

Fort Beverly

Fort Beverly is the name of a unique support program that was developed at the North Beverly School. Twice a week military-connected students get together with a school adjustment counselor and are able to interact with other children who are going what they are going through – deployment, preparation for active duty or return from service of a family member. The program provides ways for families to access available services while also providing an opportunity for adults to get together and be able to share their experiences.

North Beverly is proud to have numerous military families both in active duty and reserve. This is an often under-identified population that is in need of resources and support. Beverly state Representative and U.S. Army Reservist Jerry Parisella and his wife Lisa's daughter Sophia is a second grader at North Beverly. Along with the Avery family, they participated in the video documentary "Staying Strong: How Schools Build Resilience in Military Families" that was shown at the Statehouse on October 1, 2012.

Thank you to our families, principal Erin Brown, school nurse June Kazes, teachers Donna Klimowicz and Patti Drinkwater, former principal Jennifer Flewelling, former school adjustment counselor Jennifer Rogers-Burke and Beverly Veterans Agent Jerry Guillebbe for their efforts. Contact Lisa Parisella atlaparisella@aol.com for more information.

Read about Fort Beverly in the Salem News:

<http://www.salemnews.com/local/x240471645/Fort-Beverly-in-the-limelight>

<http://www.salemnews.com/opinion/x964644186/Our-view-Three-things-to-like-about-Beverly>

Learn more about Staying Strong:

<http://www.stayingstrong.org/splash>

Learn more about the Home Base Program:

<http://www.homebaseprogram.org/general-information.aspx>