Dear Parents or Guardians,

April marks the Month of Military Children. During that time, we celebrate the 1.6 million military children who face many challenges and unique experiences as a result of their parent's service. Leetonia became a Purple Star School in April 2023 and we are so excited about this recognition from the State of Ohio. The Purple Star Award recognizes schools that show a commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military. Schools that earn the award will receive a special Purple Star recognition to display on site. A school will be honored with the Purple Star Award if it completes all the required activities, plus one optional activity. The Purple Star Advisory Board helps decide a school's eligibility for the award.

Kerri Ackler, the K-8 School Counselor, is our school military liaison. If you are a military connected family and a parent or guardian is active duty or a veteran please let us know so we can get a better understanding of the military service in our area. As a part of our efforts to support our veterans and current service member's children in our community, we have a list of resources on the school website to help. If you need to speak to someone about any of the resources, please contact Kerri Ackler the School Counselor at 330.427.6594

Our way of raising awareness and honoring Military families will be to hold a Spirit Week during the week of April 1st. Students are encouraged to participate.

- April 3rd- Purple up! day- Wear purple
- April 4th: Red, white, and blue day
- April 5th: Support your favorite military branch day or wear camouflage


## Military Connected Families

Mother is a Veteran or Active Duty Service Member $\qquad$ Yes

Father is a Veteran or Active Duty Service Member $\qquad$ Yes

Guardian is a Veteran or Active Duty Service Member $\qquad$ Yes

Students Name $\qquad$

