



Connections

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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.

Scholastic Book Club!

The Scholastic Book Reading Club is your connection to books your child will love, and every purchase gives back to your child's classroom with FREE books and more! Use code P6X4K with your next order!

<https://clubs2.scholastic.com>

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

Next PAB Meeting:

4 April 2017 @ Stony CDC

Parent Partnerships

Parent Education Opportunities

Does your child have an IEP or 504 plan?

Do you know what your rights are as a parent? What do you need to PCS? Learn about accommodations and modifications contained in your child's IEP/504 to ensure your child's success.

Network with peers and professionals to gain knowledge about your local community and available resources!



Parent Education-STOMP

Learn how to interpret your child's IEP or 504 Plan
3-4 April
9:00-2:30pm
Lee Area CYS Facility
For more information call POS at 845-938-3969

Coordinator's Corner



CYS STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

All CYS facilities will be closed on Friday, 16 June 2017 in support of CYS Staff Development Day. Staff Development Day affords all CYS professionals the opportunity to participate in vital and required annual trainings in the areas of Child Abuse Identifica-

tion, Administration of Medication, Developmentally Appropriate Practice, CPR, First Aid and other relevant trainings. Staff are required to participate in 24 hours of professional development annually. These training opportunities are open to CYS parents and guardians.

DID YOU KNOW?

The SAC and CDC programs are accredited through the Council on Accreditation (SAC) and by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (CDC). This prestigious honor is afforded to programs who demonstrate high quality programming. The centers receive their accreditations by exhibiting their ability to facilitate a sound system of accountability for children, value children and staff members, incorporate stakeholders for program improvement and deliver and provide the highest quality services to all of their children and families.



Healthy Habits – Tick Season

As the weather heats up and more critters start crawling, our old and unwanted friend the tick will surely be making his return sooner rather than later. Though most tick bites are harmless and require no medical treatment, other species of ticks such as deer and wood ticks can carry harmful germs and disease. Ticks can also be difficult to identify due to their small nature like the deer tick, who can be no larger than a pencil point.

If your child is bit by a tick follow these steps:

- Using tweezers grasp the tick firmly by its head or mouth, closest to the skin.
- Pull firmly until the tick lets go. Avoid twisting or rocking the tick from side to side.
- Place the tick in a jar or baggie for identification by your provider if you so choose.
- Wash your hands and the site where the tick was attached.
- Swab the bit area with alcohol.



So when do you seek medical attention? If your child develops a red bump encircled by a red ring that resembles a bull's eye, or flu like symptoms such as fever, increased fatigue, vomiting or muscle and joint pain. Contact your provider if you believe the tick has been in the skin for longer than 24 hours. Finally if a portion of the tick remains in the skin after removal attempt or the bite area looks infected.

As with all things prevention is key!! Do a thorough check of your child's scalp, behind the ears, around the neck and under the arms once they return from outdoor play. If hiking or playing in wooded areas wear long sleeves and pants tucked into socks and shoes. Finally for children over 2 use a 10%-30% DEET based insect repellent to protect against bites.

School Liaison Officer



Military Kids Connect

MilitaryKidsConnect.org is a Department of Defense website dedicated to improve family readiness by enhancing resilience and coping skills in military children. The website provides a safe, moderated online community for military children to connect with each other to share thoughts and ideas.



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

School Quest

Schoolquest.org is designed for military students and their families. This is an educational resource tool from the Military Child Education Coalition where a student or parent can keep track of all the details that are so difficult to organize, but necessary when students move or apply for college, jobs or military service.

Parent and Outreach Services



MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

April is month of the Military Child! Join CYS as we celebrate and recognize our Military Families and Children with a spaghetti dinner on Friday, 21 April from 6:00-8:00pm at the Lee CYS Facility! There is no fee for this event, to register please contact POS at 845-938-3969.

CYS New Logo Released!

The West Point CYS name has changed! All CYS programs are now Child and Youth Services! Our logo has also received a recent facelift!



Parent and Outreach Volunteers

Ms. Brittany Hatzinger and Joanne Collins were recently recognized for their exceptional dedication to the execution and overall success of the CYS Fitness Center Co-Op! Kudos to these amazing ladies! Their oversight, leadership and commitment ensure the co-op program is constant presence for the community.



