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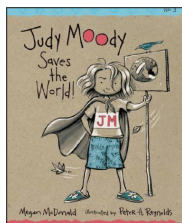


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Tips for parents, kids

USA.gov

Whether you're a parent or educator, use these resources and tips to prepare for the new school year.

Check-Ups and Immunizations

It's a good idea to take your child in for a physical and eye exam before school starts. If your child will be participating in a sports activity, your family doctor may have to sign a release form to permit your child to participate.

Most schools require your child's immunization shots are up-to-date. Remember that each state has different immunization requirements. Let your healthcare provider know if you have any questions or concerns about the vaccines your child is scheduled to receive.

School entry may require documentation of immunization records, so be sure to contact your school ahead of time to find out what might be required, and be sure to bring any school forms for your healthcare provider to fill out and sign. Failure to keep immunizations up-to-date could result in your child not being able to attend school. It's also helpful to keep a copy of the records for yourself and your child's school.

Financial Assistance for Families

There are several programs and resources available to ease the financial burden of going back to school,

including low cost lunches and affordable health insurance. Find out if your family qualifies for the National School Lunch Program or subsidized health care.

Homework Help

Homework can provide many benefits for children. It can improve memory and comprehension, develop study skills, and teach children how to manage time. You can help by making sure your kids have a quiet, well-lit place to do homework and provide assistance, but not complete answers. Learn how to help your kids with homework and succeed in school.

Shopping for School Supplies

During the month of August, some states offer a "sales tax holiday," which means that certain products won't be taxed during a set period of time. This is a great opportunity to save money on back-to-school items including clothes, shoes, and supplies. Check to see if your state participates in sales tax holidays.

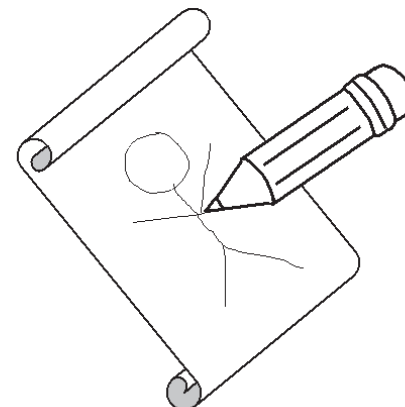
Plan Healthy Lunches

As you prepare to send your children back to school, remember that nutrition is an important factor in academic performance. Studies have shown that children who eat healthful, balanced breakfasts and lunches are more alert throughout the school day and earn higher grades than those who have an unhealthy diet. Get tips on packing a healthful lunch.

School Word Search

C F G U K B G D D H
R E P A P R O H E Y
T E A C H E R O S M
L I C N E P M F K K
O D Y R E C E S S S

books
desks
paper
pencil
recess
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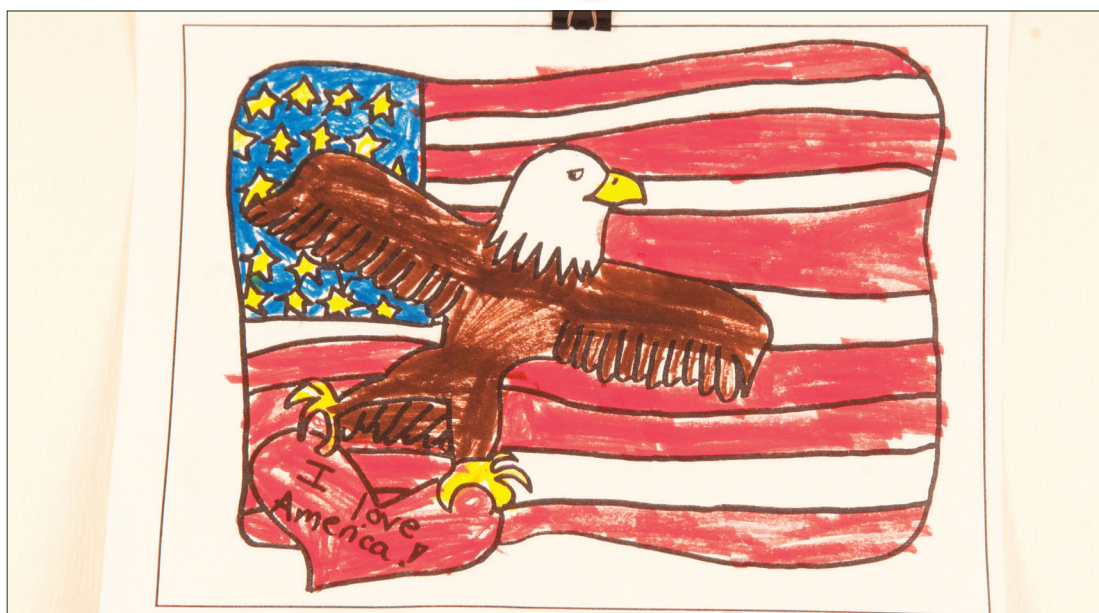


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News to Use

HARD ROAD CLOSURE

Access to Airport Loop between Avenue A and County 14th is CLOSED due to a sink hole until further notice. This includes access to emergency vehicles.

2012 HIRING OUR HEROES VETERANS EVENT

Please join us for a FREE one-of-a-kind hiring fair sponsored by Hero2Hired (H2H) for job seekers and employers, Aug. 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Scottsdale Resort and Conference Center, 7700 E. McCormick Parkway, Scottsdale, Ariz., 85258. This hiring fair is for veterans, military members currently serving, and military/veteran spouses.

DRMO CLOSURE

DLA Disposition Services Yuma (formally DRMO) will be closed until Aug. 6 at 7 a.m. For appointments, disposition, documentation, regulations, or reutilization questions please log onto www.dispositionservices.dla.mil. Your Disposition Services Representative is John Wilcox. DSR is located in the DLA Disposition Services Office in building 324 on MCAS Yuma. DSR Wilcox can be reached at DSN: 269-2177 or at email: DRMSYumaDSR@dla.mil.

