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MCAS Yuma School Liaison Program

Newsletter
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Greetings from the

MCAS Yuma School Liaison Program!

Greetings from your MCAS Yuma School Liaison and installation point of contact for all PK-12 school related questions. School Liaisons are uniquely qualified to help address your school related questions and concerns during times of transition and anytime while aboard MCAS Yuma.

In this quarterly edition of the SLP newsletter, you will find:

- ◆ Helpful Parent Resources & Enrolling in School
- ◆ PCS Smooth Move & Welcome Aboard Briefs
 - ◆ Early Literacy Calendars
 - ◆ Fighting Academic Fatigue
- ◆ Digital Citizenship Tools for Kids & MCEC School Quest
 - ◆ Purple Star Schools in Yuma
 - ◆ College & Career Corner + Scholarships
 - ◆ Resources for Homeschool Families
- ◆ Yuma School Based Military Family Life Counselors

USMC School Liaisons are the critical link between families, commanders, communities, and schools to improve educational outcomes, quality of life, and operational readiness.

Visit MCCS Yuma on Facebook [@MCCSYuma](https://www.facebook.com/MCCSYuma)

MCAS Yuma Adopt A School Partnerships

MAG-13 HQ & Palmcroft ES

MALS-13 & Castle Dome MS

VMU-1 & Rolle ES



We're Moving!

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Headquarters, building 693,
starting 28 Oct 2024

Parent Resources



School PCS Checklist

Schools & Calendars for Yuma County

Bus Map & Schedules for MCAS Yuma

Arizona Department of Education

Raising Special Kids

Homeschool Info for Yuma County

MCAS Yuma K-12 School Info Packet for Families

Tips for Parent-Teacher Conferences

Tips for Helping with Homework

Resources for Reading & Literacy

Khan Academy

What do I need to register my child for school?

- ◆ Child's Original Birth Certificate
- ◆ Immunization Records
- ◆ Proof of Arizona Residency
- ◆ PCS Orders to Yuma
- ◆ Current IEP and/or 504 Documents (if applicable)
- ◆ Proof of Withdrawal (previous school)
- ◆ Last Report Card

Know Your Rights—Interstate Compact Rules for AZ

The Military Interstate Compact has certain provisions for children of active duty military service members regarding school enrollment, registration, and other K-12 education related issues that are impacted by frequent PCS moves. Read the full compact in Arizona to know your rights as a military family. *These statutes only apply to Arizona public and charter schools and do not cover children enrolling in private or homeschool programs.*

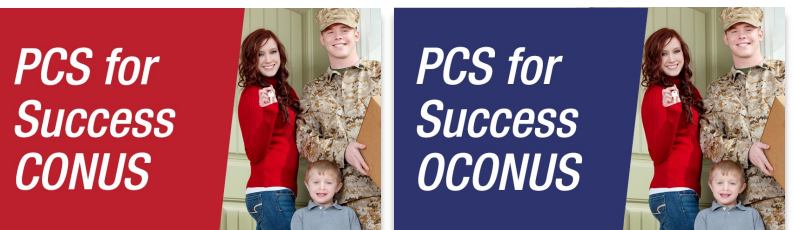
Attend and Get the Info You Need

Are you just arriving to MCAS Yuma? Come check out the **Welcome Aboard Brief**, held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 8-10 a.m. at Sonoran Pueblo! Meet the School Liaison and talk about schooling options and resources.

Getting ready to PCS? Attending **PCS for Success Brief** is an excellent step towards getting yourself and your family ready for your next move. School Liaison will share best practices and tips for smooth schooling transitions.

Call (928) 269-6499 to register or request a sponsor.

