# SBMS Counselors' Corner

Spring has sprung! (SPRING Edition)

# **Getting Ready for Purple Up!**

**April is the Month of the Military Child!** 

Military children comprise a very special part of our nation's population. These brave sons and daughters stand in steadfast support of their military parents and related family members and friends

All SBMS students and staff will be celebrating the unique contributions and sacrifices the military members of our school community have made on behalf of our country. In addition to student volunteers leading the school in the Pledge of Allegiance on our Morning Announcements, the SBMS Junior Student-2-Student Group is helping spearhead specific events during the week of April 8th. Here is what everyone can look forward to.

### Monday the 8th - Wear Your Patriotism on Your Face!

Students and staff can have a military-related item such as a flag, star or patriotic ribbon painted on their face!

### Tuesday the 9th - Serving Across the Seven Seas!

Military families live all over the world! Military-affiliated students are encouraged to pin on a world map the various places they have lived around the world. It will be great fun to learn of all the places our military families have had their adventures as we walk down our back hall to breakfast and lunch.

### Wednesday the 10th - Wall of Heroes

Students and staff are encouraged to bring in a picture of any military friends or family members to place on our "Wall of Heroes" located on the back hallway of the main building.

### Thursday the 11th - Friendship Bracelets

The spirited group of JS2S students will be selling friendship bracelets during lunch.

### Friday the 12th - Purple Up!

Let's end the week with an explosion of purple! All SBMS folk are encouraged to wear as much purple as possible!

# **Military Child and Family Resources**

The title above is a hyperlink to many resources.

# **#MADStrong**

Thank you for supporting our penny drive this week. We look forward to some March Madness on the SBMS Basketball Court the week of April the 1st. Come out the evening of the 5th to support student and staff as we continue to be #MADStrong!

# Attention RISING SBE 6th Grade Families for the 19-20 School Year

At Swansboro Elementary School, on Thursday, May 2nd, at 8:30 a.m., the middle school counselors will join the SBE Administration and school counselor, Mr. Dick, to share important information about middle school. We will discuss a variety of topics that will provide tips and recommendations on how best to help your rising 6th grade student successfully navigate middle school.

Fifth Grade students will be touring SBMS on Friday, May 3rd. What an exciting time to prepare for the 19-20 School Year.



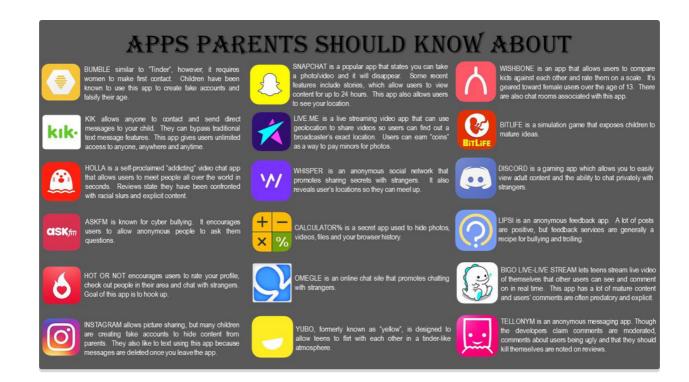
# **Apps Parents Should Know About**

As parents and quardians of middle school children, it is important to be looking at their devices on a regular basis to ensure that your child is respecting the guidance you have provided them, upholding your values and staying safe.

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### **Attendance Counts**

Each day, we talk with our students about the importance of daily attendance in school. There are certainly reasons our children cannot go to school on a given day such as illness. Yet, more than just a few absences in a given year can have lasting effects on a student's academic progress. Click on the title, "Attendance Counts", to access a tool to help you show your child how absences in school can impact their reading and math achievement levels.

