

School Liaison Parent Newsletter- Winter 2016



MCFTB Presents “The Grinch Who Stole Christmas”: Come join in on the holiday cheer with Marine Corps Family Team Building at the annual “Grinch-y pajama party” on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the Station Theater. There will be a special performance by Dancemakers and a guest appearance from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Hope to see all of our “very good” MCAS Yuma boys and girls there! Call 269-6502 for more information.

Autism Training Workshop for Parents: the Yuma Autism Community Coalition is hosting an Autism workshop on Tuesday, December 13th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Yuma County Library. This workshop will focus on ways for individuals with Autism to be able to lead a full, inclusive, quality life within the community. To reserve a seat, please email: yack@yaccitup.org.

Babysitter Training Course: The MCAS Yuma Child & Youth Programs is offering a “Super Sitter” babysitting course for military-connected teens from December 19 through 21, 2016. The three day course will be offered at the Child Development Center building #1071. Children must be at least 12 years of age to participate. Registration is required! Please contact the CYP Resource & Referral office for information at 928-269-3234/3251.

Homework Strategies Workshop: SAVE the DATE! The EFMP and School Liaison Programs are hosting a Homework Strategies workshop for parents of children K-8th grades on Wednesday, February 1st from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. in the Child Development Center training room, building #1085. Representatives from Yuma School District One will be on hand to share homework tips that will help your child be successful in school. This free workshop is open to all military and civilian personnel connected to MCAS Yuma. Space is limited so please RSVP by calling 928-269-2949.

MCX Super Star Student Awards Program: Don’t forget to bring your child’s quarterly report card to the MCX if he/she is in grades 1-12 and has maintained a “B” average. The MCX Super Star awards program is designed to encourage and reward the next generation of leaders from our military families. Available to both traditionally schooled students and homeschool students, the program encourages children to recognize the importance of studying as a way to improve learning ability and knowledge. Simply present the report card and a valid military ID to the customer service desk at the MCX within 30 days to receive a

reward. Students will receive a “MCX Gift Card Scratch Off” of the following values: \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250.

Empowerment Scholarship Account: Are you interested in a private/religious school education for your child? Are you interested in homeschooling? The Arizona Department of Education continues to offer financial assistance scholarships for military families seeking these types of educational options. Active duty military families who reside in Arizona can apply for the “Empowerment Scholarship Account” (ESA) which could fund a significant amount of tuition costs per year for eligible children. Due to new legislation, ESA applications are now accepted year round, and funds will be made available at the beginning of the next school quarter. Applications can be found at <https://www.azed.gov.esa/>. For further information, please feel free to contact the School Liaison at 928-269-5373.

Meet the Yuma School District One Military Advocates & Military Family Life Counselors:

Children attending schools in Yuma School District One are fortunate to have the support of Military Advocates and Military Family Life Counselors (MFLCs). These highly qualified individuals provide academic, social and emotional support to all military-connected students. Please take some time to meet your school’s assigned Military Advocate or MFLC at your earliest convenience:

- **Alexandra Siordia:** Military Advocate at Palmcroft, Rolle, Desert Mesa, & Woodard
- **Rae Packard:** Military Advocate at Sunrise, Otondo, Price, Castle Dome & Ron Watson
- **Rose Hocking:** MFLC at Sunrise Elementary School
- **Melissa Heye:** MFLC at Woodard Junior HS
- **Angel Viano:** MFLC at Desert Mesa, Otondo, Castle Dome & Ron Watson M.S.
- **Jeff Wheatley:** MFLC at Pecan Grove, O.C. Johnson, McGraw, Rolle & Gila Vista JH
- A new MFLC will be assigned to Palmcroft Elementary School in January, 2017.

Winter Holiday Break Schedule:

- Yuma School District One: Dec. 19 – Jan. 6
- Crane School District: Dec. 19 – Jan. 6
- Somerton School District: Dec. 19 – Jan. 6
- YUSHD: Dec. 16 – Jan. 3
- Yuma Catholic High School: Dec. 23 – Jan. 5
- Desert View Academy: Dec. 16 – Jan. 3
- Desert View Academy MS/HS: Dec. 16 – Jan. 3
- Yuma Lutheran School: Dec. 22 – Jan. 6
- St. Francis of Assisi: Dec. 19 – Jan. 3
- SW Christian School: Dec. 19 – Jan. 2
- Amerischools North & South: Dec. 21 – Jan. 3
- Calvary Baptist School: Dec. 21 – Jan. 3
- Harvest Preparatory: Dec. 19 – Jan. 2

School Registration Dates for 2016-17:

Stay Tuned for more information on next year's school registration dates. Please check the *MCCS-Yuma School Liaison Program* facebook page for the most up-to-date school registration information!

School Liaison Facebook Page: Please "Like" the *MCCS-Yuma School Liaison Program* facebook page for all your current K-12 educational updates at:

https://www.facebook.com/MCCS-Yuma-School-Liaison-Program-1655031571431918/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel



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