FAMILY CARE BRANCH RESOURCE FAIR

The MCAS Yuma Family Care Branch will host a Family Care Back to School Resource Fair on Wednesday, Aug. 1 at the Sonoran Pueblo from 5-7 p.m. The Resource Fair is an excellent opportunity for military families with school age children to learn about the various community and installation resources available to them to support their children throughout the school year. School supplies, door prizes and a hamburger dinner will be provided. For more information, parents can call Elena McShane at (928) 269-5373.

OPERATION HOMEFRONT AT YPG

The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is scheduled to host Operation Homefront's Back-to-School Brigade at the Desert Breeze Travel Camp (Bldg. S6) on Saturday, Aug. 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will provide free backpacks and school supplies for children of active duty

service members ranks E1-E6, reducing some of the stress of the new school year for military families. Online registration is mandatory, and one can do so at www.operationhomefront.net/arizona. Patrons are reminded they must present their military ID cards to participate. For more information, contact YPG's Army Community Service office at (928) 328-2513.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Cibola High School School registration
DATES: Thursday, 2 Aug 0745 - 1400
Friday, 3 Aug 0745 - 1200

Clarification: This is not deemed a Community Relations event and therefore, all interested in volunteering must contact the school's POC directly; also military uniforms are not authorized. For more information, contact Shannon Garcia at (928) 502-5706 or at sgarcia@yumaed.org.

PARENT SURVEY

We encourage all MCAS Yuma military parents with school age children to complete the below survey by Aug. 3. We also encourage geo-bachelors with school age children to participate. Data from the survey will assist us in moving forward with continued educational progress and success for all military school age children attending schools in Yuma. Please contact the MCAS Yuma School Liaison, Elena McShane, for more information at (928) 269-5373.

Parent survey: <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e64koelqh4fuskhz/start>.

MESS HALL HOURS

Monday-Friday:
Breakfast: 5:30-7:30 a.m.
Lunch: 11a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner: 4-6 p.m.
Midrats: 11 p.m. to 12:45 a.m.
SubMarine Bar: 7-9 p.m.
Weekend Schedule:
Brunch 9 a.m. to noon
Dinner: 3-5 p.m.

For full menu online, www.yuma.usmc.mil.



5 Questions

Station School Liaison Officer

Elena McShane

1. What is the role of the school liaison, and how does it benefit the base community?

USMC School Liaisons are the link between military families, local schools and the Marine Corps. Our top priority is to provide parents, students and educators timely and relevant information to enhance learning and promote academic success. School Liaisons identify and coordinate community and installation resources to reduce the impact of the

mobile military lifestyle on military school-age children and families. School Liaisons educate local schools about the many challenges military school age children (K-12) experience such as frequent transitions from school to school, family separations and deployment of a parent.

2. What ways has the School Liaison Program been able to educate the Yuma school administrators and teachers about the transitional challenges that military school age children often experience?

For the last two years I've collaborated with our Marine Corps Family Team Building trainers to create "LINKS for Teachers." This two-hour training educates teachers and administrators on the military lifestyle and the educational, social and emotional effects it can have on our military connected children. By the end of this summer, eight schools will have received this very valuable training. This summer we are also providing an educational workshop specifically to school counselors. I also make it a point to schedule meetings several times per year with all of our Yuma School Superintendents and Principals of heavily military-impacted schools in order to communicate parental concerns and provide suggestions for improvements that will benefit our military children.

3. What are some tips for parents to help them determine the best school for their children?

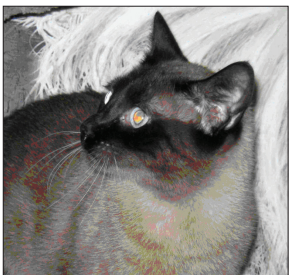
The educational needs and desires are different for each family and child. When new incoming families contact me for the first time seeking advice, I encourage them to assess their family situation first such as determining their options for housing, the need for transportation and before & afterschool child care. Most of our Yuma schools allow for open enrollment, which means that our families have many educational options available to them to include public, charter, private, home schooling and online schools. Depending on the age of the child, parents must consider the following important things when looking for the best school to fit their child's needs: The availability of programs such as Gifted, Special Education, AVID, Sports, Clubs, AP, Dual Credit and Honors Courses. It is also important to consider high school graduation rates, class sizes, safety and disciplinary programs as well as academic performance on standardized tests and Arizona Department of Education school rankings.

4. What are some milestones in the MCAS Yuma School Liaison Program since it was established in 2008?

MCAS Yuma now has a much stronger relationship with our local educational agencies. I am pleased to see how the School Liaison Program has been instrumental in building relationships and partnerships between our commands and our Yuma Schools. In particular it has been exciting to work with community members the last three years to provide the live web broadcasting of all 6 area high school commencement ceremonies so that deployed parents and families far away could watch their loved ones graduate. Other milestones are assisting VMA-214 to adopt McGraw Elementary School, collaborating with PAO to facilitate more school fieldtrips to our installation, as well as providing support to our local schools with more Marine volunteers. Finally, it was an honor to be invited by the Arizona Superintendent of Education to speak in Phoenix at the first Arizona Department of Education workshop dedicated to the transitional issues facing our Arizona military connected children. This workshop was the catalyst to the Governor's recent establishment of the State Council for the Education of Military Children.

5. What recommendations can you provide parents as they help their students prepare for a successful 2012-13 school year?

