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aking new friends can be hard, but I found that if you try to make friends and talk to new people you can find a best friend. The night before my first day of school I was very scared and nervous. The next day when I walked into HCES for the first time I was scared, nervous, and worried. When I got inside the classroom I sat down next to three other people. I started talking to one of them. We found out we have a lot in common and we knew we would be good friends. So we became friends. Later that day we went to P.E. The

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coach assigned groups of two and I started talking to my classmate that was in my group. She asked me if I wanted to be her friend so I said yes. Soon I became friends with the whole class. This school year when my teacher was taking attendance she called my best friend's name. I hoped it was my best friend, and a few minutes later she walked into the classroom! We were so excited to see each other! Making new friends can also be very easy if you think about it.

> Daniella Brown, 3rd Grade, Humphreys Central Elementary School



eing a military child is fun because I get to make new friends, learn new words and I get to play with my friends.

> - Brianna, 1st Grade, Daegu Elementary School

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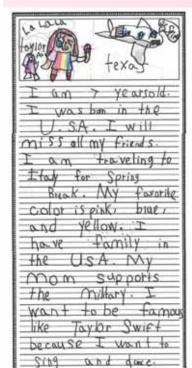
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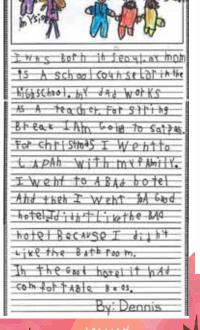
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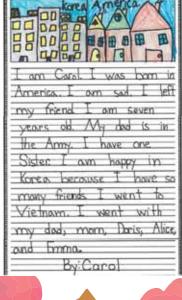
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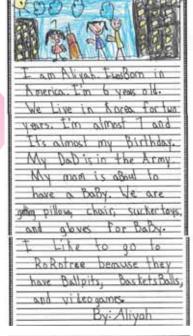
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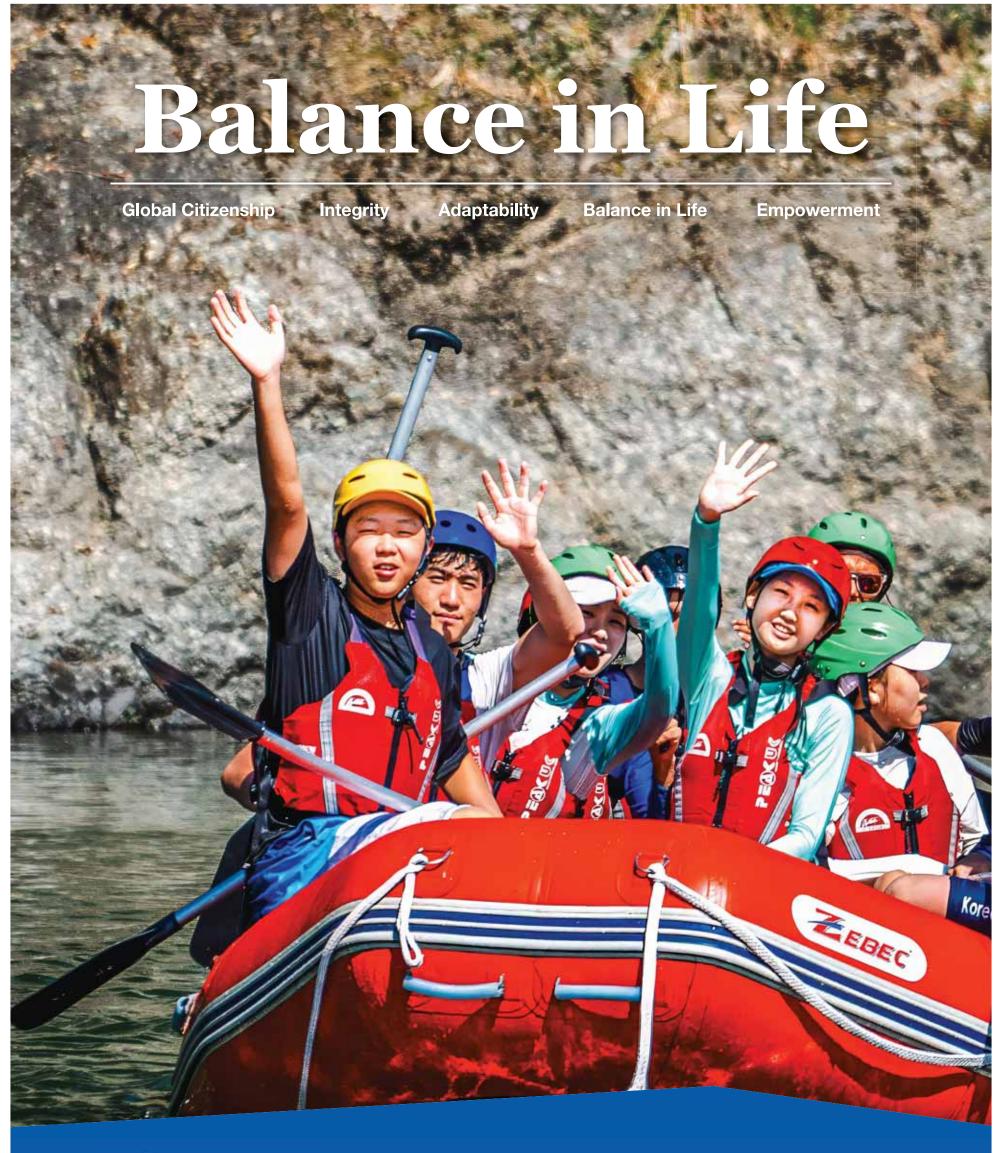
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My name is Mia. I am excited because I get to see my tamily and I am also sad

