

CHALK TALK

Fall Time

2011 Edition

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Connect the Dots: Wake Up and Get Schooled

Need help getting up in the morning? If so, you're in the right place! We want to make it a little more interesting and fun to wake up each morning. We've asked our friends to help start your day off with a Wake Up call. We all know that getting up early and getting to school on time can be a challenge. But we also know that if you want to graduate from high school, you need to show up for school. Starting in October through the end of the school year, you will receive a call from our celebrity education ambassadors listed below and others, take a look at our celebrity corner:

- * Wiz Khalifa
- * Greyson Chance
- * Ciara
- * Nicki Minaj
- * Trey Songz
- * Sway Calloway and more!

How do you get a Wake Up call from Get Schooled? Fill out the form below and make sure that you schedule your call with more than enough time to get up and get to school!

When will you get your Wake Up call? Wake Up & Get Schooled calls start in October and will run throughout the entire school year. What day will you get your call? It will be a surprise! You will receive it on any school day.

Who can get a Wake Up call? Only legal residents of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia who are at least 13 years of age or older at time of entry are eligible to sign up.

<http://getschooled.com/wakeup>

Federal Survey Card: Impact Aid

Military families can have a major positive impact on funding for California public schools simply by answering a Federal Survey Card.

What is Impact Aid? The Impact Aid Program is designed to directly compensate local school districts for: (1) local revenue lost due to the presence of federally owned, and therefore tax-exempt, property and (2) costs incurred due to "federally connected" students.

What does "federally connected" student mean? (one or more of the following)

- Have a parent in the United States military
- are Native American
- live on federal property, including an Indian reservation or in public housing
- have a parent who works on federal property

Why should parents fill out the Federal Survey Card? Impact Aid is used by school districts. Funds can be used for teacher salaries, school programs, materials, equipment and supplies.

Any questions about filling out the Federal Survey Card, please contact us!

MCAS MIRAMAR SCHOOL LIAISON

The school liaison office helps to connect parents, schools, and the Marine Corps by providing direct assistance to parents in all matters to do with K-12 schooling: school selection, enrollment, and resource referral; educating schools and districts on important issues affecting military children K-12; and keeping the installation, wing, and unit commanders informed on all issues affecting the local educational community.

Please contact our office if you would like to be added to our volunteer or newsletter distribution lists or if you have ideas/input for future parent/community workshops.

Contact MCAS Miramar School Liaisons: Carrie or Kristi (858) 577-6633/8625

Volunteer Opportunities

Recent events

***16 August:** Forty Marines volunteered during the “Back-2-School Resource Fair & Enrollment Event 2011” at Farb Middle School. The enrollment event gave families new to the area the opportunity to register for school and learn about resources available to them from San Diego Unified School District, the Navy, Marine Corps and the San Diego Community.

***16 September:** Several Marines participated in a “Friday Opening” presentation at Hage Elementary School. The Marines were acknowledged at the school-wide assembly because of a recent partnership between Hage Elementary School and VMM-561.

***30 September:** Fifteen Marines volunteered during the Student Day at the Air Show. Over 4,600 children from all over California came to see the Air Show at MCAS Miramar. The Marines provided tours for several student groups.

Upcoming events

*6 October: Family Science Night: Chesterton Middle School

*21 October: Fall Festival: Hage Elementary School

*22 October: Fall Festival: Walker Elementary School

*9 December PE Fitness Challenge (SMP)-Wangenheim Middle

*Ongoing: Mentorship opportunities in Elementary and Middle Schools (San Diego Unified School District and Poway Unified School District) and Children, Youth and Teen Program

If you would like to be notified of future volunteer opportunities, please contact our office at 858.577.6633/8625

THE GOODY BAG: RESOURCES YOU CAN REALLY USE

- FREE SAT/ACT Test Prep for Military Families: www.eknowledge.com/military (a \$200 value!).
- Tutor.com provides free access to a tutor for all grade levels and many subjects. To create an account, contact your school liaison or base librarian.
- SOAR is a free online program for all military families that provides access to standards-based assessments, tutorials, and lessons to improve math and reading skills (and FREE test prep too!).
- Big Brothers and Sisters of San Diego is recruiting Bigs and Littles for the fall at Milcon Community Center. If you are interested in mentoring a military child or you have a child who would benefit from the program, please contact Carrie at 577.6633.
- San Diego Unified School District Military Family Website: Features information and resources tailored to the needs of military students K-12: www.sandi.net/parents/military
- Military Family Life Consultants are currently placed in four of our schools: Mason, Walker, Chesterton, and Angier Elementary. These counselors are placed to meet the needs of military children and their families. For more information, please visit http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/portal/page/mhf/MHF/MHF_DETAIL_1?section_id=20.80.500.124.0.0.0.0&content_id=244553.
- Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Education Programs (including scholarships and loans): <http://www.nmcrs.org/education.html>.
- Need information on VA benefits and scholarships for college-bound students? Visit the Education Center on Miramar for information and resources: http://www.mccsmiramar.com/education_center.html or call 858.577.1801.