

School Liaison Newsletter

October 2026



Falling into success!

As autumn arrives on the Monterey Peninsula, we are reminded that every season brings new opportunities for growth, learning, and connection. Whether your family is new to the area or well-established in our community, the School Liaison Office is here to support your child's educational journey and help ensure a smooth and successful school year.

With Fall Break now behind us and the second quarter underway, we hope Monterey Peninsula Unified School District (MPUSD) families enjoyed a well-deserved opportunity to rest, recharge, and spend time together. Best wishes to all students, families, and staff for a productive and rewarding remainder of the school year.

October is a particularly important month for military-connected families, with the start of the Federal Impact Aid Survey, school events, and opportunities to strengthen partnerships between our schools and military community.

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Captain's Corner: Leading the Way – Supporting Military Families and Student Success

As we move into October, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to our military-connected students, parents, educators, and community partners for a successful start to the school year. With the school year well underway and Fall Break concluded, I hope each of our students has settled into their new routines, built meaningful connections, and is finding success both in and out of the classroom. Whether this is your family's first school year in Monterey or you are a familiar face in our community, thank you for your continued resilience, adaptability, and commitment to educational excellence. Together, we look forward to a successful and rewarding second quarter.

I would like to encourage all military families with students attending Monterey Peninsula Unified School District (MPUSD) schools to participate in the Federal Impact Aid Survey, which begins on October 15. This survey is critically important because it helps schools identify federally connected students and secure federal funding that directly supports educational programs and services that will benefit your children. Taking a few moments to complete and return the survey can make a meaningful difference for local schools and the students they serve.

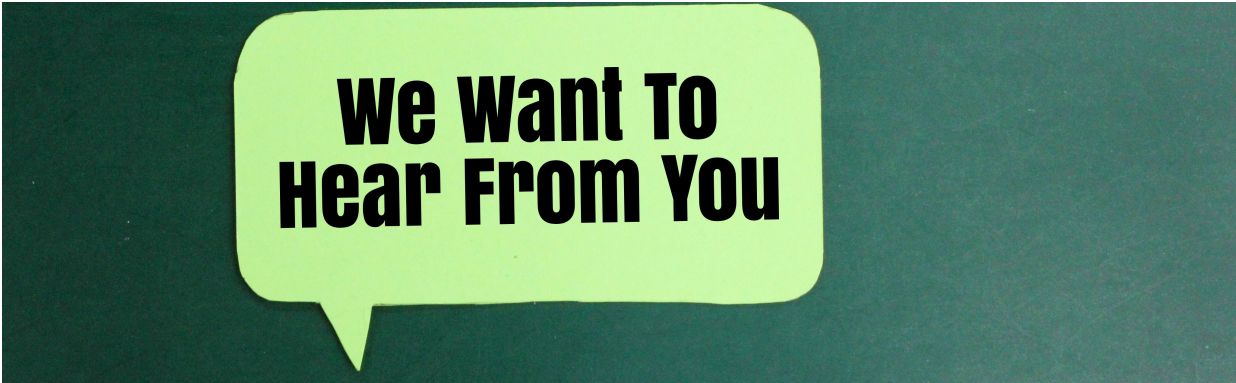
October is a special month for our Navy. On October 13, we celebrate the 251st birthday of the United States Navy. For more than two and a half centuries, Sailors have answered our nation's call, defending freedom and serving with honor around the globe. As we celebrate this milestone, let us recognize the dedication of our Navy families whose support makes our mission possible every day. Happy Birthday, Navy!

Thank you for all you do to support the Navy's mission here in Monterey. Thank you for all that you do to support our military-connected youth and to strengthen our Monterey peninsula community. I wish all students, families, and educators continued success throughout the remainder of the first quarter and a safe, enjoyable autumn season.

Very Respectfully,

Capt. Ryan T. Easterday
Commanding Officer
Naval Support Activity Monterey





**We Want To
Hear From You**

Federal Impact Aid Survey Begins October 15

The Monterey Peninsula Unified School District (MPUSD) will begin its annual Federal Impact Aid Survey on October 15. This survey is one of the most important ways our military-connected families can support local schools.

