



School Liaison's Cheat Sheet

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March 2012

Teacher Work Day
March 16

Conferences, April 6

Spring Break
April 23-26

- 1 - Peanut Butter Lovers' Day
- 3 - National Anthem Day
- 4 - Hug a GI Day
- 6 - Dentists' Day
- 8 - Popcorn Lovers' Day
- 10 - Middle Name Pride Day
- 12 - Girl Scouts Day
- 15 - Incredible Kid Day
- 16 - Freedom of Information Day
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- 30 - Take a Walk in the Park Day

Week-long observances

- 2nd Week: National Bubble Week
- 3rd Week: Crochet Week

Month-long observances

- Music in Our Schools
- National Craft Month
- National Nutrition Month
- Women's History Month
- Poetry Month



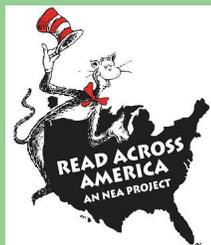
Which title will you choose for Read Across America?

Here are the first 10 of the Top 100 Books for children recommended by teachers, compiled by the National Education Association)

1. "Charlotte's Web," E.B. White
2. "Where the Wild Things Are," Maurice Sendak
3. "The Giving Tree," Shel Silverstein
4. "Green Eggs and Ham," Dr. Seuss
5. "Good Night Moon," Margaret Wise Brown
6. "I Love You Forever," Robert

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 7. "Because of Winn Dixie," Kate DiCamillo
 8. "Oh! The Places You Will Go," Dr. Seuss
 9. "The Little House," Virginia Lee Burton
 10. "Polar Express," Chris Van Allsburg
- For more information on National Read Across America Day, Dr. Seuss's birthday or the reading list, go online to www.nea.org/grants/13154htm.

Adopt-A-School special events



As part of Read Across America, Marine volunteers from MCAGCC will read to students on the following days:

- March 2:** Friendly Hills, Joshua Tree and Landers elementary schools
- March 3:** Copper Mountain College
- March 7:** Twentynine Palms Elementary School

On March 6, Marine volunteers will enjoy lunch with students at Felix Field aboard the installation after the Battle Colors Ceremony.

Marines and sailors from the Combat Center regularly participate in Adopt-A-School events. If you are interested in scheduling an event at your school or if you would like to volunteer with the program, please call Community Relations Officer Kristina Becker at 760-830-3765 or School Liaison Carol Burton at 760-830-1574.

United Through Reading Helps Military Families Stay Connected

One of the most difficult things a child can experience is having a parent deployed to a war zone. The United Through Reading Military Program helps ease the stress of separation by having deployed parents read children's books aloud via DVD for their child to watch at home. For more information, contact your Family Readiness Officer or go online to www.unitedthroughreading.org/military-program.

Visit Sky's the Limit

Sky's the Limit Observatory and Nature Center's site is open for tours from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday. Tour the Orrery, learn about ancient and modern astronomers and astronomical instruments old and new, and visit the Meditation Garden. The 15-acre site is on the east side of Utah Trail in Twentynine Palms, just before the entrance to Joshua Tree National Park.
Information: 760-367-7222

Free Bird Walks

Big Morongo Canyon Preserve in Morongo Valley hosts free bird walks Wednesdays at 8 a.m. October to March and 7 a.m. April to September. Saturday walks are also held Saturdays start at 8 a.m. October through April and 7 a.m. April and May (dark June to September). Register at the feeders alongside the host trailer. Bring binoculars.
Information: 760-363-7190
www.bigmorongo.org

Spring has sprung

Shamrock Toasties

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with this easy after-school snack

Ingredients:

Green pepper • English muffin • Cheddar cheese

Instructions:

To make one, slice a green pepper crosswise near the pointed end to get a small, three-lobed shamrock shape. (If your pepper has four lobes, you've got a lucky clover instead.) Cut a small slice for a stem.
 Toast half an English muffin, then top it



with a slice of cheddar and the pepper shamrock. Place the muffin on a tray, then broil it in a toaster oven until the cheese is melted.

Source: <http://familyfun.go.com/st-patricks-day/st-patricks-day-recipes/st-patricks-day-dinners/shamrock-toasties-699314/>

St. Paddy's Storytime

Shenanigans and tomfoolery at the library? You bet! All ages welcome for games, story and build-your-own leprechaun catcher!

6 -7 p.m. March 15
 Bldg. 1524

Information: 760-830-6875

Youth Tennis

Season runs April to June. Cost is \$25 and includes T-shirt, racket use, picture and award.

Register NOW through March 16, or until the program is full, at the Community Center, Bldg. 1004

Information: 760-830-8421

You're invited: ED Options Open House

The Combat Center School Liaison is hosting an ED Options Open House for parents interested in K-12 education options.

Who: Parents interested in K-12 education options

What: Open House with and local home education co-op groups, online credit recovery options, other home school resources and curriculum representatives.

When: 10 a.m.-noon March 29

Where: Community Center, MCAGCC, Twentynine Palms

Why: Learn more information about K-12 education options and network with Home Educators and students in our area



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Additional information — FOCUS and LINKS will be available for mini workshops for school-aged children

Combined Education & Career Fair

A combined Education & Career Fair is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 21 in the West Gym. Business dress or uniform of the day is highly recommended and attendees should bring their resumes.

Information: 760-830-4029

Resources on bullying

Let's work together to keep our campuses safe. There are many resources with information on bullying prevention and intervention, like these from edweek.org:

Center for Safe & Responsible Internet Use <http://csriu.org>

Cyberbullying Research Center www.cyberbullying.us

Gossip on the Playground: Changes Associated with Universal Intervention, Retaliation Beliefs and Supportive Friends www.nasponline.org/publications/spr/spr394index.aspx

Institute on Violence and Destructive Behavior
<http://pages.uoregon.edu/ivdb>

Olweus Bullying Prevention Program www.olweus.org

Steps to Respect: A Bullying Prevention Program
www.cfchildren.org/programs/str/overview/