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Ideas for how you can celebrate and recognize your community's military children in your school:

- Arrange for military students to lead the school in the morning pledge; allow the opportunity for each student to state their name, parent's name & number of years of service their parent has in the military

- Ask your school administrators, staff, teachers and students to wear purple on Purple Up Day
- Invite news and media outlets to feature a story about Month of the Military Child events
- Create a school drive to collect items to donate to deployed service members
- Have a rally or assembly to recognize military students; release purple balloons
- Have students write letters or assemble care packages to send to deployed troops
- Implement a "wall of heroes"; ask students and faculty to bring in pictures of family members that are currently serving or have served in our armed forces
- Conduct school wide art and essay contests themed "Military Families Serve Too"
- Conduct a Military Parent breakfast / lunch where military parents are invited to join their children

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