

SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM NEWS



Suggested Summer Activities for Children

Keeping children busy during the summer can be a stressful moment for families. Here are some suggestions:

- 1. Join a Summer Reading Program— visit libraries and discuss books read (See links to Dahlgren library, Barnes & Nobles, Pizza Hut and Chuck E. Cheese for summer reading incentives on this page)
- 2. Nature walks—Explore local parks or nature reserves, observing wildlife & learning about ecosystems, identifying insects, plants, trees, flowers, etc.
- 3. Design something instead of just doodling. Redecorate room—brainstorm for ideas
- 4. Take a how-to-class rather than just watching a show—(See <u>Craftech</u> and Parks and Recs for available classes)
- Cook/bake together—Allow the child to choose or use a cook book with pictures to choose from
- 6. Build a fort indoor or outdoor –use recyclables. Invite friends to help out.
- 7. Experience something out of the ordinary—Visit relatives—Allowing children to experience different types of living such as country life vs. city living
- 8. Volunteer– Simple tasks such as stocking Food pantry, reading to younger kids at the library, etc. can be meaningful.
- 9. Create a game together—take advantage of the kid's knowledge and skills in technology.
- 10. Virtual excursions—With adult's guidance, take children for a tour virtually of interested places, different states and various countries.

Additionally, letting older kids plan activities can bring excitement to any family events. Create a tasks chart & calendar of schedule for organized and fun Summer! **Enjoy every fun memories with your children this Summer!**

.2025 NSASP Library Summer Reading Program

Join the Dahlgren & Indian Head MWR Library with the summer reading program, **Level Up at the Library** from May 1-Aug. 31. By logging minutes read, participants earn cool prizes. Sign-up at <u>DOD MWR Library</u>. Contact 540-653-7474 (DL) & 301-744-4850 (IH) for more info.

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Anonymous

Application for <u>Dahlgren School's Expanded</u> <u>Eligibility Enrollment Option</u> for military families living off-post stationed at Dahlgren is open.



CONGRATULATIONS 2024-25 GRADUATES!

DID YOU KNOW...

- * Naval District Washington has a Special Education Liaison to assist active military families in the area of Special Education topics. Please reach out to your local School Liaison for contact information.
- *Home School Hub of the Johns Hopkins School of Education is one-stop resource for current information on homeschooling data, regulations and research across the U.S.
- *Charles County Public
 School's Early Entrance to Kindergarten Program is open to children who turned 5 between Sept. 2 and Oct. 15 of the current school year.
- *Kids can earn a free book from Barnes and Nobles Summer Reading Program.
- *Pizza Hut's Book It! Program Gives out free personal pan pizza for meeting children's reading goals.
- *Chuck E. Cheese Reading Program expires 12/31/2025 allows kids to earn play points.
- *Military Family Life Counselor (MFLC) is available this summer at the Dahlgren Youth Center camp. Military families can take advantage of this free nonclinical counseling this summer

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