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MCAS Yuma School Liaison Program

Newsletter
July-Sept 2025

welcome

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
 - ♦ Goal Setting for Kids
- ♦ How EFMP & SLP Support Families Together
 - ♦ Fun Activity Calendars for Kids
 - ♦ College & Career Corner + Scholarships
- ♦ We're on Social Media! Join our [Facebook Group](#)
- ♦ MCCS—Youth Sports & Youth Connections

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](#)

**BACK TO SCHOOL
RESOURCE FAIR**

Thu, Jul 24
4pm-6pm • Bldg 1200
Sonoran Pueblo Event Center

Don't miss out on the exciting Back-to-School Resource Fair! Grab a free backpack for your kids in grades K-12—first come, first served, so hurry while supplies last. Plus, explore a variety of K-12 educational and community resources available just for you!

Open to MCAS Yuma Active Duty military families,
Active Duty Military ID required

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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*

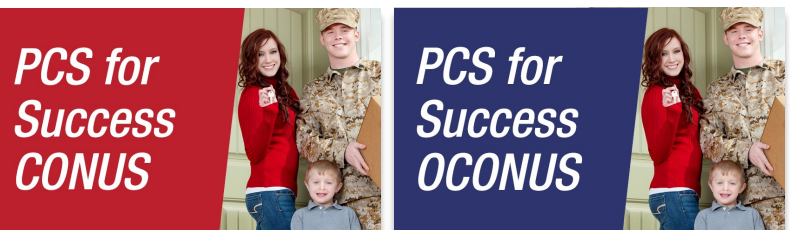
Attend and Get the Info You Need

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>





GOALS FOR:

I WOULD LIKE TO:

I CHOSE THIS GOAL FOR MYSELF BECAUSE:



HERE IS HOW I WILL REACH MY GOAL:

PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP ME REACH MY GOAL:



Want more support with goal setting or academic success?

Reach out to your [School Liaison](#) for personalized guidance and resources to help your child thrive!



EFMP & SLP

WELCOME TO MCAS Yuma

This graphic is designed to assist a family's understanding of the wrap-around educational supports and services that are available through the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) and School Liaison Program (SLP). A brief directory of local PreK-12th grade education options is also listed.

It is important to know that not all military installations have schools on base. Please contact the local SLP for detailed information about your student's enrollment options:

SCHOOLS ON BASE ☐ YES ☒ NO **DOD SCHOOLS** ☐ YES ☒ NO

SCHOOL NAME / GRADES SERVED

MCAS Yuma Base Housing is zoned for the following schools:

James B. Rolfe Elementary School (PK-5)

R. Pete Woodard Junior High School (6-8)

Kofa High School (9-12)

☒ There are several school options in the area. Please contact the SLP office for more information

SCHOOLS OFF BASE ☒ YES ☐ NO

PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT(S)

Yuma School District One www.yuma.org

Crane School District www.craneschools.org

Yuma Union High School District www.yumaunion.org

☒ There are several school options in the area. Please contact the SLP office for more information

Families have other choices in the community. School Liaisons are available at every installation to inform you of your options.

TOP 10 TIPS FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS

1. Learn everything you can about the Special Education Process
2. Have a plan and ask questions
3. Find a staff person who knows and cares about your student
4. Get prepared and organize records
5. Focus on successes, skill development and progress
6. Ask the school for written notices
7. Know your rights and deadlines
8. You can challenge a school's decision or proposal
9. Keep as calm as possible and use different ways to address a problem
10. Contact an Attorney for EFMP Families if you need free legal assistance

EFMP and SLP work together in support of military connected families. Below is a graph with specific examples of how the programs work collaboratively as it pertains to PreK-12th grade special education:

TYPE OF SERVICE	EFMP	SLP
Special Education Information and Training	x	
Attend IEP Meetings	x	
Assist with IEP Transition	x	
Explain difference between an IEP and 504	x	
Facilitate communication with local school POCs		x
Provide a list of education options in the community		x
Engage LEA regarding systemic issues impacting military children		x
Educate parents on how to understand school quality indicators		x
EFMP Attorney Referral	x	x
Identify resources on base and in the community	x	x

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"A library is a good place to go when you feel unhappy, for there, in a book, you may find encouragement and comfort."
— E.B. White

Holiday
Celebration
Birthday

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



6
Shark Week: Launch this educational event with the newly published *Sharks Unhooked: The Adventures of Cristina Zenato, Underwater Ranger* by Patricia Newman, illustrated by Becca Hall.

