

Info & Resources for Military Families - April 2025

- **Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Community Conversations**
 - FCPS Superintendent Dr. Michelle Reid hosts a series of Community Conversations throughout the school year. The events are opportunities for you to share your thoughts and ask questions. As a listening leader, connecting and engaging with community members across our division is critical to Dr. Reid. Superintendent Community Conversations are events open to all and will be held in each FCPS Region. A full schedule of events is listed below. Please choose the event most convenient for you. [Pre-registration](#) is not required, but does help us plan. Childcare and language interpretation services will be provided.
 - **Thursday, March 20 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** at Cunningham Park Elementary School
 - **Monday, March 24 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** at Kings Park Elementary School
 - **Tuesday, April 1 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** at Lorton Station Elementary School
 - **Monday, April 7 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** at Greenbriar West Elementary School
 - **Monday, April 21 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** at Mount Eagle Elementary School
 - **Wednesday, April 23 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** at TBD

- **Month of the Military Child: Wednesday, April 9, is Purple Up! Day** - Wear purple to show your support for our military-connected kids! Purple symbolizes all branches of the military as a combination of Army green, Marine Corps red, and Coast Guard, Navy, Air Force and Space Force blue. Post your picture and tag #PurpleUpFCPS!.

- **School Board Meetings**
 - Attend the Month of the Military Child Proclamation at the [School Board](#) Meeting on **Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m.**
 - [Register to speak](#) in support of military-connected children and families at the School Board Meeting **starting Friday, April 4, at 6 a.m. and ending Tuesday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m.**

- **Advanced Academic Programs (AAP) for Military Families Virtual Workshop**
 - FCPS Family and School Partnerships (FSP) will be facilitating a virtual workshop given by the Advanced Academic Programs (AAP) office on **Wednesday, April 30, at 6 p.m.**
 - This workshop will provide information on the AAP philosophy and continuum of services, the screening process for students with previous advanced academic services, those new to AAP, and what services look like at the various school levels. The presentation will be geared towards military families, and parents/guardians may submit questions beforehand.

- This virtual event will be held via Zoom. To register for the workshop, as well as submit questions for the AAP office, please fill out this [Google form](#) by **Friday, April 11, 2025**.

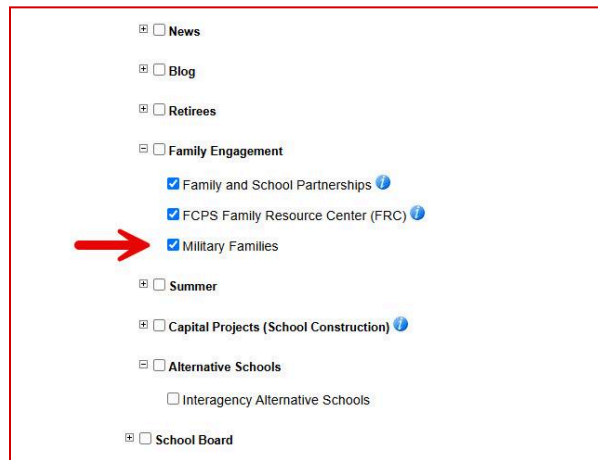
➤ **Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) Call for the Arts Program**

- The MCEC Call for the Arts program invites military-connected children from all over the world, representing every branch of service, to share interpretations through art of what it means to be a military-connected child. Since 2002, thousands of military-connected children have shared their personal experience — their lives, experiences, hopes and dreams — through art.
- This contest is open to grades K-12, and will be divided into three categories (grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12). Winners will receive an Amazon gift card, an invitation to attend the MCEC Global Training Summit (July 8-10, 2025) in Washington, DC, and accolades on MCEC's social media, eNews, and website.
- Using any medium (paint, pencil, photography, performance, writing, animation, video etc.), share what being a military-connected child means to you. Complete the Entry and Release form with an adult signature. Mail your art* and completed form to:
 - MCEC Call for the Arts
909 Mountain Lion Circle
Harker Heights, TX 76548
*Digital art, poetry/writing, photography, or performance art videos may be submitted with completed forms by email to:
CallForTheArts@MilitaryChild.org
- Submissions will be accepted through **April 30, 2025**.
- Visit [Call for the Arts](#) for more details and to complete the Entry & Release form.
- *Opportunities offered by organizations other than Fairfax County Public Schools are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Fairfax County School Board, the Superintendent, or a specific school. Students should gain permission from their parent or guardian before engaging in any non-FCPS enrichment opportunity and families should review the Terms of Service, User Agreements, and Privacy Policy for any enrichment opportunity before participating.*



➤ **Military-Connected Youth Family Advisory Council**

- The Military-Connected Youth Family Advisory Council meets with FCPS Superintendent Dr. Michelle Reid. The council aims to provide critical feedback on the experiences of military-connected families within FCPS. The council is a unique opportunity for military families to share insights and concerns directly with school leadership.
- The next Family Advisory Council meeting will be held on **Monday, May 12, at 7 p.m.** at the Gatehouse Administration Center. For more information, please contact Katie Server, Family Partnerships Specialist, Military-Connected Youth & Families, at kaserver@fcps.edu.

- Sign up for [News You Choose](#), specifically for military families
 - After you input your email address, be sure to check “Military Families” under the Family Engagement grouping.



- **Follow FCPS Military Families on social media!**

-  : <https://www.facebook.com/FCPSMilitaryFamilies>
-  : <https://www.instagram.com/fcpsmilitaryfamilies/>

- **Additional resources:**

- [FCPS Military Families](#)
- [FCPS Family Resource Center \(FRC\)](#) - The FRC provides access to information and resources to support the success of all students, including those with learning challenges, special needs, and disabilities. They offer a [padlet](#) (digital bulletin board), a [lending library](#), [webinars](#), and other resources for military-connected families. Families can schedule a [consultation](#) by phone (703-204-3941) or email frc@fcps.edu.

- For more information, resources, or questions, please contact:

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