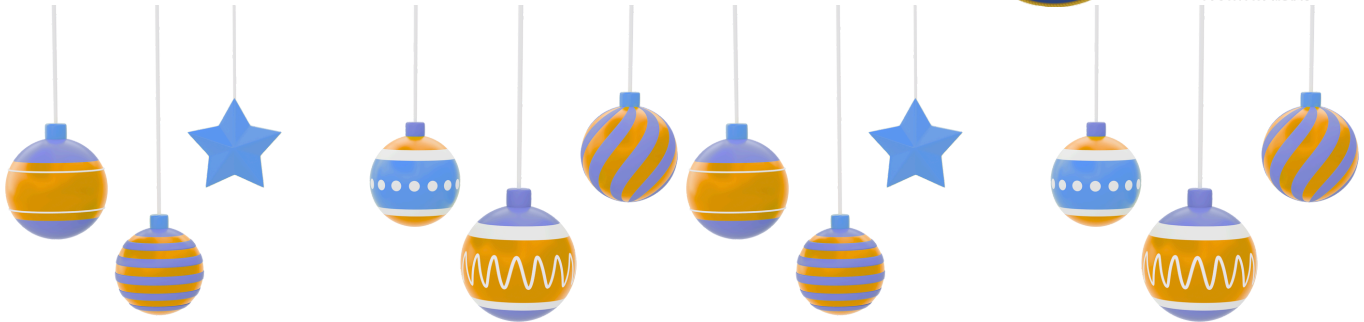


Monthly School Liaison Newsletter

December 2025



Ahoy, from the heart of the Monterey Peninsula in Steinbeck Country—where ocean breezes meet educational opportunities, and community is our compass. As your Navy School Liaison Officer, I'm here to help you navigate the ever-changing waters of local school systems, connect with resources, and support your family's unique journey. Whether you're new to the area or a returning armed forces member, this newsletter is your monthly port of call for updates, insights, and answers.

Let's set sail toward success—together! And here is the news for this month . . .

School Transfer Window for MPUSD

High School Transfer Window Now Open!

Planning ahead for next school year? The transfer window for the 2026–2027 school year is officially open November 10 – December 12, 2025.

This is especially important for current 8th graders who will be entering high school next fall! Families wishing to transfer from one MPUSD high school to another must complete an online transfer request during this period.

Important: This is the only opportunity to request a transfer to the high school of your choice within MPUSD for the upcoming school year, and approvals are based on space availability. Learn more and access the online student transfer forms **HERE** today on the MPUSD website. Don't miss out! Plan ahead and submit your request before the deadline!

As for TK – 8th Grade: Mark your calendars! The TK–8th Grade Student Transfer Window **OPENS January 12, 2026**. We will keep you posted with any transfer updates.

MFLC Parent Education Series

We're taking a break from the Parent Education Series for the Holidays but will resume with more fervor and interesting topics in February. Join our MFLC Counselors and fellow parents as we continue the powerful series focused on the many facets of modern parenting. Our next two sessions will be at the Porter Youth Center in Seaside (Fort Ord Village). Details below.

Porter Youth Center | 4286 Normandy Rd, Seaside, CA

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

- **February 11, 2026** – Collaborative Parenting
- Strengthen co-parenting with the 5 Child Love Languages.
- **March 11, 2026** – Navigating Parent-Child Conflict
- Use the High-5 Approach to manage stress and resolve challenges.

These workshops are open to all military-connected parents and guardians. No registration needed - just drop in! Hope to see you there!

For any questions or additional information, please contact:

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Military Child Education Coalition Corner

The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) has released its schedule for December Parent Webinars, offering valuable resources for military-connected families. Dedicated to supporting these students, MCEC works to educate, advocate, and collaborate to address the unique educational challenges tied to military life. This month's webinars cover a range of essential topics, including dual enrollment, mid-year transfers, Special Education, higher education options, and dealing with screen-time issues in this digital age. Check out all the options below:





MCEC[®]
Parent Support

December 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.

Pardon our Progress!

We are working on a new registration platform for webinars and expect to roll it out soon. Until then, please use this QR code which will take you to a form with a list of all available webinars and events. Simply select the webinar you wish to attend to start the registration process.



Webinar Topics and Dates

(All webinars presented in Zoom at Noon EST)

TUESDAY, December 2, 2025

Dual Enrollment: Benefits and Pitfalls for Military Students

WEDNESDAY, December 3, 2025

Transitions: Moving Mid-Year

TUESDAY, December 9, 2025

Higher Education Options

WEDNESDAY, December 10, 2025

Special Needs: IEP vs 504 Plans

TUESDAY, December 16, 2025

Scholarships Do's and Don'ts for Military Families

WEDNESDAY, December 17, 2025

Screentime Strategies for Military-Connected Children

THURSDAY, December 18, 2025

Opciones en Educación Superior (Higher Education Options)



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Need School Supplies? We've Got You Covered - FREE!

Military-connected families, your School Liaison is here to help with school supplies! From pens to paper, binders to glue sticks, markers to highlighters, and so much more—all at NO COST to you.

- Contact your School Liaison today and make sure your student has everything they need to succeed!

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Holiday Wishes from your NSA Monterey CYES

To Our Military-Connected Families,

The holiday season is a time to pause and reflect on the extraordinary strength and resilience demonstrated throughout the year. Every family plays a vital role in meeting the mission to protect our nation and safeguard the freedoms we cherish. Your and your family's dedication - both at home and in service - does not go unnoticed.

May this season bring peace, joy, and meaningful moments with loved ones near or far. Wishing each family a happy holiday and a bright, hopeful New Year.

Warm wishes for a happy holiday and a bright New Year!

With gratitude,



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Other Important School and Educational Activity Dates

Monterey Peninsula USD

- MPUSD School Board Meetings
- December 9, 6:30pm, 540 Canyon Del Rey, Del Rey Oaks
- MPUSD Winter Break: Dec 22, 2025 – Jan 2, 2026
- Check your child's school website, ParentSquare, and notices for more information on upcoming events, such as Holiday Activities and Events, Coffee with the Principal, PTA, ELAC, School Site Council Meetings, and much more.

CYP/CYES

- CYP Youth Sponsorship Teens Field Trip "Ice Skating by the Bay", December 5
- Navy CYP CDC Parent Involvement Board, December 11, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (TEAMS)
- CYP Youth Sponsorship Teens "Caroling in La Mesa Village", December 19
- CYP Winter Camp for Teens, December 22 - January 6, from 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (Free to sign up). **Closed December 25 and 26 for the Holiday**
- For more information on Tech Connection and CDC activities and events check out the links below.

Thank you for reading!

<u>Youth Sponsorship</u>	<u>School Liaison officer</u>
<u>Tech Connection Teen & Youth Center</u>	<u>Child Development Center</u>