<https://yuma.usmc-mccs.org/calendar-of-events>



Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Science Make slime! Mix ½ cup of glue, ¼ cup of water, ¼ cup of liquid starch, and food coloring or glitter. Knead until desired consistency.	2 Reading Draw a vine with letters on its leaves. Then write letters on paper pumpkins and put each on the vine with its leaf.	3 Songs Create an obstacle course using toys and cushions. Make up a theme song to play or sing for your child as he races through.	4 Sounds Go for a walk outside and enjoy crunching the fallen leaves.	5 Writing Set up a whiteboard where your child can make a "Ta-da!" list, adding each thing that she does throughout the day after it's done.
6 Songs Sing "I'm a Little Pumpkin" to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot," making up your own words.	7 Reading Together, read <i>Fletcher and the Falling Leaves</i> by Julia Rawlinson, illustrated by Tiphonie Beeke.	8 Writing It's World Octopus Day! Help your little one make and color her own paper octopus.	9 Play Set up a pretend veterinary office at home and gather several stuffed animals who can visit as "patients."	10 Writing It's Cake Decorating Day. Have your child use frosting to add his initials or other shapes to a cake (or cupcake).	11 Science See how many types of leaves you can find together and name their colors.	12 Play Go outside and jump rope or play hopscotch together.
13 Reading On Silly Sayings Day, write funny phrases on slips of paper and have your child pick one out of a bowl to read.	14 Sounds Ask your child to find objects around the house that have the same beginning sound as "candy."	15 Play Pretend to trick-or-treat at different doors in your home.	16 Science Celebrate Fossil Day by making homemade fossils using salt dough. While shaping them, talk to your child about how real fossils are formed.	17 Stories Set up a "campfire" in the living room with pillows. Take turns telling each other spooky tales.	18 Sounds Say the ABCs like you're a ghost (Aaah, Beee, Ceee, ...).	19 Writing On Sweetest Day, cut out paper hearts and make cards for each other.
20 Play During Pretzel Month, set up a pretend snack stand at home.	21 Math Show your child how to read the temperature on a thermometer. What is the temperature outside?	22 Rhymes Ask your child to come up with words that rhyme with "spring."	23 Stories Tell your child a story about your favorite Halloween costumes when you were little.	24 Reading Read <i>The Golden Acorn</i> by Katy Hudson together.	25 Math It's World Pasta Day! Mix a bowl of different types of pasta and help your child sort the shapes, then count how many pieces of each she has.	26 Rhymes Use your child's Halloween costume as inspiration for a brand-new rhyming poem.
27 Math When preparing pumpkins to carve, have your child count how many scoops of seeds he pulls out.	28 Writing On International Animation Day, help your child create a simple flipbook animation.	29 Sounds It's Cat Day! Did you know that cats can make over 100 different sounds? Find a video demo and echo the sounds yourselves.	30 Science Use leaves to make crayon rubbings. Describe the patterns you find!	31 Stories Visit the library to check out spooky picture books together.	Help your child get ready to learn to read! Each day features a fun activity that will help your child build pre-reading skills. Activities are color-coded by skill. Ask your children's librarian for more ideas on how to promote early literacy skills with daily activities at home.	



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		1 Reading It's Author's Day. Head to your local library and help your child pick out a book by his favorite author.	2 Play It's Play Outside Day. Visit a local park and play outside.			
3 Writing It's Sandwich Day. Encourage your child to draw a delicious sandwich with all his favorite toppings.	4 Math Take a walk around your neighborhood and encourage your child to count the number of pumpkins still on porches. How many are there?	5 Stories It's Election Day. Ask your child what she would do if she were elected President of the United States.	6 Play Rake a pile of leaves together for your child to jump in!	7 Songs Create a song with your child about her favorite things to do in November.	8 Science It's STEAM Day. Find a simple, age-appropriate STEAM project to complete with your child.	9 Stories It's Adoption Day. Ask your child to tell you a story about a family adopting a pet for the first time.
10 Reading It's Picture Book Month. Take a trip to your local library with your child and ask him to pick out three picture books to read.	11 Rhymes Ask your child to name as many words as she can think of that rhyme with "food."	12 Sounds Walk around your neighborhood with your child and listen to the crunching leaves.	13 Writing It's World Kindness Day. Ask your child to share examples of being kind to others.	14 Play Head outside and play a game of hide-and-seek. Who can find the best hiding spot?	15 Sounds Ask your child what sounds a turkey makes. Encourage him to do his best turkey impression with you.	16 Math It's Button Day. Take a cup of different-sized buttons and have your child count the number of total buttons in the cup.
17 Science It's Homemade Bread Day. Together, bake a loaf of bread and watch it rise. Then, explain why bread rises in the oven.	18 Writing It's Aviation History Month. Work with your child to draw a picture of her own private airplane or helicopter.	19 Science Head outside and collect leaves. Ask your child why he thinks some leaves fall off the trees and change color before winter.	20 Stories Encourage your child to tell you a story about an animal getting ready for hibernation. What do they need to do to prepare?	21 Sounds It's World Hello Day. Listen to "Hello" in a few different languages with your child and practice saying these words together.	22 Reading Celebrate the changing season by reading <i>In November</i> by Cynthia Rylant, illustrated by Jill Kastner.	23 Math It's Fibonacci Day. Explore this sequence in nature by looking at seashells, flowers, and other objects.
24 Writing Help your child to draw a picture of a turkey using her fingers as feathers.	25 Math Hide pictures of turkeys around your home and send your child on a scavenger hunt. Ask him to count how many he finds.	26 Math It's Cake Day. Bake a cake with your child and let her help you measure out the different ingredients.	27 Stories Tomorrow is Red Planet Day. Ask your child to tell you a story about visiting Mars. What would he discover?	28 Writing It's Thanksgiving! Encourage your child to draw his favorite foods of the holiday.	29 Writing Help your child list what she is thankful for and what makes her happy.	30 Reading Pick out a few of your child's favorite books and find a cozy spot for story time together.