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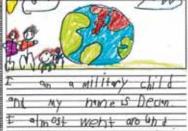
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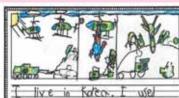


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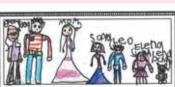
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My new is Erra. I was born in Russia. When I turns three I moved to West Virginia Then when I tarred five I make to Knya. Some of my friends are named Declan and Simon I was to Vietnam, Japan, and Thailand I went to Universal Studies in Japan I like to travel to places with my family. My los is in the Army. My dad has submarines with Torpedos on it and tanks and guns the uses it when North Korea attacks By: Ezra

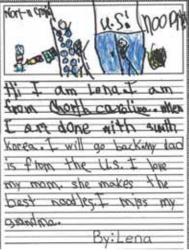


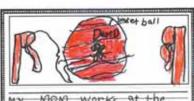
to live in Kentucky My but works for the Almy. to been in war 3 times. We are moving to Scattle. I am so excited to move there because I will see my brother more and my cousins more too! I will miss my friends. I am 6.



My dod 15 a doctor and Sometimes my dad has to go to work th other Places. I miss Argentina because I get to make Courtings with shells. I have fuh with my graniting I get to eat yummy foods and I miss my grahima COITS By Sofia

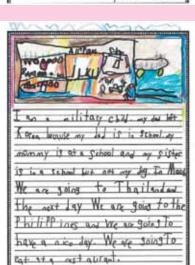




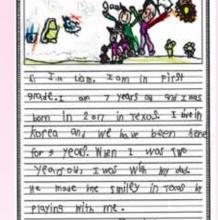


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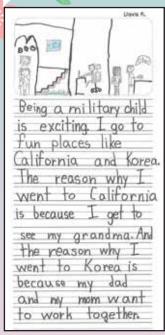














Being a military child is fun You can go to fun Places and you can pick your own home. Going to fun places is fun. I went to a hotel in Hawaii and it had a beach. And it had two pools. It was fun.



Being a military child is fun. When I go all around the world, I will know all the flags. When I leave Korea, Iam going to Kansas. I will learn all the languages too. I am so excited.

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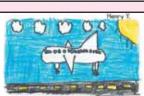
We go to new schools and we go to new places. We pick our own beds and we get to have new best friends.



and I always get used to new things. And I have to go to a new school. And I feel sad.

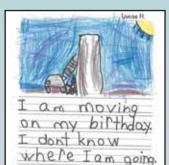


Asa military child I move. Ltis fun sometimes. In the spring, I am going to go to Japan. Being a military child means you can go



to fun places like Nintendo Land

Being a military child, I always have to move every 3 years. I do not know where I am moving to but I hope it is safe there. And my friends will miss me. And I will miss them too.





Benga military chill means seeing the same friends again. If you make new friends you miss your old friends I like making new friends.



I will miss my old friends because I love all of my friends they are so kind and I will miss them. And they care. I will be moving to Kentucky in 3 months. My house is almost empty. I fee sad



Beingamilitary kid is hard because I have to move every 3 years. And I have to change schools. And I will move to America I will miss my old friends. I will be un happy.



Being a military kid is like feeling sad when I move. And you might miss your friends, and your friends from kindergarten, prek. 1st grade and 2nt grade. I am moving to California on April 10.



because can make new friends. If you make new friends, and if they say yes or no. I would choose yes because I really want to be with him or



Being a military kid is like moving and going and missing your old friends. And they miss you too but you make different friends of different cultures You might see your old friends and make new ones. That's how every military kids might be like. That's how I am a military kid!



I am a military child. In symmer I am going to a fun place The place is called Nintendoland I will live in a hotel. The food and the rides are fun.