7
Share NEA's Read Across America July picture book, *Cesaria Feels the Beat* by Denise Rosario Adusei, illustrated by Priscilla Soares. Have kids dance like the main character.

8
Happy Book Birthday to *Sarang Saves the School* by Korena Di Roma Howley, illustrated by Joonwon Oh, a picture book inspired by true events about saving a school in South Korea.

9
Plastic Free July: Read Miranda Paul's *One Plastic Bag* and visit oneplasticbag.com for exciting ways to take part in this global movement.

10
The newly released *The Wild Robot on the Island* by Peter Brown is a great springboard for summer STEAM ideas like making a painting of the island or building your own Roz.

11
E.B. White's Birthday: Share *Some Pig!* A Charlotte's Web Picture Book. Have kids write their own inspirational word in a web for a great STEAM extension.

12
Park and Recreation Month: Invite a local park employee to your space to share events they have planned. Read *If I Were a Park Ranger* by Catherine Stier, illustrated by Patrick Corrigan.

13
Rock Day: Read *A Rock Can Be...* by Laura Purdie Salas, illustrated by Violeta Dabija, and use her [teaching guide](#) to explore this lyrical picture book.

14
Happy early Book Birthday to *Kwame's Magic Quest: Curse of the Akoma Stone* by Bernard Mensah, illustrated by Natasha Nayo, the newest addition to Scholastic's Branches books.

15
Happy Book Birthday to *Tiny T. Rex and the First-Day Oopslies* by Jonathan Stutzman, illustrated by Jay Fleck. Tiny is on his way to school and some oopslies happen along the way.

16
World Snake Day: Share *Verdi* by Janell Cannon and invite a community member to bring in their pet python for a real-life encounter.

17
World Emoji Day: Use an emoji book title challenge to keep kids and families guessing — or make your own emoji story today.

18
Ashley Spire's Birthday: Pick your favorite [Spire's books](#) to read and decide on a STEAM activity to go along with it.

19
Wild About Wildlife Month: Make a book display featuring all sorts of wildlife and arrange for a wildlife expert to present on your local animals.

20
World Chess Day: Read *Elsa's Chessboard* by Jenny Andrus, illustrated by Julie Downing, about how chess helped a young girl during a turbulent time. Set up some chess boards for play.

21
Sea Day: Read *Sea Day: Read *Spencer and Vincent, the Jellyfish Brothers* by Tony Johnston, illustrated by Emily Dove, and pair it with an adorable jellyfish craft.*

22
Happy Book Birthday to *Recess!* by Lane Smith, an interactive picture book perfect for reading aloud.

23
Amelia Earhart's Birthday (tomorrow): Share this read-aloud video of *I Am Amelia Earhart*, read by author Brad Meltzer.

24
On this day in 1832, the first wagon train makes it across the Rocky Mountains led by Benjamin Bonneville. Read *Wagons Ho!* and help kids make a [covered wagon](#) by DLTK Kids.

25
Comic-Con International: This event is dedicated to sharing awareness of and appreciation for comics and related art forms. Show appreciation by creating a display of graphic novels and manga.

26
Disability Independence Day: This day commemorates when the ADA was signed into law in 1990. The [Schneider Family Book Award](#) honors books featuring the disability experience.

27
Anti-Boredom Month: There is no better place to combat boredom than in a library! In addition to the ideas on this calendar, what other programming can you offer in your space this month?

28
Horseshoe crabs have existed unchanged for nearly 445 million years. Read *Mr. Tiger Goes Wild* by Peter Brown and share resources about worldwide conservation work.

29
Tiger Day: Tigers are on the endangered species list. Read *Mr. Tiger Goes Wild* by Peter Brown and share resources about worldwide conservation work.

30
Paperback Book Day: Host a paperback book swap today. Offer supplies at a center for kids to make their own paperback book.

31
Avocado Day: Read *Avocado Feels a Bit Worried* by Brenda Miles, illustrated by Monika Filipina, a story about facing anxiety and building confidence. Make guacamole to share!



Ice Cream Month

Park and Recreation Month

Wild About Wildlife Month

Anti-Boredom Month

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"I do think that we rush kids out of picture books, and that they appeal to a much wider swath of readers than we think."
—Mac Barnett, 2025–2026 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature

3
Friendship Day: Read *A Friend for Eddy* by Ann Kim Ha. Then, help kids draw a new friend for Eddy.

4
Owl Day: Do a fiction and nonfiction pairing with the Caldecott Honor winner *Knight Owl* by Christopher Denise and *Whoo Knew? The Truth About Owls* by Annette Whipple.