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HOW TO HELP YOUR STUDENT THROUGH ACADEMIC FATIGUE



As we transition into the middle of the school year, students will begin to experience school burnout. Below are some tips to help prevent academic fatigue and break up the monotony in your student.

EXERCISE

Provide your student with the opportunity to rest their mind and engage in activities that allow their blood to circulate. Activities such as stretching, walking, or running.

HEALTHY EATING HABITS

Ensure your student has a well-balanced diet. Students who have healthy eating habits are more likely to perform academically due to certain vitamins and minerals ingested. Healthier eating habits also boost energy to focus during a long day of instruction.

REST

Allow your student to let their minds rest. Whether engaging in low-impact activity or doing nothing at all allows their brains to recharge. If they are already experiencing academic fatigue taking a break or switching their mental gears can be helpful as they plan to refocus to finish out their school year.

EMBRACING SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

Interacting with peers outside of school is great for your student. Students are expected to be quiet, so they do not miss instructions. However, having the opportunity to express themselves or with their peers at an appropriate time matters as well. This is a great opportunity for students to explore their self-learning as well as with their peers.

GOAL SETTING

Talk with your student on what their goals are for the year. Their game plan to excel? What do they want to accomplish this year? Help your student set at least two attainable goals for the school year and do frequent check-ins to ensure they have the support they need.

TIME MANAGEMENT

Communicate how to prioritize tasks. Students need parental assistance prioritizing responsibilities in and out of the classroom. Communicate with your student about deadlines. Assist them with planning out their schedule to prevent them from feeling overwhelmed.

AWARENESS OF SCHOOL CONTENT

Take the opportunity regardless of what age group your student is to do family activities that are enjoyable. (ie., Performing arts shows, museums, indoor trampoline parks, outdoor activities, etc.)

HIGHLIGHT YOUR STUDENT'S STRENGTHS

Recognizing and praising them for their strengths goes a long way. It'll help build their self-confidence and create a safe space to provide feedback.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SUPPORT, CONNECT WITH YOUR INSTALLATION'S **SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM**



Digital Citizenship Resources for Families

Developing safe and healthy online and social media habits is an important life skill for children, teens, and youth. Check out these family centered resources to help you teach your child about being safe online and developing healthy social media habits for life. If your child finds something inappropriate online, teach your child to report it to a trusted adult.

Common Sense Education—Digital Passport

(site will be retired in June 2025)

www.digitalpassport.org

Connect Safely—Parent's Guide to Cyber Safety

<https://www.connectsafely.org/wp-content/uploads/securityguide.pdf>

Be Internet Awesome Family Guide

www.beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us/families

MCEC - School Quest

Looking to add another tool in your toolbelt for successful school transitions? Check out School Quest from the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC).

Tools & Features:

- ◆ Academic Tracker to Monitor Student Progress in grades 6-12
 - ◆ Customized Student Profile
 - ◆ Set Reminders for Important Deadlines
 - ◆ Create Personalized Checklists
- ◆ Schools Search Capabilities (always consult your installation School Liaison for accurate schooling options in your new location)

Learn more at www.militarychild.org

Purple Star Schools in Yuma

More schools across Arizona and Yuma are earning their Purple Star School designation, demonstrating an evidence-based and firm commitment to understanding and supporting the unique educational needs of military connected students. To date, the following Yuma schools have earned the AZPSS Designation. We hope they will apply again once it is time to renew their commitment to being a Purple Star School.

[AmeriSchools Academy North](#) (2024-2026)

[AmeriSchools Academy South](#) (2024-2026)

[Cibola High School](#) (2024-2026)

[C.W. McGraw Elementary School](#) (2024-2026)

[Desert Mesa Elementary School](#) (2024-2026)

[Dorothy Hall Elementary School](#) (2024-2026)

[Immaculate Conception Catholic School](#) (2024-2026)

[James B. Rolle Elementary School](#) (2024-2026)

[James D. Price Elementary School](#) (2024-2026)

[Mary A. Otondo Elementary School](#) (2024-2026)

[Palmcroft Elementary School](#) (2024-2026)

[Ron Watson Middle School](#) (2024-2026)

[Sunrise Elementary School](#) (2024-2026)

[Yuma Lutheran School](#) (2024-2026)

...More coming soon!