Establish bedtime routines, establish a designated homework area with adult supervision, monitor the television, check your child's backpack each day, keep backpacks in the same place so children don't forget to take them as they walk out the door, breakfast is the most important meal of the day, allow children some down time to eat a healthy snack prior to beginning homework, utilize your school's online parent communication tool to check for academic progress and communicate with teachers, have high but realistic expectations for your children, praise their successes, seek out help from teachers when necessary. Contact the MCAS Yuma School Liaison for any (K-12) questions, concerns or assistance needed throughout the school year at (928) 269-5373 or mcshaneea@usmc-mccs.org.



Tailspotter

Sheba

Sheba is a 5 year old Chocolate Point Siamese Cat who loves belly rubs and hugs. And she is already spayed with up-to-date vaccinations. For more information about adopting, contact the Humane Society of Yuma at (928) 782-1621.



Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children

Elena McShane

MCAS Yuma School Liaison Officer

The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children directs the governor of Arizona to enter into a compact with other states to remove barriers to educational success that are imposed on children of military families (military children) because of frequent moves and deployment of parents. Forty-three States belong to this Compact.

The Interstate Compact enacts the following provisions:

- Facilitates the timely enrollment of military children because of difficulties in the transfer of education records from a previous school district or because of variations in entrance or age requirements.

- Facilitates the student placement process by allowing waivers to ensure that military children are not disadvantaged by variations in attendance requirements, scheduling, grading, course content or assessment.

- Streamlines qualifications and eligibility for enrollment, educational programs and participation in extracurricular programs for military children.

- Facilitates the on-time graduation of military children.

- Promotes flexibility and cooperation among the educational system, military parents, and military children to achieve educational success for the student.

****Note- The compact applies to public schools only**

Contact McShane for more information at (928) 269-5372 or mcshaneea@usmc-mccs.org

Governor Jan Brewer Establishes Panel to Help Meet Unique Education Needs of Children in Military Families

From the Office of Governor Brewer

PHOENIX – It's the eve of the start of another school year, and that can mean plenty of anxiety and sleepless nights for students preparing for class in a different school. The unfamiliar setting. New teachers. Different classmates.

Now, imagine going through that stress and worry every few years. That's the reality for thousands of Arizona children who have one or more parents in the Armed Forces. Due to regular deployments, transfers and other unique stresses of the mobile military lifestyle, these children face special challenges in their education.

To help meet these challenges, Governor Jan Brewer signed an Executive Order establishing a State Council on the Education for Military Children, July 27. The Council will provide a forum for these families to discuss their needs, and will offer recommendations to the Governor on steps the State of Arizona can take to assist military families in minimizing the educational disruption to children during deployment and relocation. Currently, an estimated 9,890 children from military families attend Arizona K-12 schools.

"I'm proud that Arizona has a strong military community, with installations employing more than 83,000 active-duty personnel, reservists and civilians across our State," said Governor Brewer. "But I also recognize that children in these households may face unique academic challenges, especially due to their frequent relocation. Through the work of this Council, the State of Arizona can take the actions necessary to minimize disruptions so that these children receive the education they deserve while their parents serve our Nation."

The average military family moves three times more often than its civilian counterpart. As a result, it is estimated that most military children will enroll in six

to nine different school systems between Kindergarten and high school graduation. Every time a student transfers, they face not only the stress of making new friends and becoming accustomed to a new school, but also more mundane challenges associated with records transfer, variable academic and graduation requirements between schools, missed milestone assessments and other issues.

representatives of Arizona's military installations, school administrators and parents to present and find solutions to these unique challenges.

"The military families in the Yuma area appreciate the Governor's emphasis on addressing the unique needs of the military child. These young people are as dedicated to excellence as their parents," said Col. Robert Kuckuk, commanding officer for Marine Corps Air Station Yuma.

"Support for the Interstate Compact for Military Children is vital to leveling the playing field for these highly-mobile children."

The panel will include, but not be limited to, the following members:

The Commander, or their designee, from each of the following military installations:

- Davis-Monthan Air Force Base
- Fort Huachuca
- Luke Air Force Base
- US Army Yuma Proving Ground
- Marine Corps Air Station Yuma
- The Adjutant General or designee
- One representative from the Legislative Branch
- One representative from the Executive Branch

"Our Fort Huachuca Families and I welcome the opportunity to collaborate with the State Council on the Education for Military Children," said Maj. Gen. Gregg Potter, commanding general of Fort Huachuca and the U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence. "Soldiers are the strength of our Army, and our families are the strength of our soldiers. Ensuring our military children have the best access to the best education is just one way we can strengthen our Army and our

Nation. Ultimately, all of Arizona's children will benefit from the efforts of this Council to smooth student transitions associated with relocation."

Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-1911, the State Council on the Education for Military Children will function in compliance with the now 43-state Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children in removing educational barriers often imposed on Arizona's military families.



Photo by Cpl. Shelby Shields

Military children work on artwork at MCAS Yuma's Youth Center, July 27. The same day, Governor Jan Brewer signed an executive order establishing a State Council on the Education of Military Children. The Council will provide a forum for these families to discuss their needs, and will offer recommendations to the Governor on steps the State of Arizona can take to assist military families in minimizing the educational disruption to children during deployment and relocation. Currently, an estimated 9,890 children from military families attend Arizona K-12 schools.

"The Department of Education has been representing Arizona on the Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children to address the unique needs of our state's military children," said Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal. "We are pleased the Governor has created this Advisory Council to help enhance our efforts."

The primary goal of the State Council on the Education for Military Children will be to provide a forum for the

Marine Corps Family Team Building: Helping Uniformed Families

From the office of MCFTB

Marine Corps Family Team Building (MCFTB) is a department within MCCA aboard MCAS Yuma. As part of the Family Readiness Program, MCFTB's mission is to enhance the readiness of Marines, Sailors and their families, and foster their personal growth through education and training.

