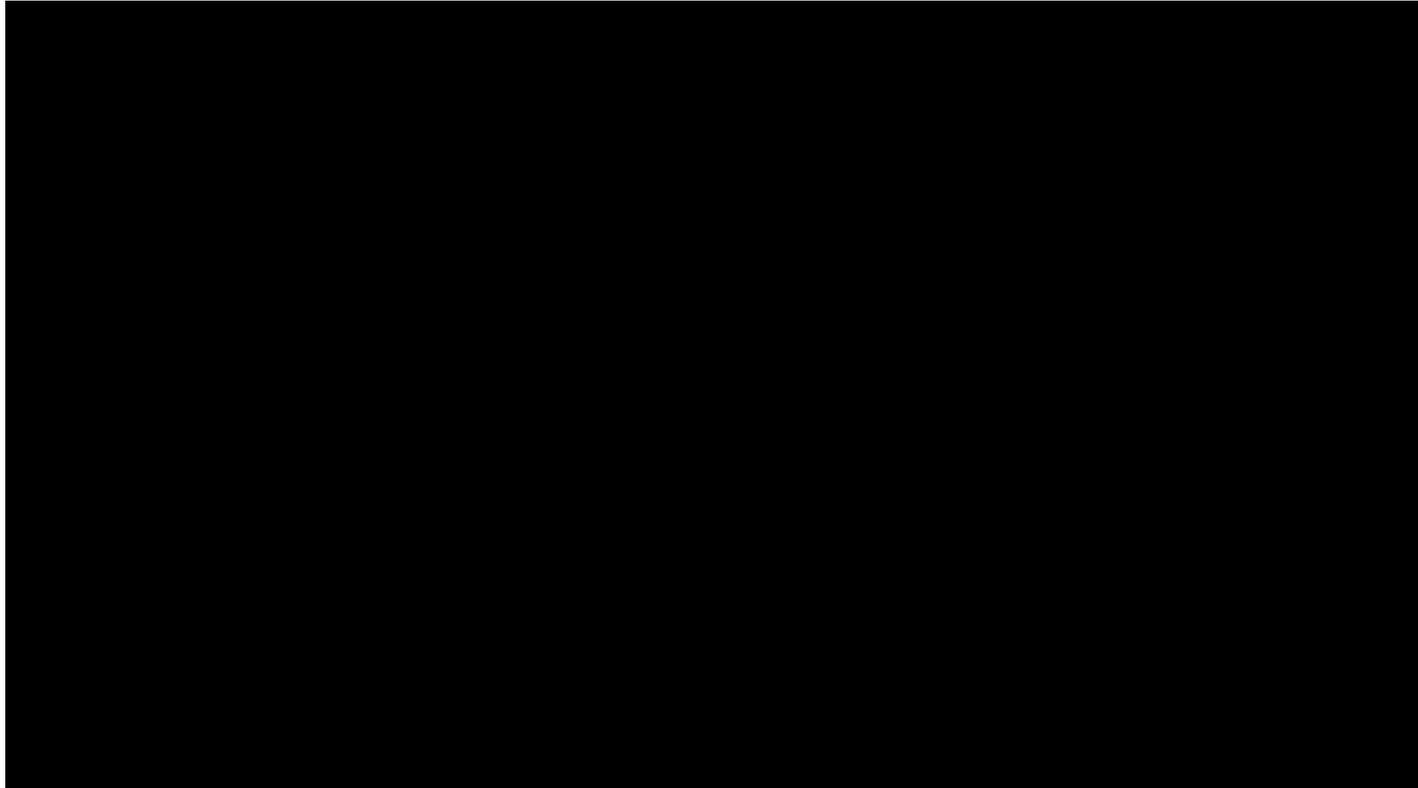
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Virginia Board of Education expresses its sincere gratitude to military-connected students throughout the Commonwealth for their service to our great nation.

Adopted in Richmond, Virginia, This Seventeenth Day of March in the Year 2016.


