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## All of April is “Month of the Military Child”

### Colorado Purple Up! Day -- April 14, 2023



#### **Ideas to Get Your Purple On:**

- Handing out “Purple Up! We Support Military Kids” signs for businesses to display in their windows/stores
- Schools are wearing purple and taking photos holding up signs saying “Purple Up! The Cheraw School Loves Military Kids”.
- Wearing purple that day and posting to social media
- Stars: Have military kids bring a photo of military parent or sibling and one of themselves to be placed on a cutout star and hung from the ceiling in the foyer of school or center.
- Walk of Honor: Stepping stones are painted by military kids and used in a walking path or garden either at school, center or home.
- Make purple smoothies: Banana - Navy, spinach - Army, red berries - Marines, blueberries - Air Force (take photos and post to social media)
- <https://kidactivities.net/purple-purplicious-color-theme/>
- Wear Purple on Purple Up! Day
- Ask local, regional, state, and federal officials to wear purple on Purple Up! day
- Suggest companies and businesses ask their employees to wear purple





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- Ask schools, teachers to recognize Purple Up! Day
- Recognize military children
- Involve schools, sports teams, youth organizations, clubs, after school programs, fraternal organizations, social clubs, coworkers, members of your organizations
- Request local businesses, stores and restaurants post a Purple Up! Message
- Display supportive statements such as “We Support Military Kids” or “Purple Up for Military Kids” on your business marquee.
- Encourage employees to “Purple Up” by having a casual day and wearing purple shirts during the month of April.
- “Virtual” Purple Up! Day Ideas from last year – found online
- Encourage your social community to participate in Purple Up! Day
- Wear purple during online classrooms via Zoom, Skype and Hangouts
- Invite military parents to attend one of their children’s online classrooms
- Make a Tik Tok or Youtube video dedicated to Purple Up! day to honor military children
- Share your activities and photos on social media #purpleup
- Tell your kid their awesome with this certificate and share on social media
- Purple Up! on Houseparty with your friends
- Teachers can honor or recognize military children during their online classrooms
- Hold an online contest by asking children of military families to share their “Hero Story” of what they think it takes to be a hero word essay, a drawing or a video
- Create Bulletin Board “What does HONOR mean to you...” and share on social media
- Web Site/Newsletter Feature – Schools can promote the Month of the Military Child with resource links

#### **Month of the Military Child Virtual Celebration Ideas from 4-H Navy and AF specialists:**

- As military communities across the United States and overseas continue to practice social distancing, it’s more important than ever to celebrate the Month of the Military Child! Throughout the month of April, please join the celebration by posting photos to your social media platform of preference while using the hashtag #VirtualMOMC.
- What are you thankful for this Month of the Military Child? #VirtualMOMC





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  - Post a photo of the American Flag flying on your base or in your community. #VirtualMOMC
  - Post a photo of your #FrontPorchFamily as we celebrate the Month of the Military Child while practicing social distancing. #VirtualMOMC
  - Although social distancing has impacted all of our lives, it does not mean we still cannot have fun. Decorate your front door (or any door) to celebrate the Month of the Military Child and post on social media. #VirtualMOMC
  - Decorate a dessert in purple or red, white and blue to celebrate the Month of the Military Child! #VirtualMOMC
  - Create a costume or dress up in purple for the Month of the Military Child and post on social media. #VirtualMOMC
  - Draw a picture of how your military hero inspires you and post on social media. #VirtualMOMC
  - Spell out MOMC with toys or household items, take a picture and post on social media. #VirtualMOMC.
  - Share a poem, story or song of how you are proud to be a military child and post on social media. #VirtualMOMC
  - As a military child, share reasons why you are proud of your mom and/or dad for serving in the military. #VirtualMOMC
  - What does being a military child mean to you? #VirtualMOMC
  - Purple Up scavenger hunt! How many purple items can you find in your room? In your house? #VirtualMOMC
  - Purple Up Fridays – wear and highlight Purple each Friday in April to celebrate Purple Up for Military Kids. #VirtualMOMC
  - What creative ways is your family staying active? Take a photo and post on Month of the Military Child. #VirtualMOMC Below are ideas:
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  - How is your program celebrating the Month of the Military Child? #VirtualMOMC





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- How is your family celebrating the Month of the Military Child? #VirtualMOMC
- Post a photo/video of the American Flag flying on in your community. #VirtualMOMC
- Post a photo of your #FrontPorchFamily as we celebrate the Month of the Military Child as we all practice social distancing. #VirtualMOMC
- It's door decorating time. Share your decorated door celebrating Month of the Military Child. #VirtualMOMC
- Yum! Post your red, white, and blue dessert to celebrate Month of the Military Child. #VirtualMOMC
- Create a costume or dress up in purple for the Month of the Military Child and post on social media. #VirtualMOMC
- Show us your military hero! Draw a picture or share a photo to celebrate Month of the Military Child. #VirtualMOMC
- Spelling Bee—using household items spell "MOMC" to celebrate Month of the Military Child. #VirtualMOMC
- Proud to be military---share your poem, story, or song reflecting your pride to celebrate Month of the Military Child. #VirtualMOMC
- As a military child, share reasons why you are proud of your mom and/or dad for serving in the military. #VirtualMOMC
- What does being a military child mean to you? #VirtualMOMC
- It's scavenger hunt time! What are your 10 best purple items in your house? #VirtualMOMC
- What creative ways is your family staying active? Take a photo and post on Month of the Military Child. #VirtualMOMC
- Create a Purple Up dance move / video with your family to celebrate the Month of the Military Child and share on social media. #VirtualMOMC
- Talk about all of the places you lived as a military family. Where was your favorite location? Why? #VirtualMOMC
- Month of the Military Child shout out!! What words best describe military kids? Be creative in your design and use as many words as possible to answer: "Military Kids are ..." #VirtualMOMC





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- U.S.A. Proud! To celebrate the Month of the Military Child, lets flood the internet with images of the American Flag. Be creative and design your own or take a fun picture with your family! #VirtualMOMC
- Create your own special recipe of “What it Takes to Be a Military Child” and post on social media. #VirtualMOMC
- Today let's start a #PurpleWave! Please post a photo to social media wearing your favorite purple attire! #VirtualMOMC
- Let's have some fun! Share a video of your military child's best dance move! Double points if a parent dances too! #VirtualMOMC
- Has your military child borrowed your active duty uniform before? Share a photo of your young one in your uniform! #VirtualMOMC
- Military teens... we want to hear from YOU! Please share a photo/video of your favorite duty station, homecoming, and favorite school. #ThrowBackThursday #VirtualMOMC
- Show off your service or organization pride. Do you have a favorite service t-shirt? #VirtualMOMC
- It's a bright future for Military Kids. Share a selfie of you in your shades celebrate Month of the Military Child. #VirtualMOMC