MCFTB offers a variety of classes and workshops for adults, teens and children. While many of these classes are determined by USMC Headquarters, several MCFTB offerings have been developed locally according to the needs of MCAS Yuma Marines, Sailors and their families. MCFTB also works hand in hand with Family Readiness Officers and Command Teams to promote family readiness by providing unit-specific trainings, workshops and events.

Marine Corps Family Team Building is comprised of five programs: Family Readiness Program, LifeSkills classes and workshops, L.I.N.K.S., Readiness & Deployment Support and Children's Programs.

The Children's Programs are one of the most unique and wonderful things about the MCFTB here in Yuma. The goal in the programs offered is to supply children with the tools needed to positively and successfully cope with the military lifestyle... especially

during times of separation and deployment. In addition to Pre-Deployment classes and Return & Reunion classes for children, MCFTB also offers support for children throughout times of separation and deployment through a group called, "Hearts Apart for Kids."

Hearts Apart is a small group of children (ages five years and older) with deployed parents who meet weekly to explore feelings, express concerns, and learn strategies for helping themselves cope with the absence of a loved one. Through discussions, art activities, and games, children will find answers to their questions and comfort in the knowledge that they are not alone in the circumstances they face.

Do you have questions or want more information? The trainers at MCFTB would love to hear from you! Please contact us at (928) 269-6550 or stop by our office in Bldg 598 (next to the Commissary).

Brooke Burgess, Director: (928) 269-6502

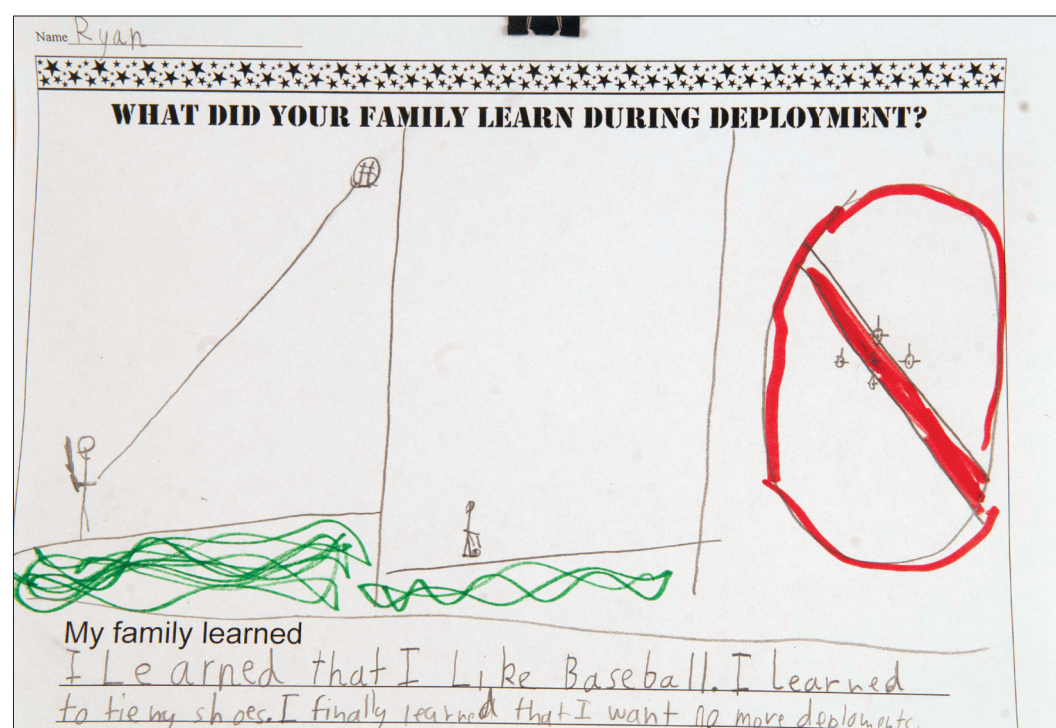
Meaghan McMahon, LifeSkills & Children's Programs: (928) 269-6544

Lauren Tye, L.I.N.K.S. & Deployment Support: (928) 269-6503

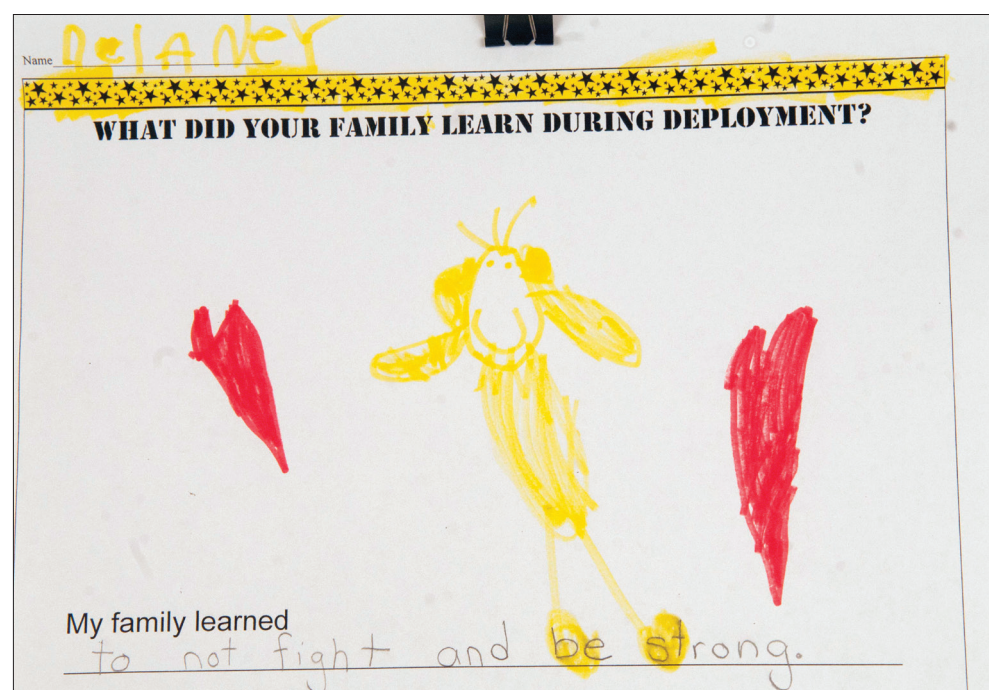
Robert Wendt, Family Readiness Program & Deployment Support: (928) 256-6553

Below are works made by kids during their parents' deployments and pictures of the Hearts Apart Club.

