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Annual Higher Headquarters Inspection 2022

Dear Child and Youth Services Families-

The West Point Child and Youth Services program is pleased to announce the successful completion of this year's **Army Higher Headquarters Inspection (AHHI)**.

Successful completion of the annual AHHI, in addition to the four annual comprehensive inspections, validates an installation's adherence to **over 800 standards** for program facilitation and affords programs their required Department of Defense Certificate to Operate. The AHHI is a demanding inspection that assesses compliance with a large number of critical areas to include, but not limited to, safety, health, sanitation, training, curriculum, environments, interactions and administration. CYS professionals actively participate in this inspection through in-person observations, interviews with AHHI inspectors, remittance and vetting of mandatory documentation, current statistical and analytical data composed of utilization, attendance, staffing, etc., and validation of measures to sustain compliance with standards.

The West Point CYS program has been rated as one of the highest achieving installations for this year's AHHI cycle. This tremendous accomplishment is a direct reflection of each member of the CYS professional team and their commitment to quality as well as the support of our stakeholders. Successful collaboration amongst parents, staff and installation proponents has allowed for continual improvement and application of CYS practices.

I thank you for your patronage and support of the West Point Child and Youth Services program.

Erin Faherty

Chief, Child and Youth Services

Thank you for your continued support of West Point CYS!

Stony Child Development Center

Fall is Here! The fall months are a great time for exploring and watching as the weather and the outdoor environment changes. As the weather will begin to get cooler, please ensure that children have the proper clothing including jackets and/or sweaters and hats. We are excited for the season and look forward to engaging in new activities in both the classroom and outdoors. We will be incorporating a multitude of sensory activities into the curriculum. Our learning environments have been set up to engage the children in math, literacy, science, engineering, technology, and art. Get ready for some exploring and learning fun!

Curriculum Snapshots



Cognitive

11. Demonstrates positive approaches to learning. **a.** Attends and engages.
The Arts 33. Explores the visual arts.



Literacy

18. Comprehends and responds to books and other texts. **c.** Retells stories and recounts details from informational texts.



Social Studies

29. Demonstrates knowledge about self.
31. Explores change related to familiar people or places.

Parent Participation at the Stony CDC:

Our classroom environments are ever changing and teachers can always use a helping hand. Please see your classroom teachers to sign up for help with activities and/or materials.

Please join us for these coming events:

Fall Festival/Costume Parade— October 28

Thanksgiving Luncheon— November 18

Sharing Multicultural/Holiday Celebrations— 1-31 December

Reminders:

Holiday/Vacation submissions require 2-week notice.

Withdrawal requests require 30-days notice.

Label children's belongings and provide all items necessary for care.

Have a question about CDC programming?

Contact the CDC Management team:

845-938-4798/4523.

Center Closings

Columbus Day- October 10th

Veteran's Day- November 11th

Thanksgiving Day- Nov. 24th

Christmas Day— Dec. 26th

West Point School Age Center's Before and After care is in full swing for children who attend West Point Elementary School. The School Age Center provides programming through developmentally appropriate activities and enriched environments that promote learning and exploration in five different services areas. If you are interested in having your child join the SAC program, request SAC care today on MilitaryChildcare.com.

Nia Atwood; Director
845-938-8530

CURRENT & PAST EVENTS

Good-Bye Summer Camp!

Summer Camp 2022 has come to an end. From sports at H-lot, water play on the field, field trips, and lots of programming in between, the campers had a BLAST! The history of Summer Camp '22 had several camp favorites including going to round pound, holding SAC Presidential Elections, exploring the Hudson River on the Sup't Boat, and discovering children's artistic side with trips to the Arts & Crafts center. We even had the fire department and the West Point Band come visit and lead activities with the children.

Parent Participation will kick off September 22nd from 1600 to 1700 with a SAC Open House. October 14th from 1600 to 1700 we will have a Fall Festival.

Registration for Summer Camp 2023 is set to OPEN on Military-childcare.com in late February to early March.

Last Day of Summer Camp

The last day of school of Summer Camp for WPES students was August 19th. The last day of summer camp for children in other districts varies between Sept 1 to Sept 6th. Our official last day of summer camp is September 2nd. The children gathered in the gym for a massive dance party coupled with dodgeball. Good luck to all students in the upcoming school year. We hope to see everyone back for Summer Camp '23!

