

# School Scuttle

*Educational issues affecting military kids*

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## MEET THE SLO - SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER



Hi, I am Julie Fulton. My job is to make sure that our military dependents are getting the best opportunities with the least roadblocks when it comes to education.

I work with the command, the local public schools, base schools, and parents on behalf of our kids. I am here for YOU! My services are especially helpful during military moves. I can help you with information about local schools as well as the schools at your new duty station. I have dozens of resources for helping your child transition more easily from one place to another. I will also help connect classrooms with military units for special events or activities.

I have taught in public, private, and DoDEA schools for 14 years and have my master's degree in school administration. I am the spouse of a retired marine and come from a family of educators. Education is my passion!

I really look forward to working with you. ☺

I'm *EASY* to find!



CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE:  
[MCCSLejeune.com/schools](http://MCCSLejeune.com/schools)

## From the Bulletin Board...

### PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

The preschool eligibility date has changed. Students must now be 4 years old by **Sept. 1, 2008** to enroll on base or by **August 31, 2008** to enroll in county schools. Next year the change will take effect for kindergarten as well. Children who have developmental delays or fall into a low income bracket may qualify for a preschool program at age three. Check with your local school or call me for more information.



## WHAT IS AYP? WHAT IF MY CHILD'S SCHOOL DIDN'T MAKE IT?

AYP stands for Adequate Yearly Progress and it is one of the measures used by No Child Left Behind to ensure that public schools continue to make improvement. AYP highlights can be somewhat misleading. For example, poor attendance from a small group of students can lead to a school not meeting its AYP goals. Learn more about how AYP is calculated at:

<http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/docs/nclb/news/2008/200805-insert.pdf>

## DEPLOYING THIS SCHOOL YEAR?

Is there any chance someone other than your spouse will care for your children, even temporarily, while you are gone? If so, please get a specific **education power of attorney**. Base legal now has this form. Taking care of this before you leave can reduce problems for your children left behind.

## 6<sup>th</sup> GRADERS IMMUNIZATIONS UPDATE

6<sup>th</sup> grade children attending public school must have a **booster shot** of the Tdap vaccine (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) if more than 5 years have passed since the last does of a tetanus vaccine. For students who are in private, religious or home schools, the vaccine is required by the age of 12.

## ELMO IS COMING!

Elmo is coming to Camp Lejeune Sept. 27! The 20-minute performance by the Muppets, will be **FREE** and include giveaways and information about resources for military families with young children. Sesame Workshop launched an outreach program for military families in 2006 called "*Talk, Listen, Connect.*" One of their products is a video in which Elmo and his mom and dad deal with issues related to deployments. In all the Sesame Workshop videos, military children and their parents talk about their own experiences in dealing with these issues.



## JUST ARRIVED? MOVING SOON?

Check out the new website [www.soarathome.com](http://www.soarathome.com). This site will allow parents to administer **standardized tests** aligned to the standards of the area you will be going. This will give you an idea about how well your child is prepared for the new system and offers tutorials to help support weak areas. Also, you can take your results from the Princeton Review to the new school to help them make placement decisions according to your child's abilities and needs. It is a wonderful **FREE** resource for military families.

## PROJECT FOCUS

Project Focus is a new DOD grant-funded program through Duke University to assist multiple deployment families with **resiliency training**. It is designed mostly as a preventative program that involves the whole family. Project Focus will be housed at TT and include a site director, two trainers, and an administrative assistant. They will be networking with base and county resources in support of referred families. Contact me if you are interested in participating or for more information.

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