Because many military families live on federal property or have parents serving on active duty, school districts may receive less local property tax revenue than other districts. Federal Impact Aid helps offset this loss by providing critical funding that supports students, teachers, educational programs, technology, and school resources.

What Families Need to Do

- ✓ Complete the survey as soon as you receive it.
- ✓ Follow your school's instructions and return the survey promptly.
- ✓ Ensure all military-connected and Department of Defense-affiliated students are accurately identified.

Every Survey Counts!

Our goal is 100% participation. Every completed survey helps maximize federal funding for the schools that serve our military children. Please do not delay. Complete and return your survey as soon as possible after receiving it.

Survey Distribution Information:

- La Mesa TK-8 School and Marshall Elementary School will distribute and collect hard copy survey forms.
- All other MPUSD schools will provide families with a link to complete the survey electronically online.

Thank you for helping ensure our schools receive the federal support they have earned for educating military-connected students. Together, we can make a meaningful difference for all students across the district.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact your school's front office for support.

Welcome to Newly Arriving Families

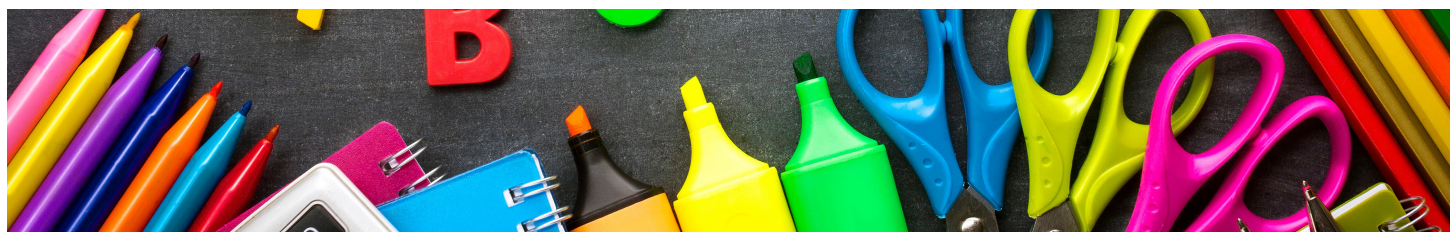
The School Liaison Office continues assisting families transferring to Monterey throughout the fall PCS season. If you know a family arriving in the area, encourage them to connect with the School Liaison Office early for assistance with:

- School registration and enrollment
- Special education support and resources
- Transition planning
- School selection guidance
- Interstate Compact information
- Local extracurricular opportunities

Our goal is to make every transition as smooth and successful as possible. Contact your School Liaison today to ensure your student is connected with the resources and support they need to thrive this school year!

The School Liaison Office is here to support military-connected students and families with school transitions, enrollment, educational resources, and advocacy throughout Monterey County and beyond.

"Together, we help military children thrive wherever duty takes them."



Helpful Links for Monterey Military Families

NSA Monterey Child Youth Program (CYP)

- [Navy School Liaison Officer](#)
- [Tech Connection Teen & Youth Center \(Monterey\)](#)
- [Navy Child Development Center](#)
- [Youth Sponsorship](#)
- [Military Child Care](#)

Presidio of Monterey Child Youth Services (CYS)

- [Army School Liaison Officer](#)
- [Porter Youth Center and Teen Sports \(Seaside\)](#)
- [Army Child Development Center](#)

Tutoring Resources

- For US Military and Their Families - [tutor.com](https://www.tutor.com)

Discover the CYP Teen & Youth Programs - Make Friends, Build Skills, & Have Fun!



Looking for the ultimate after-school hangout?

If you have a teen who loves to connect, create, learn, and have fun, the FREE Teen Program at the Tech Connection in La Mesa Village is the place to be! Open to military-connected youth ages 12 and older in grades 7-12, this exciting program offers a welcoming space where teens can be themselves, make new friends, and discover new interests.

