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HQ, Building 693

MCAS Yuma School Liaison Program

Newsletter
Apr-June 2025

welcome

April is Month of the Military Child

Purple Up on April 25, 2025

Why Dandelions?

Dandelions are a versatile flower. They put down roots almost anywhere and are nearly impossible to destroy.

Military children bloom everywhere the wind takes them. They're ready to fly in the breezes that take them to new adventures, new lands, and new friends.

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
 - ◆ Homeschool 101 Workshops
 - ◆ Early Literacy Calendars
 - ◆ Youth Connections & Total Fitness
 - ◆ College & Career Corner + Scholarships
 - ◆ List of Activities for Children, Youth & Teens
- ◆ Policy Highlight: Remote/Advance Enrollment in Public School

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](#)

Save the Date! Free Event for Active Duty!

Back to School Resource Fair 2025

Thursday—July 24, 2025

4-6 pm

Sonoran Pueblo Event Center

MCAS Yuma



We've Moved!

The SLP office is now located at MCCS HQ (bldg. 693) aboard MCAS Yuma



Parent Resources



School PCS Checklist

Schools & Calendars for Yuma County

Bus Map & Schedules for MCAS Yuma

Arizona Purple Star School Program

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

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. Learn more at www.mic3.net*

Attend and Get the Info You Need

Are you just arriving to MCAS Yuma? Come check out the **Welcome Aboard Brief** 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>



HOMESCHOOL

101



WORKSHOP

Registration is required.

Open to all Active Duty families with children in grades PreK-12 who are either currently homeschooling, are looking to homeschool, or currently homeschooling and wish to continue at their next duty station.

Tue, Apr 29

**Two sessions:
9am-10:30am
3:30pm-5pm**

**Main CDC, Bldg 1085,
Training Room**

Ensure your child has a rewarding and successful home school experience no matter where your family is stationed.



mccsYuma.com



Homeschool 101 Workshops—Online Registration Links

Please register all who plan to attend. Childcare is not provided to attend this workshop.

9-10:30 am Session: <https://yuma.usmc-mccs.org/activity/c3304755-47be-4983-8986-c2180f02d9e4>

3:30-5pm Session: <https://yuma.usmc-mccs.org/activity/87725cf9-5f6f-446e-9f01-abce0337e2fa>

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Play It's April Fools' Day. Come up with a fun, innocent prank to play on someone in your family.	2 Reading It's DIY Day. Take your child to the library and watch her pick out a book and check it out at the front desk all by herself.	3 Science It's Find a Rainbow Day. Fill up a glass of water and put it into direct sunlight to reveal a rainbow.	4 Rhymes It's Vitamin C Day. Ask your child to name all the words that rhyme with the letter C.	5 Writing It's First Contact Day. Get your child some crayons and ask her to draw Earth's first contact with an alien from another world.
6 Stories It's Student-Athlete Day. Tell your child a sports story of when you were a younger or ask him to make one up for you.	7 Math Compare objects around the house. Which is larger, heavier, etc.?	8 Science It's Zoo Lovers Day. Take your child to a nearby zoo or park and look at animals together.	9 Play It's Unicorn Day. Spend an hour with your child galloping around like unicorns.	10 Sounds It's Siblings Day. Take turns doing fun impressions of what your child's siblings sound like.	11 Math Ask your child to gather her stuffed animals and other toys and sort them by size.	12 Science It's Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day. Make a grilled cheese with your child and explain how and why the cheese melts.
13 Reading It's Thomas Jefferson Day. Read a story about the Declaration of Independence.	14 Writing It's Look Up at the Sky Day. Ask your child to draw a sky full of clouds in different shapes and sizes.	15 Play Get out your child's favorite game and make up new rules together.	16 Math It's Bean Counter Day. Set out a pile of beans and count them with your child.	17 Stories Look through an old family photo album and take turns telling stories about the pictures.	18 Rhymes It's Exercise Day. Ask your child to name as many words as she can think of that rhyme with "run."	19 Songs It's Hanging Out Day. Make up a song with your child about kicking back and relaxing.
20 Writing It's Volunteer Recognition Day. Ask your child to draw a picture of your whole family volunteering to help someone in need.	21 Reading Read books by Lois Ehlert or Eric Carle and then make your own cut-paper art.	22 Play It's Jelly Bean Day. Take turns trying to throw jelly beans into a cup.	23 Sounds It's Talk Like Shakespeare Day. Spend the day using fun words like "thou."	24 Writing Cut out each letter of your child's name and have him put the letters in order.	25 Reading It's Telephone Day. Bring up different words on your phone and ask your child to read them.	26 Stories Take turns telling stories about animals in the spring. Where do they live? What do they eat? Are they happy winter is over?
27 Math It's Gummi Bear Day. Put out a handful of gummi bears and count them one by one with your child as you eat them.	28 Science Bake cupcakes with your child and talk about what happens to the batter as it bakes in the oven.	29 Writing Have your child practice writing her name, making each letter a different color.	30 Play It's Raisin Day. Pull out a box of raisins and ask your child to put together a little skit with each raisin playing a different character.	<p>Help your child get ready to learn to read!</p> <p>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.</p>		

