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Parent Advisory Board

The Parent Advisory Board is the forum for parents/guardians to express their ideas and concerns about the policies and procedures regulating the CYS programs. The PAB plans events to support CYS services programs and activities in various ways.

Upcoming events:

-Scholastic Reading Club orders: Online orders may be made at scholastic.com/ reading club using the class activation code P6X4K. Books will be delivered to your child's room and/or at the front desk. Orders take about 2-3 weeks for processing and delivery.

-PAB meeting: next quarterly meeting scheduled for Wed. 15 FEB 17, 4:00-5:00pm at Stony CDC.

If you would like to volunteer with the PAB, have suggestions or concerns, and/or would like to receive information regarding CYS and PAB events, please email us at wpparentadvisoryboard@gmail.com

Parent Partnerships

Parent Participation Program

Did you know you can earn a 10% discount on your day care bill????

The West Point CYS Parent Participation Program provides parents an excellent opportunity to share their unique gifts, talents and abilities while volunteering in regularly scheduled programs (e.g. full day, part day, before and/or after school). While participating in meaningful activities, parents not only positively influence the lives of military children but also CYS program operations on their installations. Parent involvement is a win-win for everyone! Speak to your child's program director on how you can get involved today!

Parent Education-Cyber Bullying

Learn how adults can help children who are being bullied and strategies to prevent bullying.
 19 February
 11:30-1:00pm
 Lee Area CYS Facility
 For more information call POS at 845-938-3969

Coordinator's Corner



In 2014 Stony CDC underwent playground renovations for 3 out of the 5 existing playgrounds. We are excited to say that IMCOM has recently approved funding to have the 2 remaining playgrounds renovated. This will impact infant - 3 year olds and infants - 18 months. All of the work will be compliant with IMCOM safety standards and the equipment is part of the new Army standard

design. The projected timeline for work to begin is mid-April and should take approximately 4 months until completion. The classrooms effected will be able to utilize an alternate location during this time. Notification will go out to patrons prior to the start of construction as we move closer to the date.

DID YOU KNOW?

The AHHI (Army Higher Headquarter Inspection) is an unannounced higher headquarter inspection of all child and youth programs. This inspection ensures all Army CYS programs meet DoD standards to operate and ensures programs are focused on safety, health and well being of children and youth in CYS programs. Upon successful completion of the AHHI, CYS programs are granted their Department of Defense Certificate to Operate validating the successful implementation of appropriate and enriching programs for community children , youth and families.



Healthy Habits



Program Policy Updates:

Children receiving speech, behavior or occupational therapy while in care at CYS Services facilities must have prior approval by the Multi-disciplinary Inclusion Action Team (MIAT, formerly SNAP). All therapists must undergo background checks pursuant to IMCOM standards. For more information on how to ensure your child's therapist can initiate and receive applicable CYS facilitated background checks please contact Erin Faherty, Outreach Services Director at 845-938-3969.

Flu season is here, so don't let the cooties catch you! Use the following tips to keep you and your family safe this flu season. Wash hands often with soap and water, encourage you children to sing the hand washing song twice to ensure maximum effectiveness. Don't know the song? To the tune of Row your Boat sing: Scrub scrub scrub your hands, scrub them nice and clean, scrub the bottom, scrub the top, and fingers in between. Avoid touching your face especially the eyes, nose, and mouth, and cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue or the crease of the elbow. Most of all if you don't feel

well take a day of rest and stay home.

*During this season exclusionary criteria for all childcare centers on post changes. The following guidelines will be in effect until we reach the end of the season: a temperature of 100F and at least one respiratory symptom (runny nose/congestion, cough, and sore throat) or intestinal upset/diarrhea, non-participation in actives, refusing multiple meals, or complains of joint/body aches. *

For any questions or concerns please contact the CYS Nurse Brooke Halliburton, located in the Stony CDC at 845-938-3921.

The SLO is available to assist Soldiers and their Families with school questions and concerns. (Bldg. 695 Buckner Loop/ 845-938-2092)

Upcoming CYS Sitters and I'm Alone Trainings:

**I'm Alone-7 March
CYS Sitters-11 March**



School Liaison Officer

The School Liaison Officer facilitates the delivery of quality school transition and education support services, to help ease the impact of the mobile military lifestyle on the academic success of military children.



PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR THE SAT/ACT

Service members & families have been sponsored for **FREE** (\$350 Value) SAT/ACT Prep!

To enroll please visit:
www.eknowledge.com/WestPoint



There is a fee of \$14.99 paid by the student that covers the cost for streaming, student support, customer support and materials. All student fees are reinvested to improve the program and reach more families. The Project does not create a profit These programs have everything students need to be totally prepared for the exam and position themselves for scholarships.

Parent and Outreach Services

Parent and Outreach Services (POS) is the "gateway to CYS Services programming" and is committed to providing a positive and informative experience for all patrons. POS facilitates registration for all CYS facilities and activities.

Parent Education Classes are offered through the POS office quarterly and cover topics such as; Child Development, Potty Training, Effective Guidance and many others. If you have a suggestion or request for

an upcoming training please contact the POS office at 938-3969.

Visit us on WebTrac for program listing, registration information and links!



