

Nolan Richardson Middle School honors our Military Children

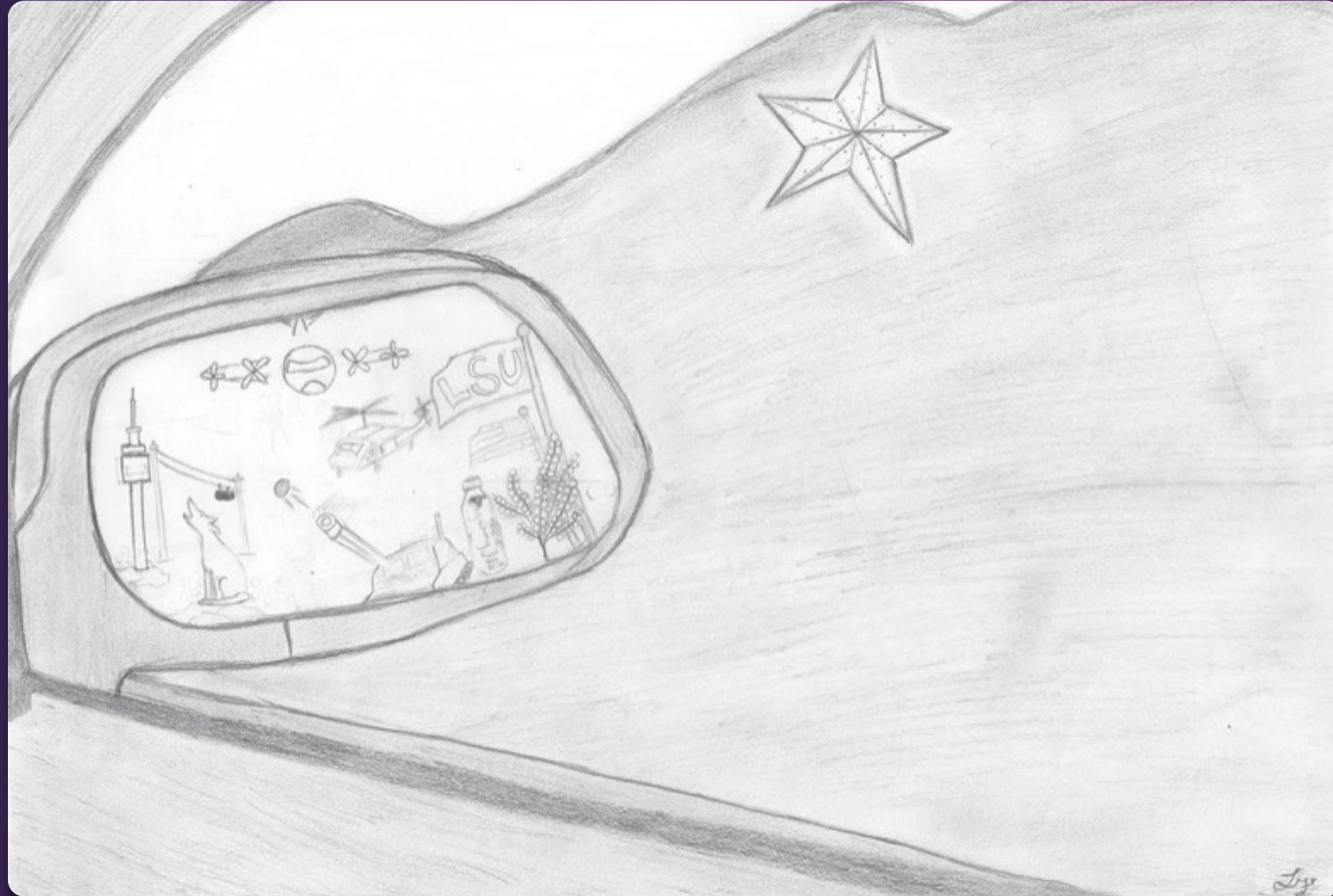
- ▶ April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, underscoring the important role military children play in the armed forces community.
- ▶ For Military Kids Day. Held on April 15th of each year, “Purple Up! For Military Kids” is a day for Department of Defense Education Activity communities to wear purple to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices.
- ▶ The following slides are the finalists from the 2021 Military Child Art and Essay contest.
- ▶ Final slide are photos of “Military Spirit Week”