Billy K. Cannaday, Jr., Ed.D.
President, Virginia Board of Education


Steven R. Staples, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Public Instruction

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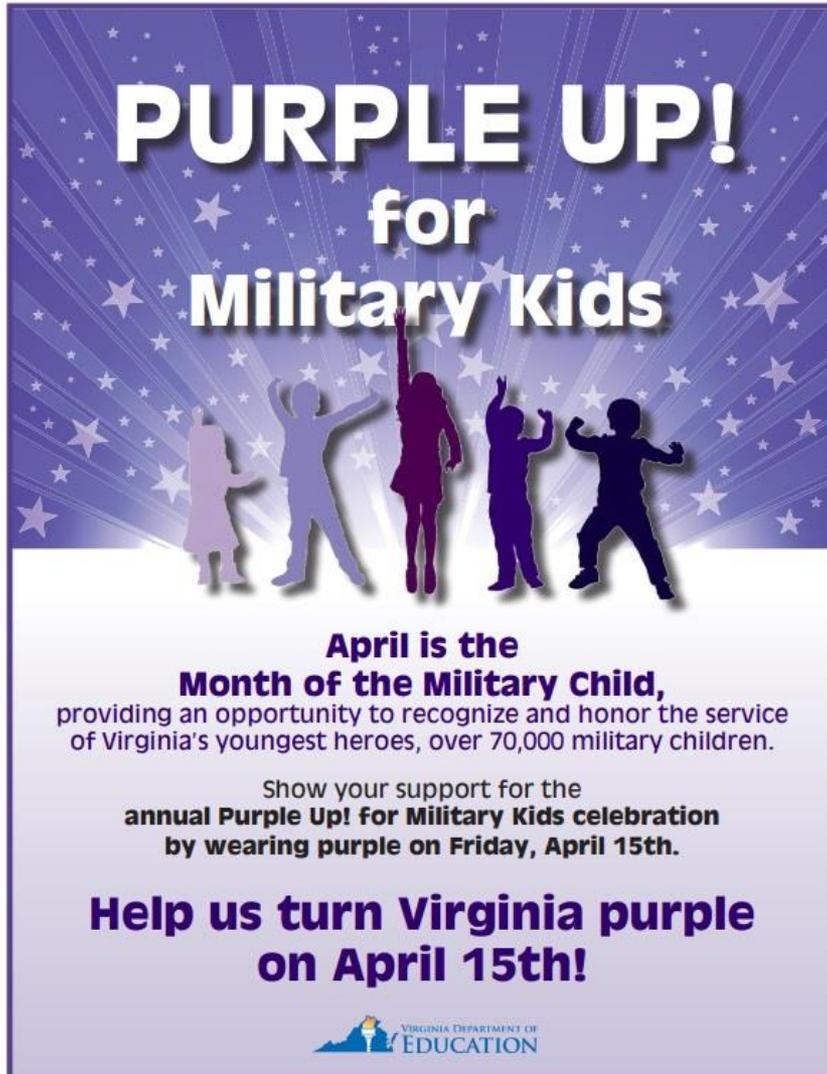
Reach – 760 views

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Reach – 349 clicks

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A poster for the Purple Up! for Military Kids campaign. The top half features a dark purple background with white stars and light rays. The text "PURPLE UP! for Military Kids" is written in large, bold, white letters. Below the text are silhouettes of five children in various poses, colored in shades of purple. The bottom half of the poster has a white background with purple text.

PURPLE UP!
for
Military Kids

**April is the
Month of the Military Child,**
providing an opportunity to recognize and honor the service
of Virginia's youngest heroes, over 70,000 military children.

Show your support for the
annual Purple Up! for Military Kids celebration
by wearing purple on Friday, April 15th.

**Help us turn Virginia purple
on April 15th!**

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Additional Ideas Shared with Schools

“Wall of Honor” Recognition

Schools are encouraged to display a “Wall of Honor” as a visual depiction of the school’s military student population.