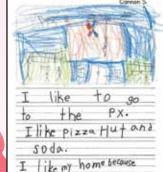


one time in China. It is great to be a military child. My name is Ronan

X. W. Bye! Bye!



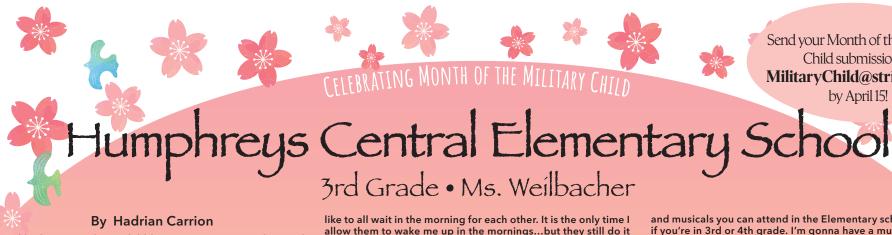
Being a military kid Means being nice to others. That is helpful and nice too. But I might move to Sipan. My ded lives there and my dad misses his frien but it was so fun. But I have a uncleand auntie and cousins too. I like it.











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I like being a military child because you can travel around the world and have friends all around the world is cool. My Dad helps to keep peace. Being a military child is hard sometimes because I have to say goodbye to so many friends all the time. Sometimes I don't see my Oma and Opa for a long time. I learned if we all work together we can change the problem by calling them on the phone whenever I want. Also being a military child means I have a parent that works in the military. If you are a military child you should help and care about the community like picking up trash. I love to go to the PX and buy Pizza and hot chocolate. Sometimes my dad buys us Tornadoes. It's not the real Tornadoes, it's a snack.

By Gabriel

My life as a military child, I have a lot of friends and I live in a nice house. I also live in a public community with a lot of other kids around. That is one reason I like being a military child.

By Lauren Choi

One of my favorite memories is when I was young. when I lived in the United states.

That time I even started to go to school yet. So I played in the house every weekend. One day mom tried to go, So I asked "can I go with you"and mom said sure! So I drive a car to go somewhere. I didn't know where did I go. And later there a black bag. My mom pick up the bag and put the trunk. After, car stopped at the home. and I ask for what is it and mom said,"this is sand I asked why "because you and brother play with this sand." I feeled good to play with it and I played with sand with my brother in the basket. That's one of my favorite memories.

By Caspian

One of my favorite memories as a military kid is when I moved to New York and climbed trees with my friends. At first I didn't know how to, but then I learned how to. Moving to new places taught me that it is hard to leave your friends but you will always make more friends. I found new friends in my new school by just walking to people I didn't even know and said do you want to be friends and they would ushily say shure and that's how I met Mathew. I'm proud of my family's army service because it keeps people safe. Being a military child made me stronger because I moved a lot and it was hard but it taught me that I will be OK. A challenge I faced being a military child is that I had to leave Virginia and that's where my family lives and I constantly have to leave my friends but I always make more. Every year we don't usually celebrate things except Christmas birthdays ester valentines day thanksgiving mothers and fathers day the usual things but if moving counts we've moved like 7 times.

By Charly Farr

I am a military child. This is what it is like as a military child. One of my favorite memories is when we came to Korea my little brother was so tired he fell asleep on the floor it was so funny we all laughed so hard but quietly. We called him "floor baby". We had a lot of fun times in Korea. One of the most interesting places I am living in is Korea. It is different because people speak Korean so that sometimes makes it hard to know where we are. At my new school, I met Daniella. As soon as I saw her, I asked her if we could be friends. She said yes. We've played over the years. We met in second grade. We ended up in the same class in third grade. We have been best friends for a long time. My dad is a Major. His job in the army is a CRNA. His job is to help others and give them the right medicine when they need it. I like how he helps others. When I grow up, I want to be like him. I want to have a job to help others. Being a military child has made me stronger because it gives me time to make tons of friends and say goodbye. Sometimes I even see old friends and it makes us very happy when we end up together like when I moved to Korea, I met up with my friend Lily who I knew in El Paso. I have a feeling that we will end up together again one day. Every year we celebrate Christmas together. It is always fun to open presents when Santa comes. We allow them to wake me up in the mornings...but they still do it on school days.

By Matthew

My life as a military child is sometimes fun and sometimes not. My dad is really helpful in the military. Some people that are in the military and my dad's friends feel like family and friends. Some are nice to me. They have bowling games. I like watching them bowling. As holidays pass we and the army go to holiday parties like Christmas parties, valentine day parties and more. It's also fun that we sometimes go to dinner with them. They even have events with different themes. Like cookies, board games, Nintendo switch games, football and TV shows. I love my military life. I never want it to end.