Dealing with Deployments



Artwork by Ryan



Artwork by Delaney

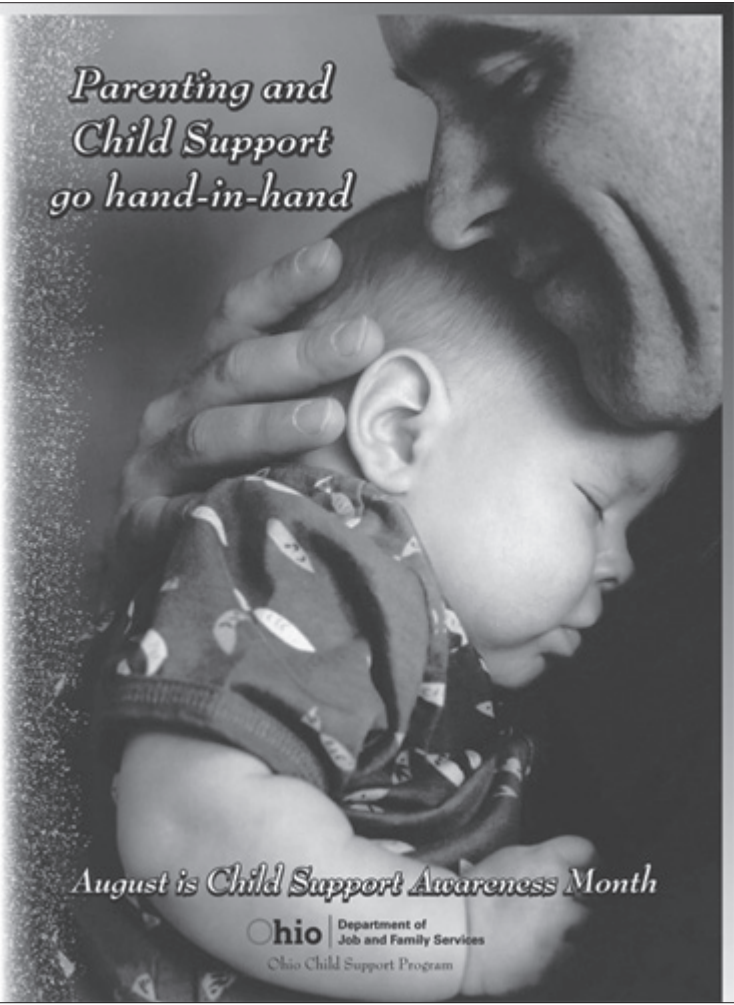
BACK TO SCHOOL PUZZLE

Can you name all of your back to school supplies?
Color and cut out your very own puzzle.



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August is Child Support Awareness Month



The Wallstreet Journal

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Aug 01, 2012 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- August is Child Support Awareness Month and states and local jurisdictions throughout the nation will work to increase awareness of the importance of both parents participating in the Child Support Program.

In recognition of Child Support Awareness Month in California, the Child Support Directors Association (CSDA) is pleased to be coordinating efforts with county child support departments that are working with parents to find solutions to child support matters.

As child support professionals, we know times are tough. California's economy has struggled mightily over the past several years and as a result, so has California families. Two groups hit hardest by the economic crisis are single parents trying to raise a family on a tight budget, and parents struggling to pay court-ordered child support in the midst of a struggling economy.

According to CSDA Executive Director David Oppenheim, "As child support professionals, we know first-hand that times are tough. Single parents desperately need every penny of support owed just to keep paying the bills and parents paying support are finding

it ever more difficult to secure and keep a good-paying job."

CSDA encourages parents to drop by or call their county child support department. County child support professionals are dedicated to working with both parents to find solutions to child support matters.

At the local office, a parent can make a payment, request modification of current support, request release of a professional license, inquire about a payment plan and, in some cases review a case for a potential compromise on an overdue balance.

In August, some local child support departments will also be initiating special projects to reach out to parents delinquent in their support. These efforts will include directed mailers, reminder calls to pay support and targeted outreach urging obligor parents to contact the county child support department.

The consistent payment of child support has been demonstrated to have an extremely positive impact on the lives of children receiving support.

Studies have shown that children who receive support have better outcomes in school, are generally healthier, and typically have a better relationship with both parents.



Today's children, tomorrow's...

Miss America



"I'm not really sure what I want to be when I grow up yet. I just know I like building things."

Chase



Architects

Teachers



"When we play pretend I'm always a teacher. I'm in the first grade so that's what I want to teach."

Makenzie



"I love pagents, some day I want to be Miss America. I love making people smile and laugh."

Carly

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Back to School
jokes for kids

Knock Knock!
Who's there?
Dewey.
Dewey who?
Dewey have to go to school today?



Have you heard about the teacher
who was cross-eyed?
She couldn't control her pupils!

Teacher: James, where is your home-
work?



James: I ate it.
Teacher: Why?

James: You said it was a piece of cake!

What's the best place to grow
flowers in school?
In kindergarden.



GET EXCITED!

