



School Scuttle

Educational issues affecting military kids

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POSITIVE CHANGE OF SCHOOL AND TRANSITION WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

When it comes to school, transitions can be tricky. Preschool to kindergarten, 5th grade to middle school, and 8th grade to high school are some of the most important milestones for a child's educational and emotional development. In the military community, the PCS transition can be a challenging road to navigate no matter what grade level the child is in.

In the month of April, the School Liaison programs at New River and Camp Lejeune will be hosting a series of workshops designed to help parents best navigate these transition times. The PCS (Positive Change of School) Workshop will be held **Monday evening, April 27, at the Russell Family Services Bldg in the main auditorium from 7-9 p.m.** A special guest speaker, Mr. Phillip Autrey, will train parents on how to prepare children for their new school using a special online program called SOAR. Mr. Autrey is a national expert in the program that allows parents to administer standardized testing from Princeton Review that is tied to state standards at their new duty station. The program provides tutorial support modules for children to "catch up" in areas where they may be a bit behind before they arrive at the new locale.

A series of workshops will also be held at the Marine Corps Family Team Building Offices aboard New River Air Station. These classes are designed to assist parents whose children are moving between key transition grades. Free daycare is available. Call 449-9915 for more info.

Positive Change of School Transition Workshop - Designed for parents of school age children who will PCS this summer. Russell Family Service Building, Camp Lejeune, April 27th 7-9 p.m. (Includes SOAR training) Refreshments will be provide. Free daycare is available.

High School Transition Class - Designed for parents of rising Freshman. MCFTB office at New River Air Station, April 22nd from 6-8 p.m.

Middle School Transition Class - Designed for parents of children entering middle school this fall. MCFTB office at New River Air Station, April 29th 6-9 p.m.



From the Bulletin Board...



WHAT'S NEW ON MILITARYONESOURCE.COM?

Even if you aren't a whiz with technology, you could still try out one of their **webinar trainings**. Webinars are online classes conducted with the computer and a telephone. You sign up and then call in at the appropriate date and time. Onscreen tools allow you to participate in the class. The class sizes are often limited, so **sign up early**. If you aren't available during the webinar, you can check out the archives and watch an earlier webinar to get the information. Recent topics have included:

- ❖ A Scientific Approach to Happiness and Resilience
- ❖ Advocacy Training for Military Special Needs Parents
- ❖ A Special Needs Parents Toolkit
- ❖ Addictive Behaviors
- ❖ Applying for Scholarships and Loans

The next webinar is April 16th, **Getting Ready to Relocate**. For more information just check out www.MilitaryOneSource.com

BOOMARK CONTEST

Onslow County Public Library is holding a bookmark contest for area children & teens in grades K-12. The winning design will be printed and handed out at all OCPL branch libraries during 2009 Summer Reading. The winner will also receive a fun prize. This is a great chance to get your school age child involved in the library, and a great start to the summer reading program. Please visit <http://onslowcountync.gov/library> for official rules and template. Bookmarks must be turned in by April 30.

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

Just a little reminder that April is the "Month of the Military Child." I know that as active military families we are so busy living with our life that we may forget the **sacrifices** our children make so that their moms and dads can protect the country. **Our military children serve too!** Every move they make, every night they go to bed without being tucked in by a deployed parent, and every care package they send has an impact on their life. Please take the time this month to remind ask your child how they are doing, and remind them they are heroes too.

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