By Shiqi

When I came to Korea it was not easy because I had to make friends on base instead of off base because it was hard and not many people speak English there and it was even harder when my family went shopping. Because they all speak Korean but when I first came I was on base but after a while. There I had to go off base and the only friends I made were my mothers friends childs. When it came the first day I didn't know the rules and where to go because I just went to kindergarten after school started and I was super shy. I just sat down and did not talk but after a while I made my first friend called rosa. Every year I celebrate the new year because I am from China. What I do when I celebrate is eat hot pot or go somewhere or I just eat with my friends. One of my favorite memories is field day when I was in 1st grade and I got to play in the water and my bestie and I shared the fun. But I knew that we were going to be best friends forever. One time it was hard to enjoy the fun because my friend made a new friend and I honestly thought that she didn't wanted to be my friend anymore so i tried to make new friends but they said no so I tried playing by myself but when I was someone asked me if I wanted to be friends and I said yes and then I had made a new friend after second grade shed move and I didn't get a chance to say goodbye and after that I was just sad into one of my friends told me that friends will have arguments but your family will still always love you and that just made me thinking should I believe them but after a while of thinking I gave in and believed her and really when I asked her when was she going to move and she said in two years and I was moving in two years. So I said to myself perfectly then I would be moving and she would be moving. After second grade I made a lot of new friends and only started to worry about myself and when I had felt down I would say what my friend would say because she would say this to me. You will always be brave and you will always be smart and I would just think of that word. And most of the time it will help me do new things like swimming and trying new foods and a lot more. I am proud of my family being a part of the military because most of the time I get to go to events with the military.

By Nathan Kim

I like being a military child but it is sometimes hard because I made so many friends but I had to move away. I don't like moving because in the car it makes me nauseous and I don't like saying goodbye to my friends. One reason it is fun is I get to go on fun vacations and make new friends. When I wake up in the morning I can't see my dad but I see him after school. I love being a military child but it can be challenging.

By Asher Librojo

Are you a Military child? Well I am! I'll tell you what great things about being a Military child. Being a Military child is really fun. You can go to a school called Humphrey Central Elementary or Hces there you can make lots of friends and you can also learn a lot of things like math, which is my favorite subject. If you're not an Elementary like me there is also a Middle school and a high school. I have friends in Middle school and High school. Another thing that's great about being a Military child is there's a lot of celebrations they do at schools there parades

and musicals you can attend in the Elementary school only if you're in 3rd or 4th grade. I'm gonna have a musical that I am gonna attend. On April 17 Christmas they build a massive tree and light it up! When I saw it has so bright. They have a lot of other things they celebrate there. There are balloon fights in the summer and a Halloween parade. I am proud of my family because my dad is a sergeant whenever I want to give up. He motivates you to bring myself up and keep trying. My dad works so my family can live a happy life. That's why I love my parents. There are so many things I love about being a Military child and so many good things about I can't keep count. Those were some of my favorite things about being a Military child. They're really fun. You should do them too! In school I met Nathan. He's smart like me and he loves food. We both asked to be friends at the same time and over the years were study buddies. That's stuff that's really fun about being a Military child. If your not a Military child it's OK you don't have to be an Military child But if you are a Military child have fun on post because there lots of stuff to do there you can go shopping and go to the water park there you can go bowling and more those are the stuff that's really fun about being a Military child.

By Lillian Ollie

I am excited about being a military child because when I am a military child I get to move to a lot of places. My mom and I get to explore new countries, places, and cultures. I love celebrating new cultures. Because for me it is different and new. I love trying all of the new food. I am very excited to move to Germany. I am excited to try the new food and see the new places. I am wondering what life is going to be like there.

By Sofia Rodriguez

I am grateful of my family's military service because we have money for food and a decent house. I am grateful for that because some people don't have enough money for a decent house and for food. I am grateful for my dad being here most of the time, but sometimes he does go on duty and leaves for a long time. I love being a military child.

By Clark Chapman

I like that I can see places around the world and that lets me know more about the world. That is good because if I did not go around the world I would be very different then now that is good. I probably wanted to go to random places anyway, but I would not be able to go as likely. That is what I like about being a military child.

By Cadence Schultz

As a military child I move a lot and that can be scary. I sometimes think that I might not make new friends but I always do in the end. When I move it can be really sad because I'm leaving my friends and going to a new place and I have to start over. I have to make new friends, go to a new school, and live in a different place. I will miss my old friends but I will make new friends. It can be scary to move to a new place because you're leaving your friends, school, and your house. You have to leave everything behind and go to a place you've never been before. For example, I lived in Texas and I had really good friends, a school that I really liked, and a nice neighborhood. When I got the news that I was moving I was sad, excited, and scared. When I got to Korea I made new friends, went to a new school that I liked, and a house that is nice. I was scared and sad at first but then I really liked the new place I moved to. Moving can be scary at first but at the end you will always make new friends and you will like the new place that you moved to.