Child Development Center

We have been busy at Stony over the past few months and are excited about the arrival of Spring and more opportunities to explore outdoors. We want to thank all of the parents who assisted in our read Across America Week! Over the next few months some of the activities/events we will partici-

pate in include the Month of the Military Child/Week of the Young Child; Earth Day; Autism Awareness Month; Provider Appreciation, Mother’s Day, Army Birthday/Flag Day and Father’s Day. Our Preschoolers have been invited to participate in an activity with the Commissary-more details to follow.

We will also sadly say farewell to many of our Families that will PCS to new duty stations. We appreciate the opportunity to have shared in your child’s growth and development and hope we see you again in the future.



*“Treat a child as though he already is the person he’s capable of becoming”
-Haim Ginott*

School Age Center



School Age Center is in full swing of Academic year clubs.

We are currently facilitating Juggling, Cooking, STEM, Martial Arts, 4-H, and Art Clubs. The children are currently putting their exercising to the test while working with the Sports program on Tuesdays.

SAC Summer Camp begins June 12.

Orientation for Summer camp will be on 23 and 24 May. Please inquire at the Lee front desk for times and sign ups.



SAC currently has a handful of exciting events coming up. School Age Center will be celebrating Autism Awareness on April 3rd and 7th with a Ribbon Tying event and a guest speaker. SAC will also be celebrating Month of the Military Child with Spirit Week and an event each day during the week of 17-27 March leading up Parent Centrals Spaghetti Dinner

CYS Highlights: Strong Beginnings Graduation

STRONG BEGINNINGS

The Army’s CYS Strong Beginnings Pre-K program is designed to prepare young students for school. Besides the basic “kindergarten protocol” , Strong Beginnings also teaches math, social studies, beginning reading and writing skills and

good manners. This program is a vital asset in assisting children be successful as they move to kindergarten and fosters an early love of learning . An annual graduation ceremony marks the next step in these young children’s education and the transition from Pre-K to Kindergarten!



Our CYS Pre-K Graduates!

Middle School and Teen



Youth Center Hours:

Monday-Thursday:

2:15-8:00

Friday:

2:15-9:00

Saturday:

12:00-8:00

CHECK OUT THE YOUTH CENTER'S UPCOMING EVENTS!!!!

CADET TUTORING PROGRAM:

Wednesdays from 4-5pm, Cadets will be at the Youth Center to assist youth with homework and tutoring. Day and time is subject to cadet availability, contact us at 845-938-3727 for up to date information.

APRIL:

-April 17-21: MOMC Spirit Week

-April 21: Teen Resiliency Seminar presented by SFC Michael Nichols

-April 21: Spaghetti Dinner at Lee, MST will close at 5pm

MAY:

-May 5: Bullying Prevention Seminar for youth presented by Safe Homes of Orange County

-May 12: Mother's Day Dinner

-May 19: End of the Year Party

-June 17: Father's Day BBQ

Is your teen interested in volunteering?

The Youth Center has a teen volunteer program that assists with special events and other community needs.

Interested in volunteering? Call the Youth Center or stop in!

938-3727



CYS Technology

COMING SOON!

West Point CYS has received approval to provide our Fullday, Partday and Before/After School Care Patrons the option of auto-debit for payment of their bi-monthly fees. Patrons will be able to sign up for this service at Parent Central. As our team continues the final setup stage, Patrons can continue paying fees on WebTrac or in the childcare facilities. Auto-debit will not be mandatory; the current payment options will remain available after auto-debit begins. Contact your center's front desk for more information!



Youth Sports and Fitness



UPCOMING YOUTH SPORTS AND FITNESS ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION

April: Spring sports has arrived! Registration for Ice Hockey 2017-2018 season is set to open on April 24th, don't miss out!

May: We will be hosting our 2nd annual Coaches BBQ to all of our volunteer coaches on Wednesday, May 17th at H-Lot Sports Complex. Come out for some food, games and activities, as we show our appreciation to you for volunteering during the 2016-2017 seasons.

We will be holding Junior Black Knights travel soccer tryouts May 22nd & 24th lookout for flyers with more information on times and locations.

June: Registration for MTS/Youth Summer intramurals will open up. Sign up fast, spots may fill quickly! Summer intramural sports will include Basketball, Dodgeball, Wiffle Ball, Soccer, Handball, Volleyball and Kickball