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4 Sounds It's Bird Day. Ask your child to create his own bird call. Return the call!	5 Reading It's Cartoonist Day. What's your child's favorite cartoon character? Read a book together that features that character.	6 Play It's Play Outside Day. Enjoy your child's favorite outdoor activity together.	7 Writing With some chunky sidewalk chalk, have your child draw shapes or letters outside on your patio or walkway.	8 Science It's World Red Cross Day. Show your child how to apply a bandage.	9 Math For Duckling Month, visit a pond and count how many ducklings you see.	10 Writing What's the weather outside? Have your child draw what she sees: sunshine, rain, rainbows, clouds, etc.
11 Songs Sing "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" together. Get creative and add your own made-up animals to the song.	12 Science Today is May's full moon, called the Flower Moon. Talk about some other phases of the moon with your child like new moon, crescent, and gibbous.	13 Reading Read the <i>Little Blue Truck's Springtime</i> by Alice Schertle, illustrated by Jill McElmurr.	14 Rhymes It's Pet Month. Help your child write a fun poem about her pet (real or imaginary).	15 Reading Read Mo Willems book with your child and talk about how Elephant, Piggie, and The Pigeon feel throughout the story.	16 Science It's Love a Tree Day. Go on a nature walk in your neighborhood and point out the different types of trees.	17 Math It's Pizza Party Day. Enjoy a pizza with your child. Have her count the pieces before and after you eat.
18 Sounds There are so many sounds of spring. Go on a walk and play guess the sound with your child.	19 Writing Have your child gather sticks or rocks and help him use them to create shapes or letters.	20 Sounds It's World Bee Day. Bees keep our planet healthy. Go outside with your child and look for bee-friendly plants.	21 Writing Ask your child to draw a butterfly, bee, or beetle in his favorite colors.	22 Stories Have your child act out a story without using any words.	23 Songs Act out the lyrics of a silly song while you sing it together.	24 Science It's Scavenger Hunt Day. Print out some pictures of bugs and go outside with your child to look for them.
25 Reading Switch places at reading time. Have your child read to you.	26 Math Talk (and count) May numbers with your child: May is the fifth month of the year with 31 days, and the second month of spring.	27 Writing While at the beach or in the sand box, have your child trace letters in the sand.	28 Sounds Look at pictures in a book together. What sounds do they make your child think of?	29 Science Put cut, white flowers in water with dye and talk about why the petals change color.	30 Play It's beach season! Play beach wildlife charades with your child.	31 Stories It's Share a Story Month. Exchange favorite stories with your child. Maybe they're silly stories, pet stories, or travel stories?

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YOUTH CONNECTIONS STRENGTHEN TOTAL FITNESS



The Youth Connections program creates opportunities, consistent with Marine Corps Total Fitness domains, for youth to connect with each other and their communities. Youth Connections provides positive experiences that combat the risk of isolation, depression, and loneliness that can be associated with relocation.



