Monthly School Liaison Newsletter





April 2025



Month of the Military Child

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Celebrating the resilience, strength, and courage of our Military Connected Youth.

April is designated as the official Month of the Military Child. As we are all more than familiar with, and know, the average military child will move six to nine times during their school years – meaning students will transition to as many different schools until completing their elementary and secondary schooling. During these relocations, disruptions to learning can be a great burden and sometimes overwhelming for the youth who experience these moves. Although we support and care for our military-connected youth, the Month of the Military Child gives us all a moment to pause and reflect on the sacrifices these students make.

Therefore, in April we honor the special dedication military connected students and families take on in service to our country. At the POM, Ord, and La Mesa Communities, there will be many activities to celebrate military-connected youth and recognize their accomplishments, grit, and commitment. There will be assemblies with Navy and Army Commands, field days, family events, special morning welcomes, and just good will to show support.

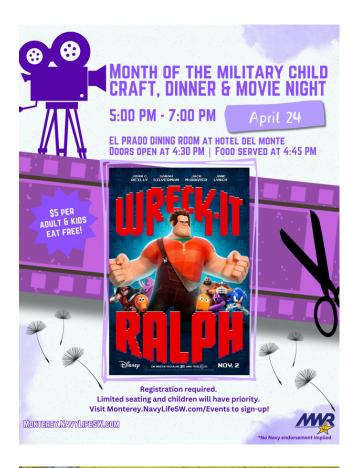
For information on the Marshall and La Mesa Elementary Schools' activities including art and writing contests in April – check out their websites, newsletters, or contact the schools for all the info. We look forward to these events and hope to see you at one or more of these activities.

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Month of the Military Child Events:



MoMC Craft, Dinner & Movie Night

Join Community Recreation for this exciting event for kids of all ages! You'll enjoy a showing of "Wreck it Ralph" and enjoy a craft & themed dinner!

Registration is required, so visit Monterey.NavyLife.com/Events for more information!



MoMC Field Day

Join MWR Fitness, FFSC & CYP as we celebrate the strength and resilience of the military child in your life during our first Month of the Military Child Field Day! There will be a variety of activities for kids to enjoy.

Activities include, but are not limited to:

- Tug of war
- · Relay races
- Beanbag toss
- Get fit exercises
- And more!

For more information, email fitness@nps.edu!

Month of the Military Child Events:



POM Touch A Truck

Join POM at the Stilwell Community Center for its Touch A Truck event! Kids of all ages are welcome to attend this exciting community event.

Military Child Education Coalition Parent Education Webinars

The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) has published their schedule of April Parent Webinars. It's website states that "MCEC supports all military-connected children by educating, advocating, and collaborating to resolve education challenges associated with the military lifestyle."

Part of the MCEC Mission is to ensure that every military-connected child is college-, work-, and life-ready. Additionally, they offer monthly pertinent and informative webinars. This month's webinars include topics such as preparing your child for relocation, music, and empowering military connected children.

For more information on the MCEC Parent Webinars follow this <u>Link</u> and visit the <u>MCEC Website</u> to learn more about the Military Child Education Coalition.



Monterey Peninsula Unified School District Enrollment & Registration Information

The Monterey Peninsula Unified School District's new student enrollment and returning student confirmation process for the 2025-2026 school year for grades Transitional Kindergarten (TK) - Kindergarten has begun! 1st through 12th Grade registration will begin in April.

Don't delay as early new student enrollment and confirmation of returning students helps the district plan and prepare its teaching and staffing needs for the upcoming school year.

<u>View the Transition Services School Transfer Checklist in the downloads section of our website!</u>



Call for Arts Contest

This contest is a great activity for military connected children in grades K-12. This activity offers an amazing opportunity for military students to connect and communicate their unique experiences through the Arts. As an adjunct, the Call for the Arts honors, engages, and reinforces the sentiments of Month of the Military Child for our students and youth.

For more information, visit: https://militarychild.org/programs-and-initiatives/the-call-for-the-arts/



Monterey Peninsula Unified School District Spring 2025 Open House Schedule

Both Monterey and Seaside High Schools open the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District Open House Season! Monterey starts of the season on <u>April 24 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm</u>. Please join Principal Thomas Newton at the MHS Open House for all current and prospective students (8th graders who may be Toreadors next school year!) Not to be outdone, Seaside High School Principal Aaron Sanders and the Spartan Community will follow up a week later on <u>May 1</u> at the same time with their Open House. While you're learning about and enjoying the high schools, please stop by the School Liaison Officer table for a meet-and-greet, information, and a chance to win a prize! See you there!

More Open Houses coming in May. For more information on the upcoming MPUSD Open House Schedule follow this link: <u>Spring</u> 2025 Open Houses | Monterey Peninsula Unified School District

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