Lt. James Johnson
MWSS-371 Chaplain

If you listen outside your window you will hear the voices of the combined choirs. The children are singing in anticipation to the beginning of the new school year. The parents are raising their voices in harmony welcoming this new academic year; same event evoke different motivations. This is amusing; however different, the parent's motivation for the children's new and upcoming challenges can only be shared and understood by other parents (wink, wink).

No matter what the individual motivation for the traditional beginning of fall season, enthusiasm and faith are key components to a child earning good grades, learning new material, and embracing the challenges bridging them both together. Exercising enthusiasm, that feeling of eagerness and passion, prepares the young mind and active spirit for meeting new friends, looking forward to homework and having fun in the process. Parents need to have fun with this time of year! Know that your level of excitement is directly related to your children's level of success and to their can-do positive attitude.

Exercising faith is also a major piece. Stay with me, I am going somewhere. Don't stop reading because you fear I am going to talk about the Eternal creator and His desire for your life and His desire to have a nurturing relationship with you. Important as that is, that is a topic for another day.

Parental units, shapers of young minds, in-house role models take a look at your expectations for those little ones who look up to you. When you set the achievement bar high and when you actively show faith, an outward belief that your child can learn and develop, they will meet your expectations. When you believe in the little one's abilities to earn success and embrace challenges they will move heaven and earth to reach your expectations. And if nothing else, they will put the game controller away and give the TV remote to Dad until after their studies are complete and they've read a book or magazine for a minimum of thirty minutes.

So as you pray with your children before they leave for school in the morning and before they close their eyes for the evening, I will also be praying that your family gets closer as a unit. Get excited and empower your children to do well in school. Set them up for success.

Chaplain's

Cornier



Chapel Schedule

- Catholic Mass
Sunday 9 a.m.
- Protestant Service
Sunday 11 a.m.
- Ladies Bible Study
Tuesday 9:15 a.m. to 11 a.m.
(Fellowship Hall)
- Lunch Time Bible Study
Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
(Fellowship Hall)
- Marriage Prep Class
Call for appointment

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Chase

Every child
The problem is how to re
-Pa



Akela

Akela wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up. So she can help save all the animals.



When asked to draw a picture of his hero, Chase, a nine year-old at the Youth Center, drew a picture of his dad, a Marine.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Zac Scanlon

Nevaeh (left) and Hailey draw pictures at the Youth Center. Both girls attend the Youth Center Summer Program on station.



the military means safe
me!

To many children on station, the military means a safe

And is an artist

remain an artist once we grow up
Pablo Picasso



Dru

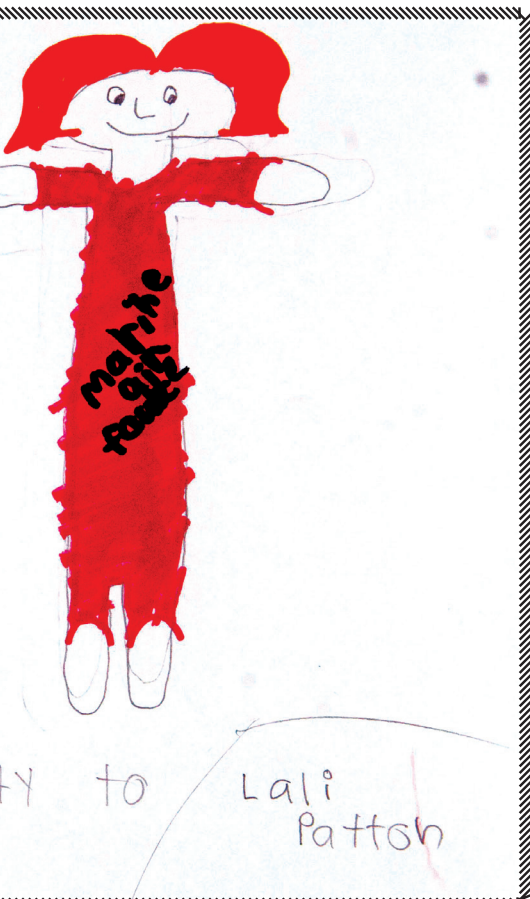


Madelyn

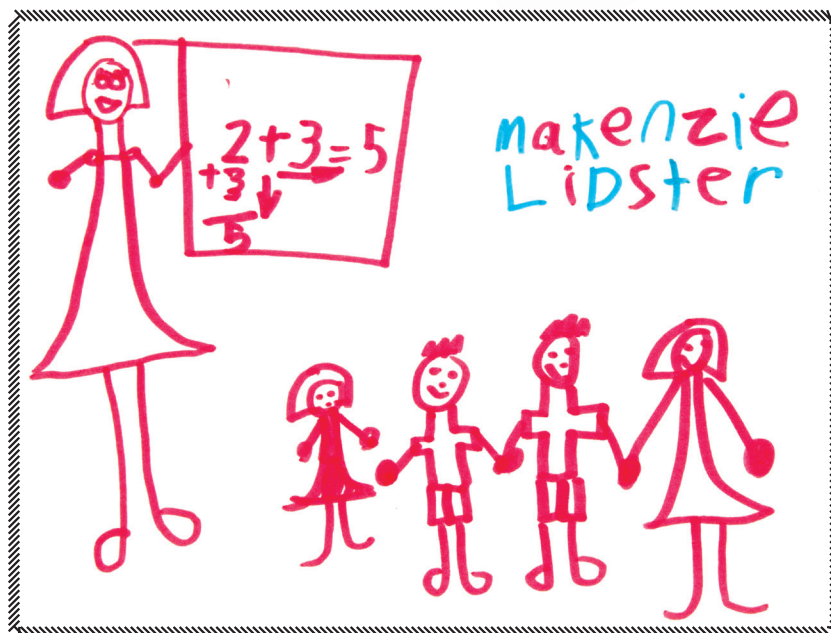


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Cadence (bottom) and Carly write and illustrate their own books on being a military child at the Youth Center on station.

