



January 2012 Combat Center School Liaison Newsletter

News for the New Year

Happy 2012, everyone! With each new year comes grand opportunities amazing adventures. So this is a great time to refocus on the remainder of the school year, apply for college and scholarships, as well as register and complete your SAT/ACT tests. You will find tons of tips as well as important dates and points of contact in this edition of the School Liaison newsletter. Please feel free to contact me anytime for more

Upcoming SAT/ACT test dates

SAT: Jan 13, Jan. 28, Feb. 10, Feb. 24, March 10. **Info:** <http://sat.collegeboard.org/home>

ACT: Feb. 11 (register by Jan. 13), April 14 (register by March 9), June 9 (register by May 4).

Info: www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html

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January Holidays

Mark your calendar with the usual and not-so-usual holidays.

- 1 - New Year's Day
- 10 - Save the Eagles Day
- 11 - Amelia Earhart Day
- 13 - Friday the 13th
- 16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 18 - Thesaurus Day
- 23 - National Handwriting Day
- 31 - Inspire Your Heart with Art Day

— Edith Lovejoy Pierce

Scholarship Opportunities

It's definitely not too early for the Class of 2012 to start applying to colleges and for scholarships. Need more information? Check online at the Fisher House, <http://militaryscholar.org/index.html>.

DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY (DECA) 2009 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

Applications will be available in commissaries worldwide and online www.commissaries.com and directly at www.militaryscholar.org. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

MARINE CORPS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, INC.

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation strongly supported nationally by volunteers. Its mission is to provide financial assistance in the form of scholarships for higher education to deserving sons and daughters of Marines and children of former Marines, with particular attention being given to children whose parent was killed or wounded in action. Applications are available at www.mcsf.org.

CHILDREN OF THE FALLEN SOLDIERS RELIEF FUND

The CFSRF was founded to help support surviving U.S. military children who have lost a parent in the Afghanistan or Iraq wars by providing them with college grants. Applications will be available at www.childrenoffallensoldiersrelieffund.org.

RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC)

The Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines offer these programs at select colleges and universities throughout the country. If you qualify, you may receive a full scholarship, including tuition, books, board and other expenses. This requires a commitment to serve as an officer for a minimum of three years after graduation. Visit www.nrotc.navy.mil or www.armyrotc.com or www.afrotc.com.

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

FAFS is a form that can be filled out annually by current and anticipating university students (both undergraduate and graduate) To determine their eligibility for federal student aid including Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans and work-study programs. The application is used to determine the dollar amount you or your family will be expected to contribute toward college. Nearly all colleges use the FAFSA as the basis for their own financial aid awards as well.

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FOR MILITARY CHILDREN: Through the Montgomery G.I. Bill, military dependents can qualify for money for college at any two or four-year college, or vocational school. Get more information at www.gibill.va.gov.

**Point of contact for application assistance at Twentynine Palms
and Yucca Valley high schools is Mrs. Kathy DeRouen.
Sign up for a meeting at your counseling office today!**

— Les Brown

Mid-Year Move: School transitions made easy

For online registration information, visit:
www.morongo.k12.ca.us/cms/page_view?d=x&piid=&vpid=1276956767290

Your kids. Their new schools. YOUR way.

Your MCAGCC School Liaison is here
to provide personalized assistance & resources

You can ...

- ✓ Take a **school** tour
- ✓ Meet your **principal** and **counselor**
- ✓ Meet other **students**
- ✓ **Register**
- ✓ Get class **schedules**
- ✓ **Pick up** a calendar
- ✓ **Find out** about sports, activities

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- Information that you will need to bring to the school site to complete student registration:
 - Proof of birth
 - Immunization records
 - Copy of legal custody agreement – if applicable
 - Shot records
 - Social Security Card
 - Proof of residence (lease agreement, move-in order, house phone/cable bill)
 - Name and address of last school attended
 - All students need a whooping cough vaccination
 - Kindergarten / first-grade students will need a complete health assessment (dental health assessment is kindergarten only)

Students are eligible to enroll for the 2011-12 school year if they turn 5 years old on or before Dec. 2, 2011!

Get active in 2012!

Combat Center Spring Sports Sign-ups:

Track & Field: Register January to March, season runs March to June. Ages 6 to 18.

Tee Ball: Register January to March, season runs April to June. Ages 5 and 6.

Coach Pitch: Register January to March, seasons runs April to June. Ages 7 and 8.

MCAGCC Youth Sports: Building 1004 • 760-830-8421 • 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. weekdays
www.mccs29palms.com/pages/gymsrec/youthsports.html

Twentynine Palms Park & Recreation:

74362 Joe Davis Drive (located off Utah Trail at Luckie Park), Twentynine Palms • 760-367-7562

For current programs registering, please go online to www.ci.twentynine-palms.ca.us/Park_Recreation.39.0.html

Twentynine Palms High School Athletics:

Before the first tryout for a team, each student athlete must complete the following:

- Parent permission to participate
- Evidence of a cleared physical examination for the current school year
- Evidence of adequate accident insurance coverage for the student athlete
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA, have no F's and be on track to graduate
- Obtain accident coverage (The school does not provide or sell accident coverage; please see the Athletic Director to obtain insurance through Meyers/Stevens).

**IF ANY OF THE ABOVE ITEMS ARE MISSING OR INCOMPLETE,
THE ATHLETE WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the TPHS Athletics program,
please feel free to email Mr. Johnson at jjohnson@morongousd.com

**“Obstacles are those frightful things you see
when you take your eyes off your goal.”**

— Henry Ford

For more info on school registration, call the District Office at call: 760-367-9191



ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WITH MUSD PRINCIPALS

Wednesday, January 25th
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Community Center, Bldg. 1004

ATTENDING SCHOOLS:

- 29 Palms High School
- 29 Palms Jr. High School
- Palm Vista Elementary School
- Condor Elementary School
- Oasis Elementary School

The Combat Center School Liaison invites all parents and guardians of school-aged children to discuss upcoming events, curriculum and other related K-12 education topics.

Contact the School Liaison at:
760.830.1574
Carol.burton@usmc.mil

School Liaison Contact Information

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<http://www.marines.mil/unit/29palms/05/SL/Pages/default.aspx>

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Craft Corner: Paper Plate Noise-Makers

What you'll need

- Miniature paper plate
- Colorful paper streamers or tissue paper
- Craft jewels, large and medium
- Peach craft paint (optional)
- White craft glue or hot glue gun
- Scissors
- Beans or beads



Instructions:

1. If you like, paint the paper plate with peach paint. Let dry.
2. Fold paper plate in half to find center. Make a crease that you can see and unfold.
3. Place paper plate onto work surface. Cut streamers or tissue paper into thin strips about 4-5" long.
4. Glue the strips to the rim of the plate, only on one side (see your crease) leaving most of the strip sticking out. The glued end of the strips will be on the inside of the plate once folded. Glue colors in an alternating pattern.
5. Fold the plate and place a handful of beans or beads inside. Glue the plate closed.
6. Decorate the outside of the plate with craft jewels