

Monthly School Liaison Newsletter

May 2025



Month of the Military Child in Review

In April we honored the special dedication military-connected students and families take on in service to our country. George C. Marshall and La Mesa Elementary both held special events and/or assemblies to recognize the sacrifice military-connected youth make to ensure peace and freedom through their support to their families. Below is a “fun-down” of a few of the enthusiastic events held at both sites for Month of the Military Child:

George C. Marshall

- The Marshall Sharks community held a special assembly with command from Navy and Army thanking and reiterating the gratitude to our military-connected students. Special thanks to NSAM representatives CDR Rory Upright, Deputy Command Ryan Stewart, and CPO Josh Umphress for their participation.
- Purple Up Day with Proclamation Signing and Patriotic Parade. Thank you to Colonel Daniel Artino and Superintendent of Schools PK Diffenbaugh for your validating the proclamation and well-wishes to students; to the Seaside High Jr ROTC for the flag ceremony, and to all the great Marshall students, staff, administration, and parents that made the event so uplifting.

La Mesa Elementary

- Month of the Military Child Kick Off Event! La Mesa Sharks were greeted in the morning by a cadre of soldiers and sailors with Purple Up Pencils and donut holes all to honor and support our military-connected students.
- Month of the Military Child Assembly with Proclamation. The Sharks held a great assembly that included the Monterey High School NJROTC flag salute and color guard formation; a stirring rendition of the National Anthem and other patriotic songs by the La Mesa Musical Program, Proclamation Signing by CDR Rory Upright (Acting Commanding Officer) and Superintendent of School PK Diffenbaugh.

And, last but definitely not least, recognition of the La Mesa Month of the Military Child Writing Contest Winners - Randi Ruan and Lillian Ward. Randi, a 4th grader, proudly from an Air Force family, read her original composition *The Life of a Military Child*; Lillian Ward, a 6th grader, whose family serves in the Navy, enthusiastically presented her version of *The Story of a Military Child*. Thank you both for regaling the La Mesa community with your heartfelt, humorous, and generous winning essays about life as a military child. Perfect expressions of the what it means to be a military-connected youth and why we celebrate the Month of the Military Child.

- Thank you to Navy Command, the Fleet and Family Service Center, School Liaison Officers, La Mesa staff and administration, La Mesa PTA, but most of all, the students of La Mesa for all the preparation and good will.

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Military Child Education Coalition Parent Education Webinars

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

This month's webinars include topics ranging from school readiness for Kindergarteners, summer reading engagement for your middle school and high schooler, navigating the highs and lows of being a military-connected child, and exploring transition supports for military families. For more information on the MCEC Parent Webinars follow this [Link](#) and visit the [MCEC Website](#) 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.

[View the Transition Services School Transfer Checklist in the downloads section of our website!](#)



May 2025 Webinar Series

You Will Not Want to Miss!

The Military Child Education Coalition® announces a series of Parent Education Webinars for military-connected parents and professionals who work in support of military-connected children.

These webinars are open to all interested participants and offer research-based information and ideas for participants. Mark your calendars and register for any webinar that fits your needs. Once you have registered, you can watch the live webinar or view a recorded presentation after the recording is processed.

To register for a webinar, go to the link following each topic below, or visit the MCEC website to view the entire schedule and register here:



Webinar Topics and Dates

(All webinars presented in Zoom at Noon EST)

TUESDAY, May 6, 2025

5525N – Staying Connected During a Service Member's Absence

[Registration Link for 5525N](#)

WEDNESDAY, May 7, 2025

5625AF – Baby Sign Language

[Registration Link for 5625AF](#)

TUESDAY, May 13, 2025

5725N – Understanding and Addressing Problematic Sexual Behavior in Children and Youth with Subject Matter Expert Irene Oshaka (Part 1)

[Registration Link for 5725N](#)

WEDNESDAY, May 14, 2025

5825AF – Understanding and Addressing Problematic Sexual Behavior in Children and Youth with Subject Matter Expert Irene Oshaka (Part 2)

[Registration Link for 5825AF](#)

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

10425USAA – Navigating the Highs and Lows of Being a Military-Connected Child

[Registration Link for 10425USAA](#)

TUESDAY, May 20, 2025

5925N – Motivating Middle School and High School Readers Over the Summer

[Registration Link for 5925N](#)

WEDNESDAY, May 21, 2025

6025AF – Readiness and Life Skills for Kindergarten and Elementary School Students

[Registration Link for 6025AF](#)

WEDNESDAY, May 28, 2025

6125N – Exploring School Transition Supports for Military Families

[Registration Link for 6125N](#)

THURSDAY, May 29, 2025

20425HEB – Empoderando a los niños vinculados con el ejército. Enseñándoles a abogar por ellos mismos.)

(Empowering Military-Connected Children: Building Self-Advocacy Skills)

[Registration Link for 20425HEB](#)



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MPUSD Facilities Master Planning Community Nights

Are you ready to shape the future of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District facilities? Then join MPUSD to learn about facilities' needs, share your feedback, and explore what's next for your child's school. This is an opportunity to share what you would like to see at your child's school. Attend one or all of the meetings - open to the entire community. Hope to see you there! Learn more [here](#).



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FACILITIES MASTER PLANNING COMMUNITY NIGHTS



*Shape the future of our schools!
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EVENT DATES & LOCATIONS (ALL AT 5:30 P.M.)

-  **MAY 5 – MARINA HIGH
298 PATTON PARKWAY**
-  **MAY 8 – SEASIDE HIGH
2200 NOCHE BUENA ST.**
-  **MAY 12 – MONTEREY HIGH
101 HERRMANN DRIVE**



Monterey Peninsula Unified School District Spring 2025 Open House Schedule

Open House Season continues in May! George C. Marshall Elementary (5/19) and Monte Vista Elementary (5/20) will roll out the red carpet to invite families and students to their open houses.

Not to be outdone, Seaside (5/15) and Monte Vista (5/21) Middle Schools will welcome the school community. While you're learning about and enjoying the elementary and middle schools, please stop by the School Liaison Officer's tables for 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: [Spring 2025 Open Houses | Monterey Peninsula Unified School District](#)

Thank you for reading!

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