

## COMMUNITY CORNER

# Post to recognize military Families during appreciation month

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Three years ago, the Army and Fort Riley made a commitment to Families when leaders signed the Army Family Covenant.

The covenant recognizes "the commitment and sacrifices that our Families are making every day" and the "strength of our Soldiers comes from the strength of their Families."

November is Military Family Appreciation Month. At Fort Riley, we will celebrate our Families' strength and commitment to their Soldiers with a few special events.

The month's festivities will kick off at 7 p.m. Oct. 29 with Darryl Worley's God and Country Tour at Hangar 863

on Marshall Army Airfield. The concert is a free music tribute to military Families.

For more information about the concert, call 785-240-0479 or visit [www.darryl-worley.com](http://www.darryl-worley.com).

Activities throughout the month of November will include the Family Readiness Group Muster from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Barlow Theater.

The muster provides a forum for FRG leaders and other interested Family members to receive information about upcoming events and activities.

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host a Mas-



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querade Party from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 5 at Riley's Conference Center.

The Family-focused event will include a disc jockey from Kansas City, costume contests for all ages, children's games, dancing, food and prizes.

Hearts Apart is a program especially for our spouses whose Soldiers are deployed or on an unaccompanied tour.

It provides opportunities for spouses and Family members to get out and about to meet others who share their situation.

This November, Hearts Apart will host a holiday card event. Families will make cards for their deployed Soldiers from

6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 9 at Army Community Service, 7264 Normandy Dr., on Custer Hill. Register by calling 785-

239-9435 or e-mailing [dmwracs@conus.army.mil](mailto:dmwracs@conus.army.mil).

Employment Readiness will host a job fair Nov. 16 at Riley's Conference Center.

From 2 to 6 p.m., job seekers will be able to meet with prospective employers from on and off post. For more information or to register, call 785-239-9435.

Riley's Conference Center will feature "Cats and Dogs II" during its Dinner and a Movie Night beginning at 6 p.m. Nov. 18. A buffet dinner will be available.

Another opportunity for dinner with the Family will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Nov. 19 at the Cantigny Dining Facility. The "Surf and Turf" dinner is open to Soldiers, retirees, their Family members and Depart-

ment of Defense civilians. The cost is \$6.

The next day, head to the Outdoor Recreation Center to run off that dinner during the Turkey Two-Miler Fun Run. The run starts at 9 a.m. Nov. 20.

Enjoy the fall weather on the route down Rifle Range Road. Prizes and games for children also will be offered during the event. From 1 to 3 p.m. that afternoon, the Post Library will host a Thanksgiving Craft Party.

The opportunities highlighted for Military Family Appreciation Month are just a small part of what we at Fort Riley provide for our Families every day.

Whether our Soldiers are at home or deployed, it's im-

portant for our Families to stay connected, learn from others and support each other.

Keep your eyes on the Post newspaper for more information about these events and others you can participate in to stay involved.

Another good source of information is our Fort Riley page on Facebook - [www.facebook.com/FortRiley](http://www.facebook.com/FortRiley) or FMWR's website, [www.rileymwr.com](http://www.rileymwr.com).

If you prefer TV news, check out Riley TV on post on Allegiance Channel 2, or watch the video clips online at [www.rileyarmy.mil](http://www.rileyarmy.mil).

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## Ware Elementary School shares tips for School Bus Safety Week

School Bus Safety Week is Oct. 18 to 22. Ware Elementary School would like to remind children and adults how to stay safe.

### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR CHILDREN:

- The bus driver and others cannot see children if they are standing closer than 10 feet to the bus. Stay out of the danger zone.
- If something falls under or near the bus, tell the driver. Never try to pick it up.
- While waiting for the bus, stay in a safe place away from the street.

• When getting on or off the bus, look for the bus safety lights and make sure they are flashing.

• Be alert to traffic. When getting on or off the bus, look left, right and left again before entering or crossing the street.

- When the driver says it is safe to cross the street, remember to cross in front of the bus.
- Stay in seats and sit quietly so the driver is not distracted.

### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW:

- School buses are the safest form of highway transportation.
- The most dangerous part of the school bus ride is getting on and off the bus.
- Pedestrian fatalities (while loading and unloading school buses) account for about three times as many school bus-related fatalities, when compared to school bus occupant fatalities.

• The loading and unloading area is called the "Danger Zone." The "Danger Zone" is the area on all sides of the bus where children are in the most danger of not being seen by the driver, which is 10 feet in front

of the bus where the driver may be too high to see a child; 10 feet on either side of the bus where a child may be in the driver's blind spot; and the area behind the bus.

Half of the pedestrian fatalities in school bus-related crashes are children between 5 and 7 years old.

Young children are most likely to be struck because they:

- Hurry to get on and off the bus
- Act before they think and have little experience with traffic
- Assume motorists will see them and will wait for them to cross the street
- Don't always stay within the bus driver's sight

For more safety tips visit <http://naptonline.org>, the website for the National Association of Pupil Transportation.

### FIRE SAFETY



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Fort Riley Fire Department inspector Stephon Dalling, right, talks to Morris Hill Elementary School students Oct. 7 about fire prevention and fire safety. The event was in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week. Members of the FRFD fire inspection branch visited Ware and Morris Hill elementary schools on post, and Solomon Elementary School in Solomon. The FRFD plans to visit the remaining post elementary schools, as well as Enterprise Elementary School in Enterprise and White City Elementary School in White City throughout the month of October.