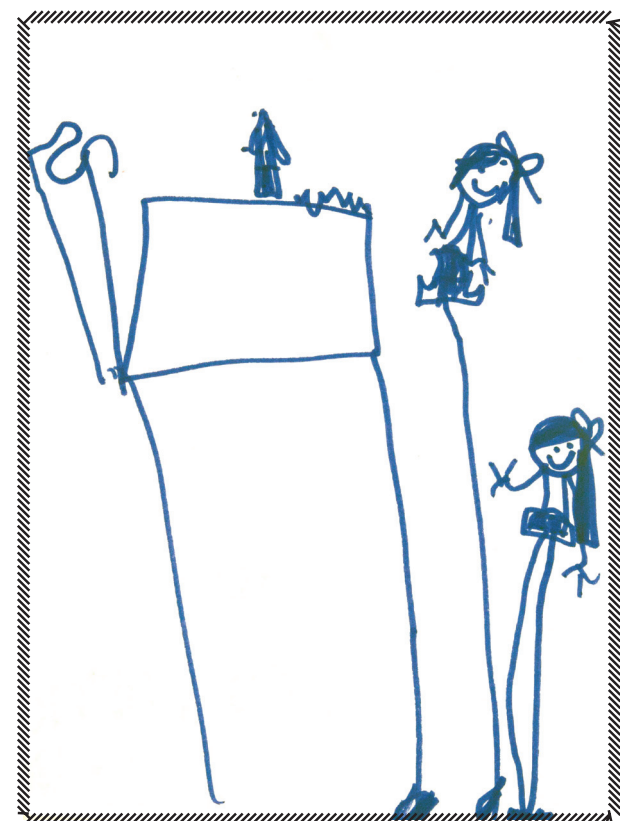


safe place to live.



Makenzie

Makenzie, a first grader at the Youth Center on station, wants to be a first-grade teacher when she grows up.



Cyan

Cyan wants to be an artist someday.

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MCCS YUMA PRESENTS THE
3RD ANNUAL
WARRIOR RIDE



156 mile **ADRENALINE-PUMPED MOTORCYCLE RUN** from MCAS Yuma to the famous **LONDON BRIDGE RESORT** in FUN FILLED
*Transportation available to non-rider patrons who wish to participate!

SEPTEMBER 7-9
ALL BASES INVITED!!!

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STATION MOVIE THEATER TIMES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

3D PROMETHEUS (R) 7:00PM

A team of explorers discover a clue to the origins of mankind on Earth, leading them on a journey to the darkest corners of the universe. There, they must fight a terrifying battle to save the future of the human race.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

ROCK OF AGES (PG-13) 6:00PM

A small town girl and a city boy meet on the Sunset Strip, while pursuing their Hollywood dreams.

THAT'S MY BOY (R) 9:00PM

While in his teens, Donny fathered a son, Todd, and raised him as a single parent up until Todd's 18th birthday. Now, after not seeing each other for years, Todd's world comes crashing down when Donny resurfaces just before Todd's wedding.

*All images and movie information from www.imdb.comVISIT WWW.MCCSYUMA.ORG FOR UPDATED MOVIE SCHEDULES OR CALL 928.269.2358

EVENTS CALENDAR

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CALENDAR!

AUGUST 02**NUTRITION 101****WHEN** Thu, Aug. 2, 1:30pm – 2:30pm**WHERE** Building 598

This 6 class series focuses on teaching Marines about healthy eating habits, nutrition principles, resting metabolic rate, stages of change. Includes Commissary and Chow Hall tours. For more info contact Health Promotion at 269-6642.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP**WHEN** Thu, Aug. 2, 3pm – 4pm**WHERE** Building 850

This workshop focuses on registering for federal financial aid through FAFSA as well as registering for scholarships through FastWeb. For more information call 269-5614.

AUGUST 03**FRIDAY NIGHT CARE****WHEN** Fri, Aug. 3, 6pm – Sat, Aug. 4, 12am**WHERE** CDC Building 1085

Hourly care for all registered children. For more information call 269-2350.

**YOUTH CENTER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION POTLUCK****WHEN** Fri Aug. 3, 7pm – 10pm**WHERE** Youth Center

Come celebrate with your friends. Birthday celebration for all August birthdays. Bring your favorite birthday dish to share with your friends. Games, dancing, cake and ice cream. It's going to be a fun time for all. 269-5390 for more info.

AUGUST 04**BACK TO SCHOOL BOWLING****WHEN** Sat, August 4, 11am – 1pm**WHERE** Cactus Bowl

Kids cosmic bowling is \$6.75 for all kids 13 and younger.

STATION THEATER BACK TO SCHOOL SPECIAL**WHEN** Sat, August 4, 1pm – 2pm**WHERE** Station Theater

Kids between ages 6-12 are free, when they are accompanied by their parent.

LADIES BOOK CLUB**WHEN** Sat, August 4, 10am – 11:30am**WHERE** Station Library

Get together and have a casual discussion about Half Broke Horses by Jeanette Walls. For more information call 269-2785.

AUGUST 06**FLAG FOOTBALL PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENT****WHEN** Mon, Aug. 6, 6:30pm – 8:30pm**WHERE** Ramada

Team Captain Meeting is 8/2 at the station gym at 1130. For more information call the Athletics Department, 269-2383.

PLAY MORNING**WHEN** Mon, Aug. 6, 6:30pm – 8:30pm**WHERE** Ramada

Playgroup for parents and children ages 5 and under. While this playgroup is designed for children 1-5 years old, infants are more than welcome to come along! For more information call 269-6053.