These bulletin boards typically display pictures of military-connected students, or different color graphics (based on military branch) representing the number of military students in the school.



“Share Your Story” Project

Whether a military dependent yourself, classmate, friend, or neighbor of a military student, we are all impacted by the military community in Virginia. VDOE encourages teachers to incorporate 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.

#PurpleUpVirginia



#PurpleUpVirginia



Online and Social Media Reach

- Reached more than 74,000 people with VDOE Twitter and Facebook campaign in April
- 1,168 engagements (likes/retweets on Twitter alone)
- 6,647 page views for MOTMC page from Mar 1 – April 30, 2016

Online and Social Media Reach

All Military Family Resource Webpages

Google Analytics

VDOE - <http://www.doe.virginia.gov> [Go to this report](#)
All Web Site Data

Pages

Feb 1, 2014 - May 18, 2016

All Users
100.00% Pageviews

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ALL » PAGE: /support/student_family/military/resources/military_children/index.shtml

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Art of Being a Military Child Display at Monroe Building



**Thank you Military Child Education
Coalition and School Liaison Officers of
Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort
Story and Naval Air Station Oceana!**

Executive Leadership

Governor visits Shelton Park Elementary, Virginia Beach

First Lady visits

- **Corporate Landing Middle, Virginia Beach (S2S Group)**
- **Paul Burbank Elementary, Hampton**
- **Tarrallton Elementary, Norfolk**
- **Lee Hall Elementary, Newport News**

Secretary Holton and Harvey visits David Harrison Elementary, Prince George

Executive Leadership









Tarrallton Elementary School Month of the Military Child Celebration

April 12, 2016

Presentation of Colors by Tarrallton Cadet Corp
 National Anthem
 Invitational remarks and Introductions- Mr. Daniel White
 Military Presentation- CAPT Douglas Beaver
 Readings "What it means to be a Military Child"
 Kaila Ninakawa, 2nd Grade
 Christian Caldwell, 3rd Grade
 Elijah Thomas, 4th Grade
 Abigail Roll, 5th Grade
 Benjamin Roll, 5th Grade
 Chorus: You're a Grand Old Flag
 Introduction of the First Lady: Marcus Lee, 5th grader
 First Lady Presentation- Ms. Dorothy McAuliffe
 Presentation of Tarrallton Artwork-
 Tommy Cooper, Leeyah Hernandez, Elijah Thomas
 Superintendent's Message- Dr. Melinda Boone
 Closing: Tarrallton PBIS Song

Special Thanks...

Ms. Dorothy McAuliffe, Dr. Melinda Boone, Mr. Rodney Jordan,
 Tanva Bhasin, Ms. Yvonne Wagner, Ms. Courtney Doyle, Dr. Noelle Gabriel,
 Douglas Beaver, CAPT John Malfitano, CAPT Rich McDaniel,
 Dr. Sharon Byrdson, Dr. Patricia Melise, Dr. Jill Gaiten,
 Ms. Lindsey Watson, Ms. Terrilyn Williams,
 Ms. Danielle Rosso, Ms. Staci
 Ms. Teresa Crabtree,




 CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION
 Awarded to the Tarrallton Elementary School for the Month of the Military Child
 MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD



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Military Families

April is the Month of the Military Child

From deployments to new schools, military children are faced with unique challenges that ordinary youth their age never experience. Their ability to adapt to present and future changes deserves respect and admiration. In an effort to recognize the hard work and applaud the courage of military children, the DoD deemed April as the Month of the Military Child (MOMC).

It is a time to honor military youth for the important role they play in contributing to the strength of the military family.

It reminds us that the strength of Soldiers comes from the strength of their Families. It also reaffirms the military's commitment to ensuring excellence in schools, childcare and youth services as well as, providing a strong supportive environment where children can thrive.