5
Happy Book Birthday to *The Blue Jays That Grew a Forest* by Lynn Street, illustrated by Anne Hunter, a lyrical picture book about the connection between blue jays and oak trees.

6
Are there any book festivals in your area this month? Use [Book Reporter](#) to plan a book road trip!

7
Host a crayon collection drive with school, scout, restaurant, and community playbooks from [The Crayon Initiative](#).

8
Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day: You can host this fun produce exchange day in your space. And be sure to read *Zora's Zucchini* by Katherine Pryor, illustrated by Anna Raff.

9
Back to School Month: Get ready for a new school year with *Loren Long's The Yellow Bus*, a picture book about a school bus and all she feels carrying passengers.

10
Share NEA's Read Across America recommendation *Piano Wants to Play* by Colleen Kong-Savage and leverage the extensive resources.

11
Pat Zietlow Miller's Birthday: Hear Pat, her family, and her fans read books from [Pat's website](#).

12
Happy Book Birthday to *Cassini's Mission: A Spacecraft, a Tiny Moon, and the Search for Life Beyond Earth* by Katie Veni, illustrated by Julia Blattman, a nonfiction picture book about the findings of Cassini while exploring Saturn.

13
Get Ready for Kindergarten Month: Share a few kindergarten readiness tips by [Reading Rockets](#) with parents. Then read *The Twelve Days of Kindergarten* by Jenna Lettice, illustrated by Colleen Madden.

14
World Lizard Day: Read *Boris Gets a Lizard* by Andrew Joyner, a Scholastic Branches book where Boris wants a Komodo dragon as a pet!

15
Julia Child's Birthday: For the children who love to cook, host a recipe swap and read *Born Hungry* by Alex Prud'homme, illustrated by Sarah Green.

16
Honeybee Day: Invite a beekeeper to your space, offer pollinator-friendly plants, serve honey snacks, and read *Honeybee the Busy Life ofApis Mellifera* by Candace Fleming, illustrated by Eric Rohmann.

17
Offer supplies for making [fun corner bookmarks](#) like these from Red Ted Art.

18
Happy Early Book Birthday to *Gilbert and the Ghost* by Heather Pierce Stigall, illustrated by Jess Mason — a new picture book about feeling unseen, then seen, and friendship.

19
Happy Book Birthday to *Ellie Has a Secret* by Amelia Bothe, a debut picture book about carrying around a secret and how the truth can set you free.

20
Aviation Week (19–25): Honor the development of aviation in your space this week with book displays, guest speakers, and flight-themed crafts.

21
Encourage kids to visit a Free Little Library to discover a new book to enjoy.

22
Get into the back-to-school groove with the next book in the *Recess Genius* series, *The Recess Genius 2: Tons of Talent* by Janet Sumner Johnson, illustrated by Stacy Ebert.

23
Mac Barnett's Birthday: Mac Barnett is the new National Ambassador for Young People's Literature. Share one of his interviews, such as [his inauguration](#), where he discusses the role.

24 **Pluto Demoted Day:** Watch the reading of *Pluto! Not a Planet? Not a Problem!* by Stacy McAnulty, illustrated by Stevie Lewis.

25
Lane Smith's Birthday: Celebrate this award-winning illustrator by sharing *Cat Problems*, *Penguin Problems*, or *Giraffe Problems*. Have students write or illustrate their own animal problems story.

26
Toilet Paper Day: This day in 1871, toilet paper was sold on a roll in the U.S. Play a game featuring toilet paper to show your appreciation.

27
Tomorrow is John Schu's Birthday. Read *Ruthie Rose's Big Idea*, his newest picture book. Where can you add a little bit of poetry to your space?

28
On this day in 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous *"I Have a Dream"* speech. Read *I Have a Dream* by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., illustrated by Kadir Nelson.