SOCIAL FITNESS

Partnering with groups to host events and volunteer opportunities for youth to increase fulfillment in service learning, prevent youth risky behavior, and engage in positive relationships with peers, mentors, family members, and their community.



SPIRITUAL FITNESS

Working with groups to offer youth-specific events, workshops, and retreats that guide youth in discovering their higher purpose, coping and resiliency skills, empowerment, and inner strength.



MENTAL FITNESS

Collaborating with organizations to help youth build strong intellectual and emotional habits, develop a growth mindset and positive self-identity, increase school achievement, and create strategies to manage stress in youth and parents.



PHYSICAL FITNESS

Partnering with programs for youth-friendly activities to build leadership skills, confidence, and sportsmanship.



To learn more about Youth Connections, contact your local Child & Youth Program Resource and Referral Office.





AZ Community Foundation

General Application

The Arizona Community Foundation has a list of scholarships available through their general application. Students are encouraged to explore all opportunities for scholarships and apply!

Arizona Community Foundation Scholarships

www.azfoundation.org/scholarship-seekers/scholarships

Military One Source Guide:

Higher Education for Your Children

Military One Source has information and resources so you can support your child's education and transition into their post-secondary academic or career goals. Military families have several options when it comes to financing their youth's college or trade school education, including scholarships, Post-09/11 GI Bill benefits, education grants, loans, and college savings programs.

Military One Source offers services for financing higher education:

[Education Consultants](#)

[Financial Counselors](#)

Check out the full guide at the link below:

[Education Grants, Loans, Scholarships | Military OneSource](#)

Transferring from Community College to 4-Year College

Find resources and information on how to successfully navigate the transfer of credits from a community college to a 4-year degree college or university. Contacting academic advisors is key!

[What to Know About Transferring From a Community College | Community Colleges | U.S. News](#)

\$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

My Future Arizona:

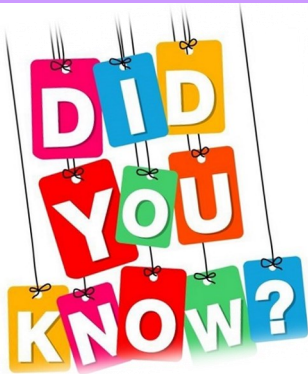
Career Exploration Tool

My Future Arizona, operated by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE), provides students across AZ the opportunity to explore careers and take interest quizzes online, for free, to begin planning their post-secondary pathway.

[Career Exploration - Browse by Industry - My Future AZ](#)

ADE also provides a full list of approved career and technical education credential programs. See what is offered by districts in Yuma such as YUHSD and STEDY:

[CTE Programs and Standards | Arizona Department of Education](#)



