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Visiting and Honoring the Young Heroes at Base by Maria Swannson

BGen and Mrs. Coglianese spent three days visiting all five of Camp Pendleton's on-base schools in April. The General instantly bonded with the children and was charmed by the genuine smiles, hugs, a naïve sense of humor, and honest spontaneity that only children can deliver. The children sang songs, read poems, created posters and together with their teachers felt very special and honored in receiving the attention of the General only two-weeks after taking command of Camp Pendleton. They were fondly called "young heroes" by BGen Coglianese and they were mesmerized by his salute. Maybe

even more impressive, they were thrilled when the General noted their singing talents were on par with "American Idol" caliber contestants. The children, their spell-bound teachers and school administrators felt honored to receive the time and attention of BGen Coglianese and look forward to having his presence at their schools anytime his schedule allows.



San Onofre Students welcome General and Mrs. Coglianese with an eye-catching sign painted especially for him.



*Mary Fay Pendleton student explains her Jog-A-Thon For Afghanistan shirt.
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Stuart Mesa kindergarten students surprise General Coglianese with an impromptu Marines Hymn.



Santa Margarita student receives a VIP high-5.



Congratulations to North Terrace Elementary School! 2012/13 California Distinguished School Award!

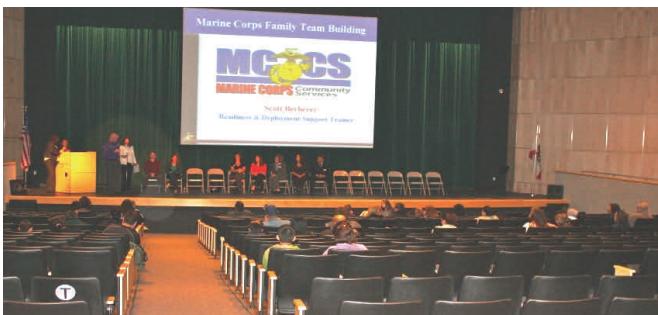
This honor is bestowed to those schools that demonstrate academic excellence for all students. Criteria for selection includes a clear demonstration of student achievement based upon the students Academic Performance Index scores, as well as the programs and practices used at the school that address federal and state accountability measures.

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Delivering Military School Age Children Resources in Murrieta

By Maria Swanson



Murrieta Valley Unified School District (MVUSD) hosted an inaugural Education Expo for Military Families on Wednesday February 29, 2012 at Murrieta Mesa High School. The event attracted approximately 75 military families living in Murrieta and Temecula. Military families in the area often express feeling isolated and forgotten due to their distance from Military Bases in the region. On a chilly February school night, these 75 military families came searching for information and seeking better awareness of the kind of resources and services available to meet the challenges of their unique lifestyle.

The Military Education Expo was the culmination of the vision and goals of MVUSD Superintendent Dr. Stan Scheer, district military liaison Mr. Ken Goltara, Ms. Karen Parris Director of Media Relations, USMC and USN School Liaison Officers and school site military representatives comprising the Military Support Advisory Committee. The Military Support Advisory Committee was created in 2010 to support the estimated 2,000 military connected students attending Murrieta Schools.

To facilitate connecting services with military families, the event was supported by subject matter experts from MCB Camp Pendleton Marine and Family Programs, such as the School Liaison Office, Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) and, Marine Corps Family Team Building. Other organizations participating included USN Deputy School Liaison for Southwest Region, San Diego, Fleet and Family Support Center, USN EFMP, as well as Project FOCUS, Family Forces Mental Health Systems, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County which recently expanded to the Inland Empire, and a Department of Veterans Affairs Military Services coordinator from the San Diego Regional Office.

The Murrieta Military Education Expo was a well orchestrated collaborative and outreach effort by all involved. It served as an example of the School Liaison Office mission to reach out to military families and children no matter how near or far they may be. It is our honor to associate ourselves with the local school districts to provide support services as needed and ultimately optimize the unique world our military children live in.



Participants gather information at the resource fair.

Major League Baseball Sightings at Mary Fay Pendleton

By Maria Swanson



Collin Hoff, our own Mary Fay Pendleton student recently won the Scholastic essay contest, "Breaking Barriers: In sports, In Life", sponsored by Scholastic Magazine and Major League Baseball. The essay contest recognizes students in grades 4th through 9th for their efforts to overcome personal barriers, using the values exemplified by Jackie Robinson.

Ms. Sharon Robinson, the daughter of Jackie Robinson (first black Major League Baseball Player and member of the Baseball Hall of Fame), chose Collin as one of the essay winners because he exemplifies the same spirit of Jackie Robinson and his conquering of personal barriers or obstacles. Ms. Robinson was impressed with Collin's own manner of overcoming his own personal obstacles using the values her father followed to be successful in his life: commitment, citizenship, courage, determination, excellence,

justice, persistence, teamwork, and integrity.

As Collin personally read his essay to his sixth grade class, all in the crowded, warm classroom were quickly transported to his world; and his personal journey became a canvas of courage and self-determination for everyone present.

His honest, heartfelt and genuine account of his personal challenges showed a mature assessment of his young life and a demonstration of gratitude to his family and friends. In addition to Sharon Robinson's presence, several San Diego Padre players and dignitaries were also present for this event.