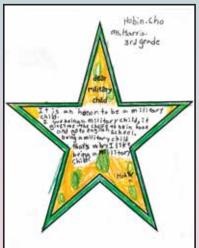
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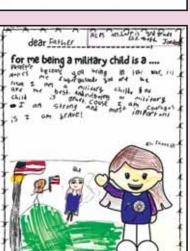
I like to be a military child because I get to travel. I got to go to Korea because I am a military child. I made friends at different places and different schools because I am a military child. I am happy that I am a military child because I get to make new friends and go to new places. I was sad when I had to move but then I made new friends so I was happy. Since I came to Korea now we celebrate Korean new year.

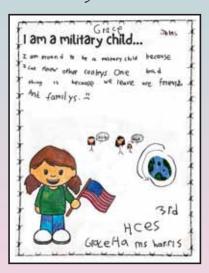


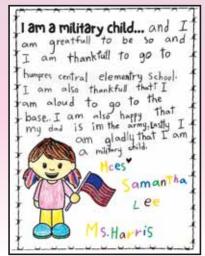
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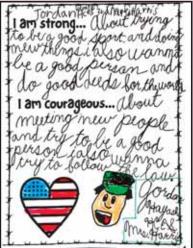


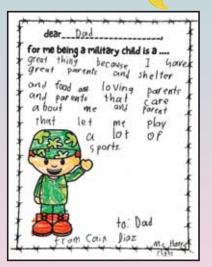














By Frederick Smith

One of my favorite moments about being a military child is when I met my friend Tate in the U.S.A. He was my best friend because he was nice and we had the same sort of humor. We worked really well together and just understood each other more than any else that I knew. He would give me snacks at parties and he was very kind and forgiving. He was also very smart and was very flexible in all subjects. We had different skills that made us good. I was really good at math, (I'd say I was the best in class at it,) but Tate was good at reading and writing. He was also able to think of very good strategies to do stuff faster or better, sometimes the teacher didn't even think or know the things he thought of were a thing. Also, he was very fast at one point in time he was faster than me but I think i am now a lot faster. We would play games at recess like four corners, tag and some other games that were really fun. I liked talking to him at lunch about things because it felt like he was someone who made my day better. He was funny and we talked about topics ranging from anime to food to Youtube and many more things. Sometimes there would be accidents between, like when I had tripped on his shoe and he thought it was on purpose or when I said things that I truly did not mean. This was all in 1st grade and I think Tate was one of the best friends I could've ever had.

Even though our relationship had its ups and downs it was mostly good and it was one of the most memorable things in my life.

By Aureliana

I like to be a military child because it is fun to live in different places. One of the most interesting places I have lived is South Korea. I have eaten a lot of different types of food. My favorite type of food is steamed dumplings. My family has visited a lot of countries. My favorite country is Thailand. Thailand is so fun because I got to swim, feed and wash the elephants. Sometimes being a military child is hard because my dad goes away for a long time. I became stronger because my mommy bought me a teddy bear that looks just like him.

By Adelyn

As a military child I love it and if my dad got ford I will not be able to be in a DODEA school and I will not be a military child but I will always remember I was a military child and being a military child is the best thing that I have right now. I love be a military child I have learned so much wall I am a military child and it is the best thing I have ever had and I hope I can be one for a lot longer than I hope it will be and when I get reminded that I am happy and feel special and that I can do anything that I can reach and I love being a military child I feel the savr so much when I know that I am a military child. I love to be a military child it is the best thing I have. My dad loves me when I am happy and love my dad happy to he loves me and my sis when we are happy and do not fight with each other and play happy all day long. He loves us and we love him all the time even if we are not

together and not always happy and not happy. I love my dad in the military, but I gest got the nose that my dad has to git a different god that is not the god that he has now I will miss being a military child, but he is not going to git a different god after school and not in the school year because then we will have to go to a normal school and not a DODEA school but I Love my live right now and it will be fun. I am a military child and all was will be one in my heart.

By Summer Zhang

As a military child I moved a lot. It can be scary too but when I move I can see different food and places. Every year we celebrate the new year because it is our traditional holiday. Being a military child has made me stronger because, when I move a lot I get people's feelings in many places. I am proud of my family's military service because my dad practiced how to shoot guns in the US Army. Living in different places has taught me lessons about different things like in school my teachers have told me lots of lessons. One of my favorite memories as a military child is when I moved to South Korea. I passed by Aeattle. When we stopped there we visited a famous market and the first Starbucks in the world. Also, we went to a seafood market near the ocean. Last summer break we went to Lotte World for my birthday. There were restaurants in Lotte world . We ate noodles for lunch at Lotte world.