[Meet Asia](#)



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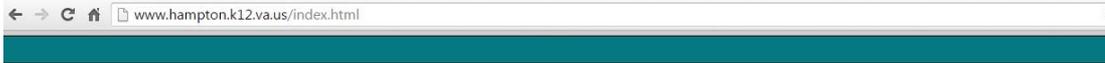
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Virginia First Lady Dorothy McAuliffe visited Burbank Elementary School recently to celebrate the *Month of the Military Child*. She is pictured talking to Burbank students during lunchtime.



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Norfolk Public Schools

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APRIL IS THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

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Month of the Military Child

"We Celebrate Our Youth"

FREE Bowling for Children

Month of April - Noon - 5 pm
 Children 18 yrs. and under can ENJOY 2 FREE games daily when they register to bowl at the Langley or Eustis Bowling Centers during April 2016. Bowling shoes are not include and can rented for \$3.00.
 FMI, call Langley Bowling Center, 764-2433 and Fort Eustis Bowling Center, 878-5482

Celebrating Youth Past and Present

Friday, 1 April - 3-10pm
 Fort Eustis Youth Programs
 \$3 fee.
 There will be an Amazing Race, knockerball challenge, softball game, and backyard BBQ.
 FMI, call 878-2662

Kids Fest

Friday, 1 April - 3-6 pm
 Langley Youth Programs
 Free Admission
 Fun, Games and Prizes
 FMI, call 225-2606

Parents Night Out

Friday, 1 April - 6-10 pm
 Langley Youth Programs
 \$10 for member, \$15 non-member
 FMI, call 225-2606

Public Service Announcement Video:

Race Into Spring

Saturday, 9 April - 10 am - 6 pm
 Fort Eustis Mini Park - Outdoor Rec Go Kart Track
 FREE hotdogs at Noon
 Mini Golf and Go Kart Specials Noon-2 pm
 FMI, call 878-2662

Ahoy Mates....Pirates Pool Party

Saturday, 9 April - 2:30-4:30 pm
 Fort Eustis Aquatics Center
 Children can make a splash at the "Pirates Pool Party"
 \$2 active duty/dependents and \$3 DoD/civilians
 FMI, call 878-5817

Zumba Family Fitness Day

Friday, 15 April - 2-4pm
 Bethel Youth Center Gym
 FMI, call 764-3595

Princess Ball

Saturday, 16 April - 6-9 pm
 Langley Club
 Join us for the annual "Father and Daughter Princess Ball".
 Tickets go on sale 21 March 6pm-9pm.
 Tickets are \$25 per person from 21 March -9 April.
 Tickets are \$30 from 11-14 April.
 FMI, call 225-2606

Operation Megaphone Teen Lock

29-30 April



Petersburg Schools @Pburg_Schools - Apr 15
 @SuptPetersburg staff and students wore purple today to show support for military kids #PurpleUpVirginia



St. Mary Star Sea School – Waynesboro Public Schools –
 Petersburg Public Schools – York County - JBLE



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(Arlington) – Isle of Wight**

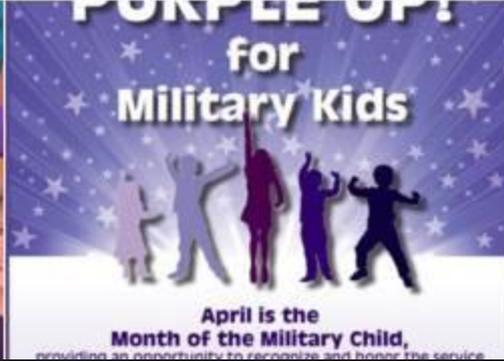
NBC12 WWBT Richmond Retweeted



Candice Smith @CandiceNBC12 · 3h

PURPLE UP for military kids! Wear purple today and show your support! ❤️ and join us NOW on @NBC12

👤 Tracy Lynn, Eric Philips, Megan Wise and 2 others



🔄 11



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