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Evers to celebrate Military Child Month in Sparta

MADISON — State Superintendent Tony Evers will be among dignitaries joining the Month of the Military Child celebration Thursday at Meadowview Schools in the Sparta Area School District.

The event kicks off at 11:30 a.m. with a welcome from Sparta Superintendent John Hendricks. In addition to Evers, special guests include Brigadier General Mark Michie, Wisconsin Army National Guard; Karen Panier, author of “Love Spots,” the children’s story about why camouflage uniforms are spotted; Shelley Joan Weiss, Wisconsin Commissioner for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children; and State Sen. Julie Lassa (D-Stevens Point).

At 12:15 p.m. jazz music in the school gym will be presented by the Meadowview Middle School Jazz Band. In addition to student speakers, the Meadowview Middle School Choir will perform. The jazz band will close the student program.

April has been designated Month of the Military Child to underscore the important role children play in the nation’s military communities. Military families move between postings on a regular basis with children of military families attending six to nine different schools from kindergarten through high school graduation. Events during the month included “Purple Up! for Military Kids” on April 15, which encouraged people to wear purple in support of military children. Wisconsin is a member of Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission, which eases transitions for military families and works with schools to ensure educational opportunities and success for children of military families.

The state superintendent’s video message for Month of the Military Child can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZFLvWhD2s-E>.

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WHO: State Superintendent Tony Evers

WHAT: Military Child Month Celebration

WHEN: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, April 16, 2015

WHERE: Meadowview Intermediate School and Meadowview Middle School
1225 North Water Street, Sparta