



# School Scuttle

*Educational issues affecting military kids*

Camp Lejeune - New River - Onslow - Jones - Carteret - Pender - Private - Home Schools

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## THREE FOR ME

The National PTA recently adopted a parent volunteer program called "Three for Me." It stands for 3 volunteer hours from each parent; and the "me" represents the child. A couple of moms from Indiana invented the program, but it boils down to a simple plan. If each parent spent just three hours a year volunteering in their child's school, then children and schools would benefit.

They reasoned that once parents got into the schools and found out how important their time and energy were, then they would get hooked and want to volunteer more. It worked! Parents who pledged three hours actually averaged 12 hours of volunteering.

Even for the parents who came for just the three hours there was a positive payoff. Many parents said they didn't volunteer before because they didn't know what to do or were afraid that the schools would call them all the time. Their fears were unfounded. Schools were eager to provide a list of volunteer opportunities like helping to monitor students during testing, listening to students read, helping out at school events, etc. Students whose parents volunteer at school actually perform better academically. Students seem to realize that parents who come to the school value education.

Even busy parents who work can manage three hours a year. Why not try getting involved this year? Commit to three for your child!



## From the Bulletin Board...



### IT'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME!

Check out [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org) for an application. Six local students won scholarships from this organization last year. They have given away 6.5 million dollars in the last 8 years! Another great scholarship source is the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation which provides scholarships for military dependents and extra benefits to children of troops injured or killed in the global war on terror. Go to [www.mcsf.com](http://www.mcsf.com). For more scholarships, use the scholarship finder tool at:

<http://aid.military.com/scholarship/search-for-scholarships.do>



**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR  
MILITARY CHILDREN**

## INTERSTATE COMPACT

North Carolina recently became the 11<sup>th</sup> state to sign on to an interstate compact for Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The purpose of the compact is to remove some of the problems military kids face when they **transfer schools**. Since the average military student transfers 6-9 times in their K-12 education, the Compact can provide a good support system for our children. Some of the topics covered in the agreement include immunizations, course sequencing, records transfers, athletic tryouts, special education placement, and graduation issues. For more information about the Interstate Compact and how it could affect your children visit: [www.nsba.org/MainMenu/Advocacy/FederalLaws/MilitaryCompact/IssueBrief.aspx](http://www.nsba.org/MainMenu/Advocacy/FederalLaws/MilitaryCompact/IssueBrief.aspx)

## BULLYING

Children who are being bullied can not be successful in school. The best way to deal with bullying at school is to prevent it in the first place. Check out this website with your child to get ideas and information that will help you talk with your child about bullying and help make your child's school **be bully-free**. [www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov](http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov)



## USO SUPPORTS KIDS DURING DEPLOYMENTS



The Jacksonville USO has two particular programs focused on military children of deployed parents. The first is **United Through Reading**. This program allows moms and dads to record a DVD of them reading favorite books or stories. The DVD is then given to the children for use while the service member is deployed. The second program is called **Smiles Across Miles**. This program allows the family of deployed troops to get together for free pizza and record a DVD message to send to the service member. It occurs the first

Thursday of the month from 5-8 p.m. It is a great time to network and send mom or dad a message as well. Both programs are **free of charge**. Call 346-3155 to make an appointment or for more information.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

### *ONSLOW COUNTY SCHOOLS*

The makeup day for tropical storm Hannah has been scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day

Nov. 26-28 - Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec. 22- Jan. 2 - Winter Break

### *CAMP LEJEUNE DEPENDENT SCHOOLS*

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