Summer Camp

Memories



2022



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Staff of the Month

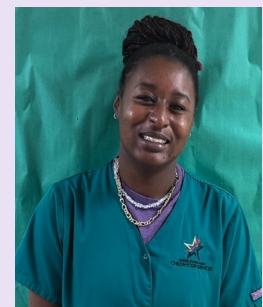
Staff are chosen to be staff of the month through performance, professional development, further involving the children in the process, additional information dissemination techniques, and providing additional opportunities to for children to develop socially, emotionally, physically, and mentally.

JULY



Ms. Laura

AUGUST



Ms. Jasmin

Middle School & Teen Center



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF AMERICA

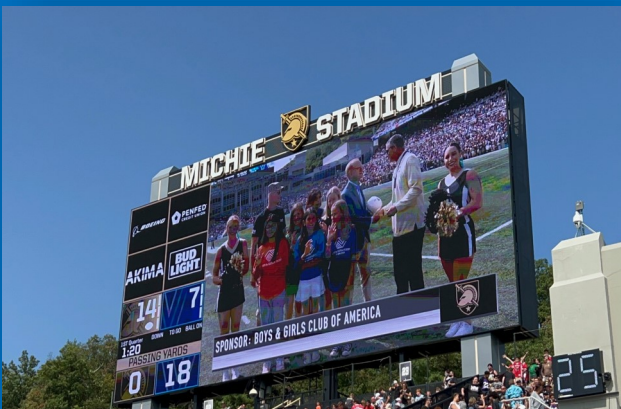


The Youth Center provides programs for youth to get involved based on our 5 service areas: The Arts, Education & Career Development, Character & Leadership Development, Health, Wellness & Life Skills, and Sports & Recreation. We send out monthly program calendars, trip information, upcoming events, and volunteer opportunities to parents emphasizing the particular programs and clubs going on for the current month.

If you are not receiving emails, please make sure your contact information is up to date at Parent Central.

***The Youth Center is currently closed until further notice ***

Our Youth had the chance to participate in an on the field moment during the Army VS Villanova game with Boys & Girls Club of America President Jim Clark



THANK YOU for participating in this fun event!!

Fall and Winter @ Youth Sports and Fitness

Learn to Play Hockey @ Tate Rink

Do you have a child/children that is interested in learning how to play ice hockey and learn how to skate? Well our learn to play ice hockey program will accomplish both. Registration will open October 3rd. Season runs Nov. 13th - Feb 26th on Sundays only. Open to children ages 3-12 years old with little to no experience skating or playing hockey.

Recreational Sports Offerings

Registration for Winter Sports will open on October 11th for Military/DOD and October 31st for all others. Season runs December 5th– February 23rd.

Program offerings:

Basketball: Ages 4-12 Volleyball: Ages 7-12

Bowling: Grades 3-8th Home School Gym: Grades K-8th

Volunteer Coaches

Volunteer coaches are needed to support our programs. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer please contact the Youth sports office for next steps at 845-938-3208.



School Support Services

A Driving Force for Student Success

West Point CYS School Liaison: Michi Carl 845.938.2092 michi.l.carl.naf@army.mil

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR STABILIZATION PROGRAM

What is it?

Soldiers who have high school juniors and/or seniors can request assignment stabilization! The intent of the procedure is to provide stability to Soldiers with Family members in their junior and senior years of high school.

Are there changes to the program?

The policy was expanded to include Soldiers with Family members in their junior year.

How do I apply?

Soldiers should use a DA Form 4187 located at <https://www.hrc.army.mil/asset/16562> to request stabilization no earlier than March 1 of the student's freshman year and no later than the start of the student's sophomore year (applying between March and September).

For more information call your
School Liaison Officer, Michi Carl at 938-2092



<https://www.hrc.army.mil/asset/16562>



BACK TO HOME SCHOOL

-BOAT RIDE-

October 6th, 2022

1:30pm - 3pm at Supt's Boat South Dock

ENJOY A SCENIC CRUISE DOWN THE HUDSON RIVER
& CONNECT WITH OTHER HOME SCHOOLING FAMILIES!

FREE & OPEN TO CYS REGISTERED YOUTH! BYO SNACKS AND DRINKS ALLOWED.
MUST REGISTER BY OCT 4th (BY CALLING P&OS AT (845) 938-4458/1362/3969).
FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CALL SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES AT (845) 938-2092.



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Technology Corner CYS and STEM

Science
Tech



Engineering

Math

Mission

To excite and empower children and youth with knowledge and confidence in STEM to become future problem solvers and leaders.

In CYS we believe in the combined power of children parents, and mentors to build confidence in and shape futures in STEM fields.

Pique Their interest

CYS provides activity spaces where children and youth have access to STEM materials to explore old or new concepts alone or with their peers.