April 2021

Month of the
Military Child





Leah Fox,
8th grade,
“Always
moving”



Meagan
Chastain,
7th grade



By Genevieve
Anyona,
6th Grade

1st Place

Being a military child have both the dark parts that you might not like at all but also has a good part to it. If you want to look at it this way then there are several good parts, but you can not have too much good parts without the bad parts, right?

Well how bout we start shall we? So, when you are military, you get to travel all around the world that is exiting. Well, when you get to travel you get excited you may want to share it on where you went and how you lived there. Well, you also might be able to speak several types of language's as well that is unbelievably valuable! When they come back from training you could feel incredibly happy now that you see them.

The bad parts about being a military kid is that when you are moving you could also be leaving the place's that you are just so used to or there was a school you really enjoyed going to, so you are leaving and you just knowing that makes you want to enjoy the time you have left there. Well then you might be in this situation like you are leaving a friend you are close to like since early age you knew them well you would be devastated! Well, you would never forget them you would just miss them very much so you would tell them and get their parents phone number just so you could talk to them and have some photos of each other. Have that memories of you and them together! You would be sad if your parent went to training for a few months, you could feel a variety of emotions over whelming you.



By Zaniyah
Stevens,
6th Grade

2nd Place

Being a military child comes with its advantages and disadvantages. Many people don't support the military, and that's fine your opinions are valid. You are valid. However, military children have feelings too. Our guardian(s) fight/fought for their country and the people that our family members are fighting for are sitting there not supporting them. It really hurts my heart when people talk about my father just because he was in the military everyone thinks that he's a weak suck up trying to get noticed. A lot have people have told me being a military means nothing, and that we're the same as everyone else. They're wrong. Being a military child means you can walk around with pride knowing that your guardian(s) fought for their country. You can walk around bring so proud of your guardian(s) that no one else's opinion matters. Yes, some military children brag but I mean, if your parent or guardian fought for you and your country you'd be bragging too, right? That is exactly why6 military kids get so much appreciation. When in reality, I think that it should be the guardian(s) getting the recognition. People of color that are in the army have to use things like "I served in the army for ___ years" and "I am ____" just to get out of racist situations. That is so sad, it really breaks my heart. So, what does it mean to be a military child? It means being proud. It means being strong. It means being brave, and protecting your country just like your guardian(s).