Yuma Activities for Children, Youth & Teens

- MCCS Youth Sports www.mccsyuma.org (928) 269-2324
- City of Yuma Parks & Recreation <https://www.yumaaz.gov/government/parks-recreation> (928) 373-5200
- Yuma Youth Soccer Association yumayouthsoccer@yahoo.com www.yumayouthsoccer.com
- RSL-AZ Yuma (Soccer) www.rsl-az.com/yuma yuma@rslaz.org
- Yuma Catch and Go Flag Football www.yumacatchandgo.com yumacatchandgo@gmail.com
- Yuma Fastpitch & T-Ball League yumayftl@gmail.com
- American Youth Football www.yumacoyotes.teamsnapsites.com yumaayf@gmail.com
- Yuma Sidewinders Rugby Club www.yprfc.org
- Yuma Heat Swimming <https://www.gomotionapp.com/team/azheat/page/home> (928) 581-5288
- Aqua Force <https://www.gomotionapp.com/team/azaf/page/home> (928) 257-0797
- Desert Hills Golf www.cityofyumagolf.com (928) 373-5220
- Advantage Youth Tennis smoothisfast1@gmail.com
- Yuma Youth Hockey League www.yumahockey.com yumahockey@gmail.com
- Desert Rollerway Skating Rink 2692 S 47th Ave 85364 (928) 318-4205
- Boy Scouts www.grandcanyonbsa.org
- Girl Scouts www.girlscoutsaz.org
- Young Territorial Marines www.youngmarines.org/unit/yuma/page (928) 514-8288
- Civil Air Patrol, Yuma Composite Squadron 508, <https://yuma.cap.gov/>
- Arizona Game & Fish (Hunting/Boating/Fishing Education) www.azgfd.com (928) 342-0091
- Yuma County 4-H <https://extension.arizona.edu/4h/yuma>, (928) 726-3904
- AZ First LEGO League <https://outreach.engineering.asu.edu/azfl/>
- For Inspiration & Recognition of Science & Technology (FIRST) www.firstinspires.org
- Special Olympics of Arizona www.specialolympicsarizona.org (602) 230-1200
- Yuma County Library District www.yumalibrary.org (928) 782-1871
- MCCS Station Library www.mccsyuma.org (928) 269-2785
- Children's Museum of Yuma County www.yumachildrengmuseum.com (928) 919-7286
- Saddles of Joy saddlesofjoy1@gmail.com (928) 287-1148
- Humane Society of Yuma (Summer Camps) www.hsoyuma.com (928) 782-1621
- Yuma Art Center www.yumaaz.gov, arts@yumaaz.gov (928) 373-5202
- Yuma Community Theater www.yumacommunitytheater.org
- Ballet Yuma/Yuma Ballet Academy www.balletyuma.org (928) 314-4762
- Dancemakers www.dancemakersyuma.com (928) 783-7754
- Dancer's Workshop of Yuma www.dancersworkshopofyuma.com
- Dawn's Dance Studio <http://dawnsdancestudio.org/> (928) 329-6858
- Glam Dance Studio by Cindy <https://glamdancestudio.com> (928) 256-GLAM
- Yuma Gymnastics www.yumagymnastics.com contact@yumagymnastics.com (928) 782-1994
- Yuma School of Music (Piano Lessons) www.yumaschoolofmusic.com (928) 785-6996
- Yuma Orchestra Association <https://yumaorchestra.org/index.php> (928) 246-6715
- Strings for All Ages @ AWC (Orchestra) <https://www.azwestern.edu> (928) 317-7674
- Let's Play Music Yuma Foothills camismusicstudio@yahoo.com
- Jessica Beltran Piano Studio <https://jessicabeltran.mymusicstaff.com>
- Fretworks Music Store (Band/Orchestra) www.fretworksmusic.com (928) 248-4048
- Rogue Wave Jiu Jitsu www.roguewave.sites.zenplanner.com (928) 581-3510
- Yuma Taekwondo Center (928) 388-8609 yumataekwondocenter@gmail.com
- Larios Karate Center www.larioskarate.com master.larios@larioskarate.com (928) 726-1258
- Yuma Top Team Mixed Martial Arts www.yumatopteam.com (928) 248-4266
- Yuma Shorin Ryu Karate & Kobudo www.yumashorinryukarate.com (928) 502-0210
- Moore's Karate www.mooreskarateyuma.com (928) 726-1300

Advance/Remote Enrollment in Public School

- ◆ State law ARS-15-823.01 allows inbound military families with PCS orders to an AZ military installation to enroll their children in public or charter school **without** proof of AZ address.
- ◆ Proof of address **must** be furnished to the school within 10 days of the service member's official arrival date (NLT date on official PCS orders).
- ◆ This allows families to complete enrollment in PUBLIC & CHARTER schools only both ahead of their arrival in Yuma and after arrival while living in temporary lodging (on or off base).
- ◆ This policy does **NOT** apply to the AZ Empowerment Scholarship Account Program (ESA) or private school admissions, though families may apply to private schools prior to arrival in Yuma.
- ◆ Be sure to provide schools with a copy of your official PCS orders when completing enrollment in order to utilize this policy.

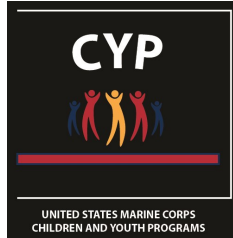
Questions or Assistance? (928) 269-5373

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



EFMP Exceptional Family Member Program

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



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>



Family Care Program

MCAS Yuma School Liaison Program

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(928) 269-5373

www.mccsYuma.com