Child Development Center



The Stony CDC staff would like to thank the parents who have joined us for the various special events over the past few months. As we head into 2017, we look forward to a least one event

each month that parents can participate in. Please be on the look out for notices in your child's classroom about upcoming opportunities.

We need parents to assist us in meeting Army requirements by ensuring that they are signing their child in at the front desk upon entering the facility with your child and out at the front desk upon exiting the facility with your child. Additionally, Army requires that you sign your child

in and out of their classroom.

Hourly Care recently reopened after being closed due to staffing. Patrons that only need care for appointments, errands etc. should stop by the Stony Front Desk to inquire about reservations.

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for 12-16 December 2016. This is an opportunity for parents and their child's primary teacher to discuss their child's development.



“A child's life is like a piece of paper on which everyone leaves a mark”

-Robert Heinlein

School Age Center



The School Age Center offers programming for children in grades Kindergarten through Fifth Grade.

The West Point SAC provides a variety of experiences for children through planned and developmentally appropriate activities and environments that promote learning and exploration in the four services areas. SAC has partnerships with 4-H, the Boys and Girls Clubs of

America and the Josephson Institute of Ethics Character Counts!.

Parent Participation Events:

January– Bingo

February-Ice Skating at Bear Mountain

March– Parent Appreciation

School Age Center Summer Camp Registration

Summer camp placement requests will be facilitated through MilitaryChildCare.com!

2017 Summer Camp placement requests will open for all families on militarychildcare.com on

01 February 2017

Family Child Care



Have you met Tiffany Edwards yet?

She is our Family Child Care Provider here at West Point. She currently has spaces available for you! She is a fun loving, experienced, Family Care Provider since November 2014. Her home and program have been

certified in accordance with CYS standards and by the installation to ensure all safety, health, fire and developmentally appropriate practice standards are met. Your child will experience smaller caregiver to child ratios that provide a more family style atmosphere where your child can learn, grow and devel-

op. If FCC is right for you and your family, please call the Family Child Care Director at 845-938-6170.

FCC is a great way to earn additional income and support your community. For information on how to begin the process of becoming an FCC Provider please call 845-938-6170 today!



Middle School and Teen



BGCA Fine Arts Show

Calling all Artists:
It's time for the annual Fine Arts Festival! On Friday, January 13th from 4-6pm join us at 500 Washington Road, the MST Center, where Artwork will be displayed from youth ages 6-18. We are accepting submissions in the following categories from across the West Point Community: Monochromatic

Drawing, Multicolored Drawing, Oil/Acrylic, Watercolor, Mixed Media, Pastel, Collage, Print-making and Group Projects. Youth musicians will be performing and light refreshments will be served. Open to the whole community - come out and support your youth!

Fine Arts Festival
13 January 4:00-6:00pm

Need help with homework? Come to our Power Hour program every day from 2:30-4:00!

The MST center has a partnership with USMA and has cadets who assist with homework and tutoring on Mondays and Wednesdays afternoons from 3:00-4:00pm!



Instructional Programming

Looking for something to do—why not get a great workout and learn the Korean Martial Art of Soo Bahk Do?

- Eligibility:** Ages 5-18 years
 - Schedule:** Mon & Wed, 6:10-7:00pm
 - Location:** Lee Area CYS Facility
 - Instructors:** Master Wook-Soo Kim & Master Esther Kwon
 - Cost:** \$100 for (10) 50' classes
- New students are welcome anytime & no experience is necessary!**

NEW—Let's Learn a Language

Students will learn about other countries and languages using art, music, writing and food. Possible languages to study include Spanish, French, Portuguese, Arabic, Italian, German, and American Sign Language. No previous knowledge of foreign language needed.

- Eligibility:** Ages 8-18 years
- Schedule:** Wed., 7:00-7:45pm
- Location:** Lee Area CYS facility
- Instructor:** Ali Matthews
- Cost:** \$45 for (6) 45' classes

Registration Information:

All Students must have a CURRENT CYSS Membership on file at Parent Central before registering for class. Registration may be done on Webtrac or by visiting or calling Parent Central at 845.938.4458.

As per Department of the Army Fee Guidance, refunds are not authorized for withdrawal from a SKIES instructional program. Participants who have not yet entered the sixth grade, must have a parent or designated guardian who remains on-site.
For more information, please contact Kirsten Rauter at 845.938.8893 & see detailed flyers on West Point CYSS Facebook/SKIES album.



SKIES Soo Bahk Do Program

West Point Junior Black Knights Hockey players on the ice in the world famous Madison Square Garden Arena playing a short game in between periods of the NY Rangers and Vancouver Canucks game.



Youth Sports and Fitness

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer coach?



CYS Sports and Fitness is looking for volunteer coaches for spring soccer and baseball. Volunteer coaches receive discounted or free enrollment for their children during the season they are coaching. For more information on how to get involved contact the sports office at 845-938-8896.

Upcoming Events for Youth Sports:

- January: JBK Travel baseball try-outs
- February: Feb 6th Spring sports registration will begin (T-ball, baseball and Soccer)
- March: West Point Middle School Spring Track Tryouts (information given at the WP Middle School)