Learn more at www.azed.gov or ask the School Liaison for a current list of Purple Star Schools in Yuma, AZ



COLLEGE & CAREER

Aim High Flight Academy

The Aim High Flight Academy (AHFA) is an aviation scholarship for a three-week introductory flight program at various universities across the world. The mission of the AHFA is to inform, influence, and inspire the next generation of aviators and leaders. After completion of the AHFA, students will understand the pathways to become an Air Force officer, aviator, and earn up to 15 flight hours.

AHFA pairs high school students, USAFA, and AFROTC cadets with current Air Force members who provide mentorship about the various aviation professions and career fields.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Be at least 16 years old by 1 June 2025

Be enrolled in high school or a graduating senior*

Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher

Have no more than 5 powered flight hours

Applications open Fall 2024: <https://www.recruiting.af.mil/Aim-High-Flight-Academy/>



Big Future Scholarships from College Board

Students can view college and career research resources through Big Future. They can also take steps on their Big Future dashboard (must create a login) to qualify for scholarships through their senior year.

www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org

SAT Test Dates and Deadlines

Test dates and deadlines apply to all students—U.S. and international—taking the SAT.

Register at <https://mysat.collegeboard.org/>

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes/Late Reg.
24 Aug 2024	9 Aug 2024	13 Aug 2024
5 Oct 2024	20 Sept 2024	24 Sept 2024
2 Nov 2024	18 Oct 2024	22 Oct 2024
7 Dec 2024	22 Nov 2024	26 Nov 2024
8 Mar 2025	21 Feb 2025	25 Feb 2025
3 May 2025	18 Apr 2025	22 Apr 2025
7 June 2025	22 May 2025	27 May 2025

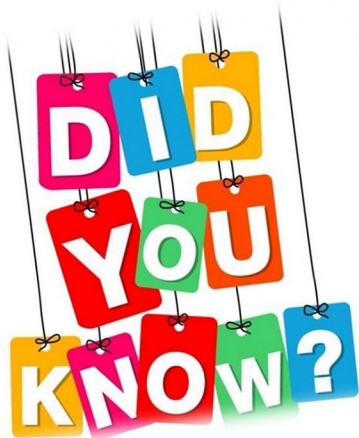
Fisher House Scholarships

The Scholarships for Military Children Program intends that a scholarship funded through contributions be awarded annually at each commissary operated by the Defense Commissary Agency world wide.

This scholarship is open to unmarried dependent children under the age of 23 who have a military ID. See Fisher House for more eligibility details.

The application period for the 2025-2026 school year will open on December 11, 2024 and close on February 12, 2024.

www.fisherhouse.org



New Resource:
Military Homeschoolers
Association

- ◆ A not-for-profit organization founded by experienced homeschool families who have homeschooled and lived the military family lifestyle
- ◆ Offers podcasts and blog posts on homeschooling around the world, mentorship for homeschool support group leaders, and a world-wide directory of homeschool support groups for military families among other supports and resources

Learn more at
www.militaryhomeschoolers.org

We value your feedback! Take a moment to let us know what we're doing well and what you would like to see from the MCAS Yuma School Liaison Program

Complete the ICE Survey by going to:
<https://ice.disa.mil>



**School-Based Child & Youth Behavior
 Military Family Life Counselors
 (CYB-MFLC) in Yuma, AZ**

CYB-MFLCs provide free, confidential, and non-medical counseling support to eligible military connected children and youth

School(s)	MFLC Phone Number
Rolle ES	(928) 615-0319
Ron Watson MS & Sunrise ES	(928) 750-4328
Castle Dome MS	(928) 450-0477
Otondo ES & Dorothy Hall ES	(928) 356-8169
Desert Mesa ES	(928) 889-6362
Woodard JHS & Gila Vista JHS	(928) 867-8109
MCAS Yuma Child & Youth Programs	(928) 210-7414

Parents and guardians should contact a CYB-MFLC directly to request assistance.

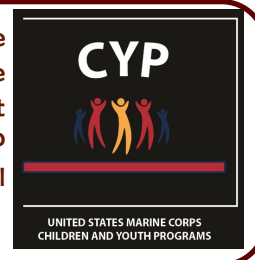
Children attending a school not supported by a CYB-MFLC provider may contact the MCAS Yuma Child & Youth Program CYB-MFLC for support.

For more information, visit www.militaryonesource.mil

Looking for installation support for a child who already has an IEP? Reach out to the MCAS Yuma EFMP at (928) 269-2949.



Families who have childcare needs are encouraged to contact MCAS Yuma CYP Resource & Referral (928) 269-3234/3251.



Family Care Program

MCAS Yuma School Liaison Program

yumaschoolliaison@usmc-mccs.org

(928) 269-5373

www.mccsYuma.com