AUGUST 07**ANGER MANAGEMENT****WHEN** Tue, Aug. 7, 1:00pm – 3:30pm**WHERE** Building 598

Learn alternative methods for managing anger. Call 269-2561 for more information.

AUGUST 08**FINANCIAL FITNESS FOR LIFE****WHEN** Wed, Aug. 8, 8am – 10pm**WHERE** Building 598

This Personal Financial Management Workshop provides basic budget, credit card, credit report and Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) information. Reservations are required. Call 269-2425.

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50,000th Devil Pup Graduates on Pendleton

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Trevon S. Peracca
MCB Camp Pendleton

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — A graduation ceremony was held for the nation's newest Devil Pups at Camp Pendleton's 52 Area Parade Deck, July 28.

Among the students in the graduating class was the 50,000th graduate of the program, Benjamin Hulbert, a 15-year-old San Diego native, also the great grandson of retired Marine Corps Colonel Alexander Duncan Shaw, the founder of the Devil Pups program.



Devil Pups present arms to the reviewing officer during their graduation ceremony on Camp Pendleton's 52 Area Parade Deck, July 28.

"Ever since I was 8-years-old, I've always had that urge to be out on the parade deck and become a devil pup," said Hulbert. "My grandfather started this program because he wanted the teenagers of our country to have a more profound pride in the country they live in."

The program began in 1954 after Shaw heard about burnings of the American Flag. It was then he realized teens of America needed more pride and discipline to help secure a successful future.

"I feel like a better citizen," said Hulbert. "I would recommend it to anyone 14 to 17-years-old, anyone doubting themselves, going through a hard time or just needing something to strive for."

A rewarding experience made to impact hundreds of lives each summer is not an easy task to accomplish in only 10 days. With the help of Marine escorts (instructors), these adolescents are instilled with American values that will last a lifetime.

The pups are taught self-respect, discipline, responsibility and more. After an astonishing transformation these Devil Pups return to society as better citizens and improved individuals.



Brig. Gen. Vincent A. Coglianesse, commanding general of Marine Corps Installations West - Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, shakes hands with Benjamin Hulbert, the 50,000th Devil Pup graduate, during the Devil Pups graduation ceremony on Camp Pendleton's 52 Area Parade Deck, July 28.

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HEY KIDS, WHO'S YOUR HERO?

My parents of course. My dad lets me go to Reno with him and camp and he let's me go to my friend Eli's a lot. My mom takes me to Wild River and we play video games and eat pizza.



Above, below: Artwork by Nathaniel Brennan



Artwork by Nevaeh Rodriguez

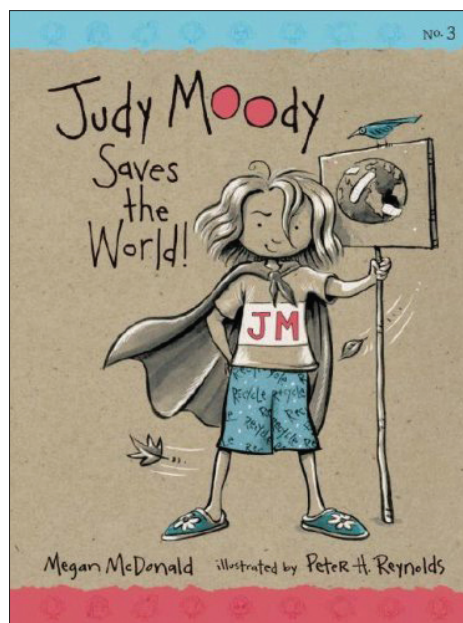
My dad- he is a Marine and protects me. He fights for everyone's freedom. He takes my family to parks and movies and out to eat a lot.

Station kids share their favorite Yuma food spots *Cold Stone Creamery*



Abby Graham says: My favorite resturant is Cold Stone, because they have ice cream and you can put anything on it. My family goes together for desert.

Children's Book Reviews



Cadence Teal on The Judy Moody Series

They're really funny and always teach you something. Especially lessons about never giving up and following your dreams.

Poetry Corner

The Life of a Marine by Aja Wells

I see those Marines
Work so hard.
They also save the country.
You see jets
fly in the sky.
When your Marine
family is away.
There is a reason
why they're away.

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Upcoming station Youth Sports



Cheerleading

July 2nd-Aug. 3rd: Registration.
July 13th: Clinic.
Aug. 13th: Practice Starts.
Sept. 22nd: Season Begins.
Dec. 31st: Season Ends.

Track and Field (2013)

Feb. 1st - March 5th: Registration.
March 6th - 9th: Clinic, Coaches Meeting, Team Assignment.
March 11th: Practice Starts.
March 20th: Season Begins.
May 1st: Season Ends



Flag Football

July 16th - Sept. 5th: Registration.
Sept. 6th - 8th: Clinic, Coaches Meeting, Team Assignment.
Sept. 9th: Practice Starts.
Sept. 22nd: Season Begins.
Dec. 15th: Season Ends.



Baseball & Softball (2013)

Feb. 25th - March 22nd: Registration.
March 7th, 30th: Clinic, Coaches Meeting, Team Assignment.
April 1st: Practice Starts.
April 13th: Season Begins.
June 1st: Season Ends.



Soccer

Nov. 26th - Jan. 7th, 2013: Registration.
Jan. 9th - 12th: Clinic, Coaches Meeting, Team Assignment.
Jan. 14th: Practice Starts.
Jan. 30th: Season Begins.
March 16th: Season Ends

Basketball (2013)

March 25th - April 9th: Registration. April 25th - 27th: Clinic, Coaches Meeting, Team Assignment.
April 29th: Practice Starts.
May 11th: Season Begins.
July 27th: Season Ends



For full 2012 and 2013 Youth Sports calendars, visit www.mccsyuma.org

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