Extend Learning Opportunities

In CYS we help build the base for futures in the technology world. CYS programs provide opportunities to build confidences and associate STEM with fun through the use of experiments, computers and basic coding with robots.

Create Engaging Lessons

CYS staff apply their knowledge of developmentally appropriate practice and CYS participants interests to build short-term and long-term STEM activities.



Greetings from the CYS Nurse

Health and Safety Reminders From The CYS Nurse

I hope everyone had a great summer!

I would like to share the following Health and Safety Reminders with you and your family.



- *Please continue the **COVID 19 safety guidelines** by washing your hands for 20 seconds with soap and water. When soap and water are not available, utilize hand sanitizer.
- ***Avoid touching** your eyes, nose, and mouth
- ***Health screening:** please monitor yourself and your children for cough, congestion, sore throat, fever, decreased appetite, lethargy, and the absence of taste or smell. Stay home if you or your child are sick.
- ***Mask wearing** remains optional.
- ***Flu season** is October 1st-May 31st. Please have your child receive their flu vaccine as required and submit the flu vaccine record to Parent Central before **11/23/2022** for processing.
- ***Following each well visit**, please forward the updated vaccine record to Parent Central. This will maintain vaccine compliance and prevent an interruption in care.
- *Should a **new medical condition** develop with your child, please contact Parent Central so that the necessary paperwork can be completed by you and your pediatrician. This will enable proper care accommodation.
- *As the **children return to school**, please be sure they are wearing both straps of their backpack distributing the weight. The backpack should weigh only 5%-10% of your child's weight.
- ***Teach your child** their name, address, and phone number.
- *Encourage children to **watch for the crossing guards** and obey their signals.
- ***Car safety:** never leave a child unattended in a vehicle. As your child grows have their car seat checked for a proper fit.
- ***Fall is continued tick season**, shower after outdoor adventures and perform body checks when returning from the outdoors. If bitten, remove tick promptly and mark the calendar, symptoms may develop within two weeks of the bite. Watch for symptoms of joint pain, headache, fever, and a possible bulls-eye red rash. Contact your doctor if symptoms develop.
- *Always **wear a helmet** when biking, rollerblading, motorcycling, horseback riding, or when on an ATV.

Thank you and Welcome Back to the new school year!

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Christine Marino, CYS Nurse

Parent & Outreach Services

Contact P&OS to participate in Child and Parent Training!

Parent CPR and First Aid

Spaces are limited for this
FREE Parent Education Opportunity!

9 December @ the Stony CDC 1700-1900

For Registration: Call 845-938-4458/1362/3969

CYSitters Babysitter Course

Open to Youth aged 12+ enrolled in CYS!
15 Oct; 0900-1600 @ The Lee CYS Facility
Fee: \$20.00

Registration: Open Now via WebTrac,
in-person or by phone: 845-938-
4458/1362/3969.

Parent Education

Managing Life During the Holidays; 8 November
1500-1600 @ Lee CYS Facility
Social Media Safety; 7 December
1500-1600 @ Lee CYS Facility

For Registration: Call 845-938-4458/1362/3969

Parent Central Services

Monday-Friday; 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

845.938.1362/4458/0939

Walk-ins welcomed!

Military Family Resources on the Web

Participate in FREE face-to-face and online parenting programs at **Thrive.psu.edu**. Families with children aged 0-18 years are supported to "take root," "sprout," "grow," and "branch out."



You can earn a 10% discount on your child care bill!

The West Point CYS **Parent Participation Program** provides parents an excellent opportunity to share their unique gifts, talents and abilities while volunteering to support regularly scheduled programs (full day and before and/or after school). See your child's program management for ways you can participate.

As you care for your child, don't forget about yourself! Learn new skills and practice Self Care through the At Ease series at **BabiesontheHomefront.org**.



Visit MCEC at **militarychild.org** for access to courses, podcasts and webinars presented specifically for parents! Topics include Social Emotional Learning and the Military Child, Managing School Moves, Growing Great Readers and National Guard and Reserve Children.



Parent Advisory Board (PAB)



All CYS Patrons are General Members of the West Point CYS PAB. The PAB provides an avenue for two-way feedback about CYS program operations between patrons and the command as well as helps identify parent/community needs. All CYS Patrons are welcome to participate beside the elected PAB Board Officers and West Point CYS Program representatives.

Save the Date!

Our next West Point CYS PAB meeting will be:
11 October
1630-1715 @ Stony Evac Bldg

Please see your Program Director for current PAB Officer email contacts!