29
Get input from kids about what books should be on your next library or classroom book order!

30
Beach Day: Share a beach-themed book or host a read-aloud and beach cleanup in your local community.

Back to School Month | Get Ready for Kindergarten Month | Sandwich Month

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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](#)

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

ASVAB Career Exploration Program

ASVAB is a DoD sponsored program that provides all students a wide variety of career exploration tools including a vast career database, details on education and training requirements, salary data and growth projections, videos and career planning tools.

www.asvabprogram.com

\$AT 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.
23 Aug 2025	8 Aug 2025	12 Aug 2025
13 Sept 2025	29 Aug 2025	2 Sept 2025
4 Oct 2025	19 Sept 2025	23 Sept 2025
8 Nov 2025	24 Oct 2025	28 Oct 2025
6 Dec 2025	21 Nov 2025	25 Nov 2025
14 Mar 2026	27 Feb 2026	3 Mar 2026
2 May 2026	17 Apr 2026	21 Apr 2025
6 June 2026	22 May 2026	26 May 2026

My Next Move

Career Exploration Tool

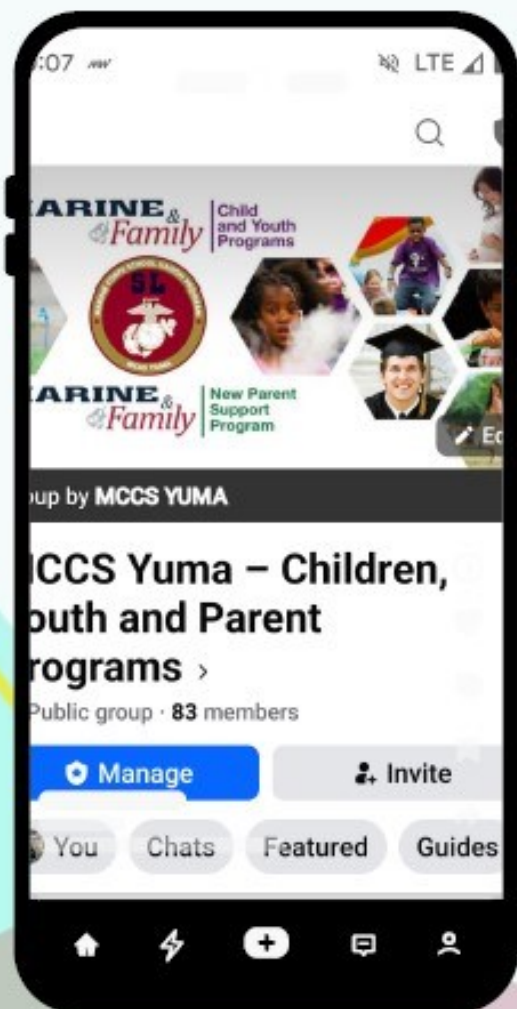
My Next Move is sponsored by the US Department of Labor. Students can take interest assessments, browse careers by industry, and find job apprenticeship opportunities.

www.mynextmove.org

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Join our "MCCS Yuma-Children, Youth and Parent Programs" Group



FEATURING...

*CHILD & YOUTH
NEW PARENT SUPPORT
SCHOOL LIAISON*





MCCS Youth Sports

Open to dependents (ages 5–12) of active duty, reservists, retirees, and DoD civilians at MCAS Yuma; registration dates, fees, and schedules may vary by season.

Focuses on fun, inclusivity, and skill development in a supportive environment; parents are encouraged to attend practices and games.

Emphasizes confidence-building, sportsmanship, life skills, and basic sports fundamentals for future athletic success.

Special accommodations are available; parents of children with special needs or rescue meds must remain on site with medication.

Contact Youth Sports
(928) 269-2324

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.dia.mil>



USMC Youth Connections

The Youth Connections (YC) program is designed to help military-connected children adjust smoothly to new environments following a Permanent Change of Station (PCS). Through a combination of outreach, newcomer orientation, and peer connections, YC provides critical emotional, social, and academic support tailored to the needs of transitioning youth. By offering welcome packets, peer-led events, school and community tours, and youth mentorship opportunities, the program fosters a sense of belonging and continuity, even in the face of frequent relocations.

For parents, these best practices offer reassurance that their children will not face the challenges of transition alone. YC helps youth build friendships, understand their new surroundings, and engage in leadership roles, all while reducing stress and feelings of isolation.

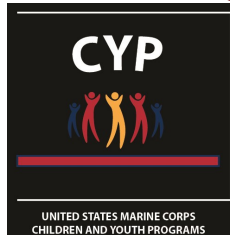
Through collaboration with schools, School Liaison Program (SLP), Child and Youth Programs (CYP), and other community resources, YC ensures that every child has access to support networks and activities that promote resilience and growth—no matter where their military journey takes them.

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.



Family Care Program

MCAS Yuma School Liaison Program

yumaschoolliaison@usmc-mccs.org

(928) 269-5373

www.mccsYuma.com