In conclusion, to be a military child is the most proud thing I ever did



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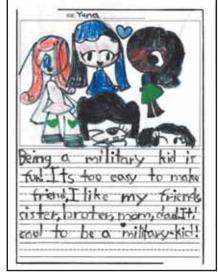
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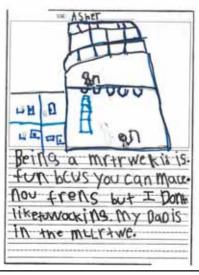
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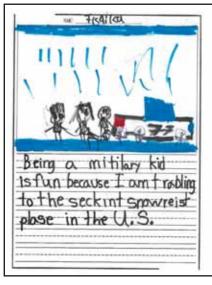




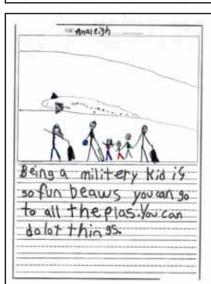








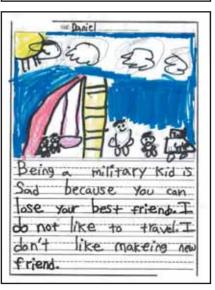


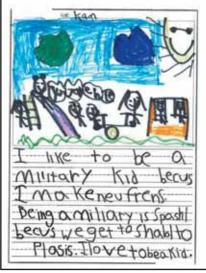


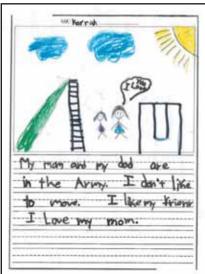








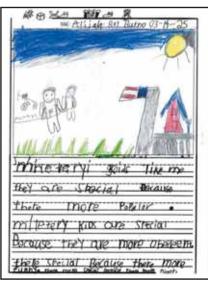


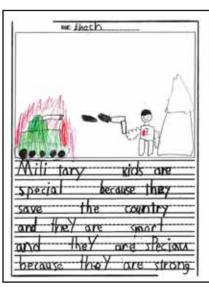


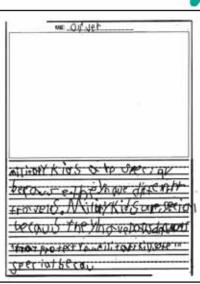
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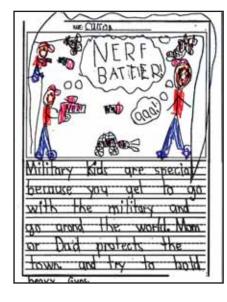














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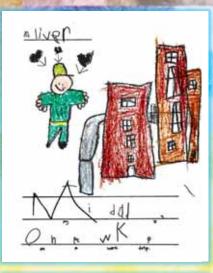


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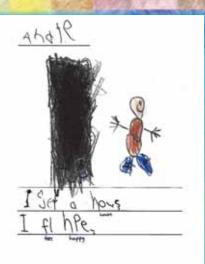


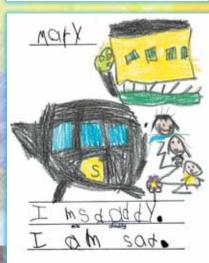


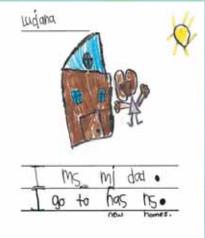




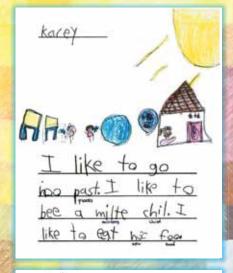


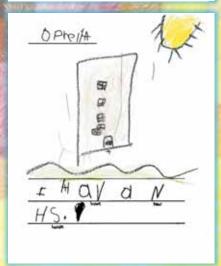


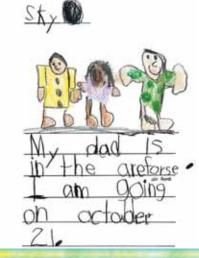




























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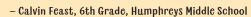
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Celebrating Month of the Military Child

Becoming a military kid

i, my name is Calvin. I'm 12 years old and live with my mom in Idaho. My dad is in the Army, stationed in South Korea. He flies Black Hawks. Even though we are many miles apart, I love spending time with him playing online video games. I also enjoy drawing and learning about the military.

Although it will be hard to leave my family and friends in Idaho, I am looking forward to moving to live with my military family and go to school in South Korea next year. I hope you enjoy my drawing, "Black Hawk at Sunset."