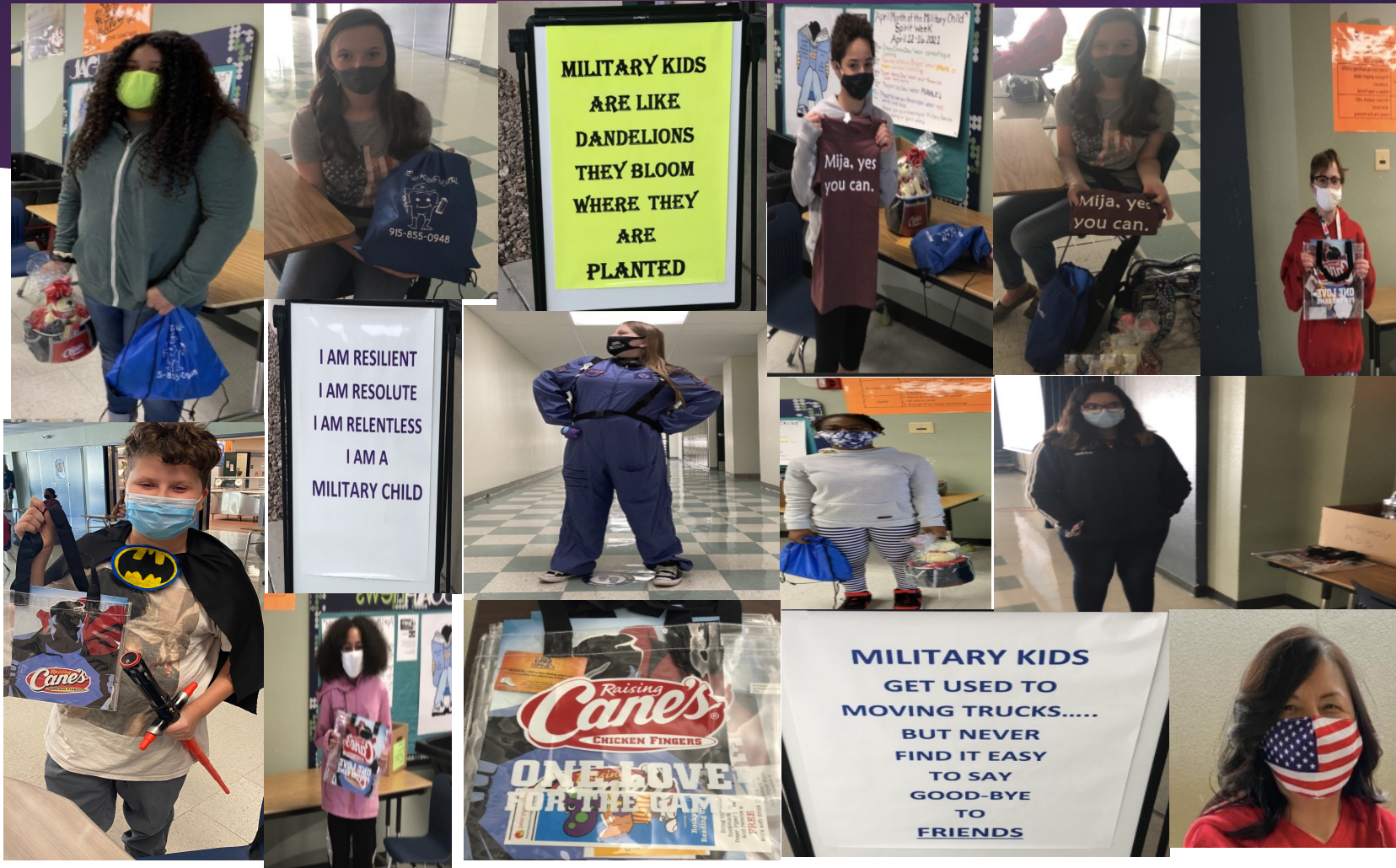
By Jordan
Lipowitz,
8th grade

3rd Place

When my dad was in the military, we got to stay in El Paso, and we didn't leave but I usually was friends with other military kids and I soon learned that they would all move away at some point but then I realized that was the life of a military child I was lucky that my family got to stay in el paso with the rest of my family but that means I would lose all my friends since I've always made friends with military kids which means I have always lost friends in my life but I would soon make even more friends and those friends would move away making me sad untill I remembered that this was the life of a military child and then i would be less sad but i still was sad and i stopped making friends untill I realized I could ask people if any of their parents were in the military and if they werent i would be friends with them i hate when people pity me because i dont like when people worry about me i was happy when my dad left the military which would mean that we would get to stay in el paso and my dad would be home more which made me happier i love when my dad is home.



Photos of Military Spirit Week 12-16 April 2021



MILITARY KIDS
ARE LIKE
DANDELIONS
THEY BLOOM
WHERE THEY
ARE
PLANTED

I AM RESILIENT
I AM RESOLUTE
I AM RELENTLESS
I AM A
MILITARY CHILD

MILITARY KIDS
GET USED TO
MOVING TRUCKS.....
BUT NEVER
FIND IT EASY
TO SAY
GOOD-BYE
TO
FRIENDS

Raising
Cane's
CHICKEN FINGERS
**ONE LOVE
FOR THE GYM**

Mija, yes
you can.

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you can.

EVOLVED
PROUD