More than just an after-school or school break program, the Teen Program is a safe, relaxed drop-in environment where teens can build confidence, develop leadership skills, and create lasting connections with their peers. Whether they're looking to explore their creativity, try something new, or simply unwind after a busy school day, there's something for everyone.

Teens can come and go while enjoying activities focused on:

- Building self esteem
- Making healthy friendships
- Leadership & community service
- Academic support
- Arts & crafts
- STEM
- Sports & healthy choices
- Youth Sponsorship
- Games and activities
- And plenty of social time!

Ready to help your teen unlock new opportunities, make lasting friendships, and create unforgettable memories? To learn more or get your teen involved, call the Tech Connection at (831) 656-2127. Give them a place to belong, grow, and thrive. Your teen will be glad you did!



MPUSD Student Transfer Windows Open Soon for the 2027-2028 School Year

Military-connected families who are planning ahead for the 2027-2028 school year should be aware of the upcoming Monterey Peninsula Unified School District (MPUSD) student transfer windows.

If your family resides within the MPUSD attendance area (Marina, Monterey, Seaside, Sand City, or Del Rey Oaks) and you would like your student to attend a school other than their assigned school of residence, you must submit an intradistrict transfer request during the designated transfer period.

Transfer Application Windows

High School (Grades 9-12)

November 9 - December 11, 2026

Transitional Kindergarten - Grade 8

January 6 - February 5, 2027

Intradistrict Transfers

Families living within MPUSD boundaries may request enrollment at another MPUSD school instead of their assigned neighborhood school. Transfer requests are considered based on available space at the requested school.

Important: All transfer requests must be submitted during the designated application window for the upcoming school year. Late applications may not be considered.

Military Family Life Counselor (MFLC) Parent Education Series 2026-2027

Six Sessions • Practical Parenting Strategies • Stronger Military Families

Military-connected parents and guardians are invited to participate in the **MFLC Parent Education Series 2026-2027**, a six-part series focused on strengthening family relationships, improving communication, and building resilience through the unique challenges and opportunities of military life.

Whether you're new to the military lifestyle or a seasoned parent, these sessions offer practical tools, valuable resources, and meaningful connections to help your family thrive. Don't miss this opportunity to learn new strategies, connect with other military families, and invest in your family's success throughout the year.

Collaborative Parenting

November 6

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Child and Youth Services (CYS) – Porter Youth Center

4286 Normandy Rd, Seaside, CA 93955

Discover how the Five Love Languages of Children can strengthen parent-child communication and enhance co-parenting relationships.

Upcoming Sessions

Thriving During Transitions

December 9

Learn how to support your family through military and civilian life transitions.

Navigating Parent-Child Conflict

January 13, 2027

Manage stress and resolve conflict using the High-5 Approach.

Accessing Digital Parenting

February 17, 2027

Explore strategies for parenting in the digital age and engaging children in healthy media use.

Respect, Influence, and Unity

April 14, 2027

Focusing on strategies to maintain mutual respect, positive influence, and unity in a challenging world.

Staying Connected During Change

May 12, 2027

Learn how to maintain strong family relationships and embrace change with a growth mindset.

Open to all military-connected parents and guardians. Join us for this exciting six-part journey toward stronger families and stronger connections!

Military Child Education Coalition Corner

Looking for ways to support your child's educational journey? The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) offers Parent Webinar live on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9am Pacific Standard Time. The MCEC offers military-connected families access to expert insights, practical strategies, and valuable resources for plethora of parent education topics. This month's webinars explore several important topics. For more details on the MCEC Parent Webinars, scan the QR code or [visit the MCEC website](#) to learn more about the Military Child Education Coalition and the invaluable resources it offers.



Other Important MPUSD Dates

Monterey Peninsula Union School District - School Board Meetings

- October 13 | 6:30 PM | Monterey High School
- October 27 | 6:30 PM | 540 Canyon Del Rey, Del Rey Oaks

Pacific Grove USD: [Check the calendar here](#)

Carmel USD: [Check the calendar here](#)

Check your child's school or district website, ParentSquare, and notices for more information on upcoming events.