MEMORANDUM FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY EMPLOYEES

Subject: April is the Month of the Military Child

Join me in celebration of the Month of the Military Child. This is a special time to focus on and recognize the gifts our students bring to the classroom. Their unique experiences foster qualities that enlighten the educational experience for their classmates and all of us as well.

Military Children are socially adaptable, intellectually flexible, and open-minded. I am inspired by their strength and courage. Those attributes are honed by the advantages and challenges of a lifestyle characterized by adventure and travel along with separation and disruption. No one is better at creating a student-centered learning environment tailored to meet the needs of military-connected children than you are. Thank you.

It is an honor and a privilege to educate the children of those who sacrifice so much for our Nation. Join me in a small, symbolic recognition of Military Children by wearing purple on Monday, April 15 as we join Operation Military Kids (OMK) in their annual celebration. OMK is an organization dedicated to military families. Each year they ask people around the nation to join them for an event they call, “Purple Up! For Military Kids.”

In honor of our children,

Marilee Fitzgerald