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MakingSense of Resources *by Rose Ingersoll*

The University of Northern Iowa unveils their newest program—MakingSense., designed to support the educational needs of military families by providing students, parents and educators with a cache of video resources that explain a variety of challenging topics. Funded by the Department of Defense, the free online program has three components -

- Early Learning—resources for parents of infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Thirteen engaging videos show parents tips on a variety of daily activities that could be used to support

early learning, mathematical thinking and questioning skills.

- Thinking Aloud—designed to help students make sense of literacy. Videos and resources provide strategies to help students improve reading and writing, and develop thinking skills that help make sense of literacy.
- Problem Solved—explains challenging math topics with interesting videos using real life scenarios to help students grasp concepts and procedures. Topics include: Numbers & Operations, Geometry, Data

Analysis & Probability, Measurement, and Algebra.

To get started parents should register at:

[http://www.uni.edu/ctlm/
content/making-sense/](http://www.uni.edu/ctlm/content/making-sense/)

The banner features the MakingSense logo with a stylized flower icon above the text "MakingSense". Below the logo is a collage of four circular images showing various interactions between adults and children. At the bottom, there is a graphic of concentric circles and the text "Free Educational Resources to Help Your Child Succeed in School" followed by the website address "www.uni.edu/makingsense".

KinderKonnect *by Rose Ingersoll*

Parents of preschool and kindergarten students assembled in the multi purpose room at Santa Margarita during breakfast. The lesson for the day: resources for parents of young children! Camp Pendleton Marine & Family Program representatives provided families a workshop program geared towards this younger population.

- EFMP was there to offer resources and workshops for parents who have a child with a special education need.



- FOCUS Family Resiliency Trainer brought along the adorable “feeling foxes” to demonstrate how even young

children can learn emotional self-regulation techniques.

- New Parent Support was on hand to explain their parent education programs for military parents with children under 6.
- Armed Services YMCA showed up to provide families with Mommy and Me networking opportunities.
- School Liaison demoed the new MakingSense video resource library to help parents prepare their young children for kindergarten..



Parents pick up resources along with breakfast.



Operation Little Hero *by Rose Ingersoll*



Ms. Marti Wells leads the 3rd—5th grade students in a character & self-control unit.

I recently had the pleasure to visit with students and staff participating in the Armed Services YMCA Operation Little Hero program at Stuart Mesa Elementary School. The afterschool program is designed to support military children as they navigate their unique place in the military lifestyle. Students delve into how they fit in at school and at home.

Ms. Marti is a retired educator and has worked with the program for three years. Ms. Tammy is a MC spouse who is a teacher. She travels from Temecula to work with students at Stuart Mesa.



Ms. Tammy Root leads the K-2nd grade students in a Bully or Buddy activity.

CAMP PENDLETON SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICE



PTA Volunteers organized the event!



Preppy K students ran their hearts out!

Mary Fay Pendleton Jog-A-Thon for Afghanistan by Maria Swanson

Mary Fay Pendleton students, along with their teachers, parents, other family members, service members, numerous volunteers, and even some parents stationed overseas “ran” to Afghanistan March 29-30. This event clocked an impressive 7,540 mile journey to promote physical fitness and support for deployed troops. The two-day event covered the distance between Oceanside, CA and Afghanistan, where thousands of Camp Pendleton Marines and Sailors are currently deployed. More than 900 students from kindergarten through 8th grade, deployed service members, various Pendleton units and families across the nation began running March 1 to help reach the final goal.

Students ran with self-made signs on their backs showing who they were running for, with many running for their Moms or Dads stationed in Afghanistan. “The ‘Run to Afghanistan’ event evolved into a priceless lesson on community and friendship” said Janelle Field, a coordinator and committee member for the jog-a-thon. (Excerpts from article written by Cpl. Jovane Henry, MCB Camp Pendleton Scout, staff writer 3/30/2012).

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They included Dave Winfield (Padres 1973-1980, Hall of Fame 2001), Orlando Hudson (Padres 2011-Present, 2nd Baseman) and San Diego Padres’ President and Chief Operating Officer, Tom Garfinkel. They were all there to present the award and gifts to Collin and his classmates. All the students in Collin’s class were given Padres baseball caps, a signed copy of Sharon Robinson’s book, “Keeping Promises” and 150 total tickets to a future Padres game. The essay winner was also the recipient of a Padres jersey and was invited to sit with his family in the President’s box during a game. The backdrop to Collin’s excellent writing abilities and essay winning accomplishment were the star struck smiles from children and adults alike, and the clicking sounds of Iphone picture taking and text messaging. What a wonderful day it turned out to be for Collin’s class!

Summer Programs For Students:

Parents—We would love to hear from you.

You can reach us at:
(760) 763-7385
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- **British Soccer Camps**— Two camps offered on Camp Pendleton, Camp #1 June 18-22, 2012, Camp #2 August 13-17, 2012. For details go to: <http://www.mccscp.com/youthsports>
- **JR. Lifeguards at Del Mar Beach** - programs for children ages 7-17. Swim test required. For details go to: <http://www.mccscp.com/aquatics>
- **STEPP Stables**—campers learn the basics in English and Western riding, along with horse anatomy and grooming methods.
Camp brochures located on website: <http://www.mccscp.com/stables>
- **CampPen Hobby Shop Summer Camps**— sewing, crafts, ceramics and more! Take a look at their website for camp schedules: <http://hobbyshop.mccscp.com/>