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KOREA KIDS' CORNER

7 fun and family-friendly spots in Hongdae!

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nown for its lively atmosphere, trendy cafes and nightlife, Hongdae is often seen as the ultimate destination for young adults. But did you know it's also a fantastic place for families? Whether your little one loves magical adventures, cute animals or hands-on activities, Hongdae has something to offer. Check out these top seven family-friendly spots where you can create lasting memories with your kids!

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Left: Wizard chocolate, green tea latte Right:Mandrake Cake Photos courtesy of 943 King's Cross Cafe

943 King's Cross Cafe

If your child is a fan of Harry Potter, don't miss the chance to explore the magical world at this Harry Potter-themed café! Step inside and you'll feel like a witch or wizard who's been transported to Hogwarts. The entire 4-story building has many photo zones inspired by movie and book scenes. On the fourth floor in the Hogwarts dormitory, you can

even wear Hogwarts student uniforms for fun, memorable photos! Don't forget to enjoy magical desserts inspired by the Harry Potter universe like Wizard Chocolate, Man-

drake Cake and Dragon Leg (Turkey) plate.

Dragon legs

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Photos courtesy of Coconut Box

Coconut Box

Coconut Box brings a tropical Southeast Asian paradise right to the heart of Seoul. It's a favorite spot for families, couples and friends looking to experience a Bali resort vibe without leaving the city. The café features a large ball pit and fun displays that will keep kids entertained while parents can relax. For a more exclusive experience, you can enjoy a private bungalow space when ordering drinks and desserts worth over 30,000 won. Coconut Box also serves a variety of tempting pastries, desserts and beverages, all beautifully crafted

by skilled pâtissiers and baristas. The café used to charge an entrance fee but now entry is free.

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HOURS: 9 a.m. - 10 p.m., daily.







Photos courtesy of Trick Eye Museum

Trick Eye Museum

Next door to Coconut Box, the Trick Eye Museum in Hongdae is perfect for capturing creative family photos! Kids will be thrilled to step into imaginative trickart scenes, including a dragon battle and an escape from an erupting volcano. Each display offers a unique photo opportunity, and even if your child isn't usually into posing, the interactive art will get them excited to jump in and capture fun shots! Every exhibit comes with tips and example photos to help you get the best shot, so make sure to take your time and get creative with your poses to fully enjoy the experience!

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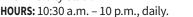
Photos courtesy of Kakao Friends

Kakao Friends Shop

Kakao Friends Shop is an adorable store dedicated to Korean mobile app Kakao' beloved characters. It's a great spot for families to pick up some great merchandise for gifts or souvenirs. Whether you love Ryan (the lion bear), Apeach (the butt peach), or Muzi (the pickled radish bunny), this large store carries a variety of char-

acter-themed toys, stationery, accessories and other cute items for a perfect piece of Korea to take home!

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Table A Photos by Hyemin Lee

Table A

Table A is a licensed indoor zoo and animal cafe in Hongdae where you can meet an array of cute, exotic animals! Spanning from B1 to the 5th floor, the entire building has different sections where you can interact and touch animals under the supervision of a trainer. Many animals roam freely around the café, so you'll definitely get to meet some of the furry or scaly residents like raccoons, chinchillas, meerkats, alpacas, Fennec foxes and snakes. Visitors with a Table A ticket may also visit

> the cat café next door. With so much to see and enjoy, this spot is enjoyable for all ages, making it a fun family

both Table A and cat cafe)

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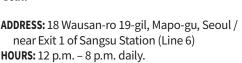
Photos courtesy of Sanrio Lovers Club

Sanrio Lovers Club

Sanrio Lovers Club, known as the Hello Kitty Café, invites visitors into a world of cuteness surrounded by the characters everyone knows and loves! Sanrio is a Japanese character design company, famous for Hello Kitty and this café has become a favorite spot for parents with young daughters. It features a Sanrio

goods shop and café spanning two floors filled with cute and fun photo zones. You can enjoy adorable Hello Kitty and Sanrio characterthemed cakes, cookies and drinks in the café's lovely pink interior.

Reservations through Naver ID are required for entry. There is no entry fee, so making a reservation is free and cancellations are allowed if needed. It's recommended to book at least a day in advance to secure your







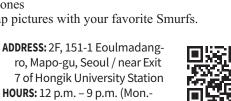


Smurf Magic Forest

This Smurf-themed playground brings the world of the blue little guys to life. Dive into playful adventures while playing a 70-minute board game in an exciting escape room setting. The experience is available in English, and reservations are required through their website. Smurf Magic Forest also fea-

tures a Smurf-themed gift shop packed with fun memorabilia as well as photo zones

where you can snap pictures with your favorite Smurfs.



