

OPH/OPJH

Art Contest

Military Trivia Contest

Purple Up Day

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School marquee to read "April is Month of the Military Child," "Thank a military student today"

Banner thanking military students. Banner thanking non-military students for their support of military students.

Banner of familiar famous military children (Bruce Willis, Shaq, Christina Aguilera etc)

Poster of "Things Military Teens wish you knew" : (Examples: 1. Pride: We are proud of our parents. 2. War : We think about war and we know what it means. 3. Transition: We move. A lot. The average military kids moves 6 - 9 times before high school graduation. 4. Community: Over 1 million military children attend public schools in the communities surrounding military bases. 5. Recognition: We appreciate recognition of our family's service. 6. Diversity: We value diversity and new experiences. 7. Belonging: In a lot of ways we're just like other teens. 8. Kids serve too: We live this lifestyle because we believe in the purpose.)

Morning announcements to include once a week, a fact about kids living the military lifestyle.

For Purple Up Day:

Students and Staff wear as much purple as they can.

Purple decorations for the MFLC offices.

Blue Star Crew to provide ice cream in cafeteria to all students with military ID cards.

Blue Star Crew plans to make purple ribbons to hand out as well.

As students change classes play quick excerpt of the hymn of each branch of service. (Example: between 1st and 2nd periods play part of Army hymn, between 2nd and 3rd periods play part of Navy hymn, etc.)

FIH

At Fleming Island HS we will have an art contest open to military kids to allow them to be creative in depicting what it has meant to them/experiences they have had being a military child, and to civilian kids to honor military children. The kids can submit artwork throughout the month of April The guidance judges and we do an awards ceremony in the Hall of Champions at the end of the month.

We also celebrate Purple Up day with it being promoted all month to wear purple on that day. On the actual day the whole student and staff body is encouraged to wear purple and then the school's cafeteria manager makes a sheet cake honoring each of the branches. I decorate the stage with purple table-clothed tables and balloons, and have NJROTC kids come serve the cake during all of our lunches to the military kids (who show their ID's). I also usually do a raffle during each lunch, and give away gift cards that have been donated by the local stores/restaurants.