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## Extra! Extra! Read All About It! Military and Autism Awareness



### Purple for Military

By Alyssa Neff

You may have seen houses with purple, or people wearing purple around the town. It's not just a favorite color, it symbolizes something. Purple was chosen to show support for all branches of the military. The goal of the color purple is for the people who have family members serving to see the support within their community. The "Purple Up!" event is for children who have parents serving in the military as well.

Purple is the color chosen for all branches together because it is a combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red, and Navy blue. Since 1986, the month of April has been important to children who have parents serving in the military, thanks to Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. April is a time to honor sacrifices that military families make for the members to serve in the United States military. Make sure to wear your purple this month to show your support to the members of our community!



**Show your support and wear purple on Thursday, April 18th!**

### Blue for Autism

By Katie Feucht

Did you wear blue on April 2 of this year? If so, you participated in World Autism Day. This day is an internationally recognized event, and the nation reaffirms its commitment to promote the full participation of all people with autism, and ensure they have the necessary support to be able to exercise their rights and fundamental freedoms. This day is very important to many people considering that about 1% of the world's population is diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. This means that about 1 in every 68 children in the United States has ASD.

Many people decorate buildings, cars, shirts, houses, etc. in blue to show support to those people. Blue is used to symbolize calm and acceptance feelings in a world that seems very loud and challenging to some people. With this color, the Autism Speaks Organization created the #Lightitupblue campaign to bring even more support into the ASD community.

The entire month of April is Autism Awareness Month, so you can wear your blue all month to show support for people with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

**And, on Tuesday, April 16th, wear blue to show you care!**