Photos courtesy of Smurf Magic Forest











CONNECTING WITH KOREA Chance to explore through art

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or the U.S. military community in Pyeongtaek, a local university is fostering cultural connections through free Korean art classes for military spouses and children.

At Hankyong National University's Pyeongtaek campus, military spouses can learn Minhwa, a traditional Korean folk painting style, and kids can take 3D printing class.

Under the direction of Professor Jeanny Lim, the classes are designed to teach students new skills and also create a bridge be-

tween the local community and the largest military community in Korea.

"These programs are not for short-term experiences," Lim said. "Each student will ultimately be cultural ambassadors who can foster mutual understanding between the two communities.'

Students get access to professional facilities, high-quality resources and support from trained university students. More importantly, the courses sponsored by the Ministry of Education in Korea provide a safe and reliable learning environment from an accredited university.

The campus is about nine kilometers from Osan Air Base and 15 kilometers from Camp Humphreys, making it easily accessible for the base community. Anyone who is interested in participating in the program can inquire by phone or email.

This article was written at the request of the Pyeongtaek SOFA Support Center. (The Pyeongtaek SOFA Support Center, operated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, serves as a bridge connecting the local community with the U.S. military community in Pyeongtaek.)





- LOCATION: 5-3 Jangan-dong, Pyeongtaek-si, Gyeonggi-do (Hankyong National University Pyeongtaek Campus)
- **ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS:** Anyone from U.S. military community in Pyeongtaek
- CLASS SCHEDULE: 9:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays
- INQUIRE: EMAIL: uddesign@hknu.ac.kr or text at 010-2764-1438





Korean traditional painting class (Minhwa)

Minhwa is a folk painting form depicting the lives of commoners and natural elements like flowers, butterflies and tigers dating back to the Joseon Dynasty. The art form employs techniques and media like traditional hanji paper, natural pigments and animal hair paintbrushes. Each brushstroke connects students with the joy, beauty and traditions of historical Korea while allowing them to express their own creativity.

Sharon Galyon, a Minhwa student from Osan Air Base, said the class was a "dream come true" for her and a great opportunity to learn about Korean art while interacting with locals.

"Most art programs only offered one-day sessions or short-term classes," Galyon said. "This Minhwa class has allowed me to attend for nearly a year, giving me the time to fully immerse myself in the beauty of traditional Korean art."

The class is led by Eunha Park, a professional Minhwa artist, and does not require prior art experience. Students are carefully guided to create their own masterpieces in a supportive group setting. Later, they even have opportunities to showcase their work during planned exhibits open to the public.



Art exhibit at Osan AB

Earlier this year, more than 20 pieces of students' art was displayed through a temporary exhibit at Osan Air Base. The exhibit had its opening at the Osan Air Base Officer's Club on March 6, then the pieces were displayed until March 12 at the base library.

The exhibition attracted members of the military community seeking to appreciate the work of the Minhwa artists.

At the opening, Shannon Ng, a student representative, expressed gratitude for both Lim and Park's commitment to military spouses and children. Ng said the class helped instill a deeper connection to Korean traditions and art, while also cultivating friendships.





3D printing class

The university's 3D course gives children the opportunity to design and create accessories or cups using cuttingedge printing technology. Students get to take their creations home, which in turn can be meaningful souvenirs of their time spent in Korea.

For Ezra Latterell, a student from Osan Air Base, the class has meant learning new skills from Professor Giwon Kim to create more 3D-printed objects.

"I usually build a paper elevator or a LEGO city at home, and now I'm learning new skills to make more fun stuff through this class," Latterell said. "A cat is the first thing I made!"



Children are encouraged to bring any questions or ideas back to the classroom. By blending technical education with opportunities to connect with the local community, the program provides valuable learning experiences for participants from U.S. military bases in Pyeongtaek. lee.hyemin@stripes.com

Stripes Sports Trivia

Which of Michael Jordan's sidekicks hit a three-pointer in the final seconds of Game 6 to secure the 1993 title for the Bulls?

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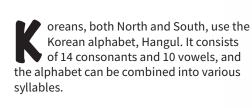


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Hangul of the week



Hanguk-eo (Korean language)

Language Lesson

Can you speak Korean?

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(한국어 할 수 있어요?)

The 58th KING DANJONG CULTURE FESTIVAL History and Cultural Festival that represents Yeongwol April 25(Fri)~27(Sun), 2025



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35 King protectors

43 Walks unsteadily

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dess of love

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Girls"

51 Miles off

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61 Berry in smoothies

62 Indigo dye

63 Finger-pointer

64 "Nail" anagram

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 - 57 Actress Gershon
 - 59 "For Me and My
 - 60 "If you ask me," in a text

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