

# BBES Month of the Military Child (MoMC): April

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| <p>Keep growing, Scotties! To learn more each day, watch the morning news segments w/ our Purple Star Student Ambassadors or check out the "Did You Know?" sections in this calendar.</p> <p><b>Did You Know?</b> We're helping sponsor a project to <a href="#">build deployment support kits</a>.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>1</b></p> <p><i>Student Holiday – Teacher Workday</i></p> <p>Bonnie Brae (BBES) invites you to recognize the resilience of our <b>military-connected youth (MCY)</b> during April, the Month of the Military Child! <a href="#">Consider sharing your military-connection experiences HERE.</a></p>                 | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Did You Know?</b> <a href="#">What is the MoMC?</a> April is the Month of the Military Child, a time to recognize children from military families for their contributions and sacrifices because children serve too! What does being a MCY mean to YOU? Visit the <a href="#">FCPS MCY channel on YouTube</a> to learn more.</p>               | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p> <p><b>Did You Know?</b> There are over 13,500 MCY enrolled in FCPS.</p> <p>Mil-connected families can connect and engage through the newsletter: <a href="#">sign up for the special FCPS Military Families "News You Choose"</a>, click "Family Engagement", then "Military Families". Find more <a href="#">family resources HERE.</a></p> | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Did You Know?</b> The dandelion is the official flower of MCY. Dandelions put down roots anywhere, bloom where they are planted, and are incredibly resilient. <a href="#">Learn more about the MCY experience</a> at the Department of Defense.</p>   |
| <p style="text-align: right;"><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Did You Know?</b> In 2011, the University of New Hampshire 4-H started the "Purple Up! For Military Kids" initiative, which is now celebrated nationwide. Find <a href="#">EREF family resources to celebrate</a> this month at the MCEC.</p>          | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Mil-Connected Students Celebration- From 8:45-9:35 am, all BBES MCYs assemble in the cafeteria to celebrate and prepare for Purple Up! Day.</b></p> <p><b>Did You Know?</b> Everyone can join the fun and post pictures of your support this week and tag <b>#PurpleUpFCPS!</b> or <b>#BBES</b></p> | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Purple Up! Spirit Day- wear purple to show support for our MCY.</b></p> <p><b>Did You Know?</b> <b>BBES has over 50 military-connected students! Why Purple? It represents all the colors of the branches of the military as it combines Army green, Marine Corps crimson, and the Coast Guard, Air Force, Space Force, and Navy blue.</b></p> | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>10</b></p> <p><b>Did You Know?</b> Anyone can <a href="#">attend the FCPS Board Meeting</a> at Jackson MS to support the recognition of MCY and tonight's BBES "This Is Us" Cultural Celebration from 5:30-7:00 pm where mil-connected families will be sharing!</p>   | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Did You Know?</b> On average, children in military families move six to nine times during their K-12 school career. That's about three times more frequently than their civilian peers. What's the best place you've lived so far and why? Learn more on YouTube from the <a href="#">FCPS Mil-Connected Youth</a>.</p> |
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| <p style="text-align: right;"><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Did You Know?</b> MCY are twice as likely as their civilian counterparts to join the military as adults. Learn more about <a href="#">FCPS Military Family Resources HERE.</a></p>  | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>22</b></p> <p><b>Did You Know?</b> Words of appreciation are important. As a military-connected parent or caregiver, consider sending your child a brief letter thanking them for their unique service.</p>   | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>23</b></p> <p><b>Did You Know?</b> There are <a href="#">6 branches of the military</a>. Can you name them all? Virginia has 27 military bases. Every single service branch has at least one base in Virginia!</p>   | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Did You Know?</b> Ms. Lewis is featuring military- and patriotic-themed books this month and may read one to your class. Ask her for a book or MyOn or PebbleGo recommendation today!</p>   | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Red Spirit Day- wear red to remember those who are deployed.</b></p>  |
| <p style="text-align: right;"><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Did You Know?</b> The military uses a special alphabet when spelling to avoid misunderstandings. Try spelling your name and other words phonetically using this key for <a href="#">primary grades</a> and <a href="#">upper grades</a>.</p>          | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>29</b></p> <p><b>Did You Know?</b> Ms. Chang &amp; Ms. Sorenson sponsor the Student Ambassador program and <a href="#">Katie Server is our Family Partnerships Specialist</a> w/ MCYs &amp; Families. Find out more at the FCPS Military Family Services page.</p>  | <p style="text-align: right;"><b>30</b></p> <p><b>Did You Know?</b> Still want to learn more? Talk with a military-connected student in your class or <a href="#">watch this PBS program</a> as families and children share their own unique perspective!</p>   |   |   |

