



SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM NEWS



TIPS TO PREVENT SUMMER SLIDE

School may be out for the summer, but children's learning needs don't take a vacation! Children learn best when they have opportunities to build skills & knowledge across settings. These include summer child care programs as well as time spent at home. Parents & caregiving adults are always looking for ways to engage children in fun, meaningful learning activities throughout the summer. The following are tips that include ideas around creating opportunities for learning and staying active. Talking with your child and their summertime child care provider your learning goals can set up for success and will further support summer learning and enrichment experiences for all children. Keeping them healthy and active (physically and cognitively) during the summer months are the best thing you can do to keep their brain sharp at the same time having FUN.

- 1. Create a plan for the summer.** Think about what you will do during the summer months that's different from what you're children are doing while in school. Think of ways to engage in more extended hands-on learning activities including inquiry-based projects that your children are interested in such as Water Fun, summer insects/animals, summer plants, etc., embedding the use of technology at the same time. Remember to brainstorm activities with your children, keeping in mind the skills you want to enhance example reading comprehension, math skills, thinking skills, collaboration, etc. **Partner with other parents.**
- 2. Create a schedule.** When is the best time to do those activities? After work? In the weekend?
- 3. Utilize free & discounted offerings** from [National Park Services](#), [Blue Star Families Museum](#), [Waves of Honor](#) & your local base MWR summer events such as the Summer Reading Programs.
- 4. Do your best to empower & motivate** them to create & develop activities that they enjoy. Motivating them with end of the summer incentives such as visit to favorite parks.
- 5. Support their efforts. Display/post their accomplishments! Celebrate!!! Show your enthusiasm for their accomplishments! Have a safe enjoyable summer!**

Did You Know?

Parent Educational Advisory Training Center (PEATC) in VA is offering another opportunity for military-connected families to learn about the world of Special Education & their child's transition to adulthood. This two-day workshop will be offered on 24-25 July in Richmond. Here is the link to register: <https://2019squaredawayglenalle.n.eventbrite.com> PEATC does cover the cost of food and travel for families. Hotel rooms are also available on a first come basis. Closes July 1.

Key Dates & Events

June 3 Charles County School Summer Program Registration starts

June 6 WOLFTRAP Performing Artist Presents "Everyone is an Actor" Parent Workshop at Dahlgren School Gym at 4:30 pm

Dahlgren Library End of Summer Reading Program partners w/ SLO's 2019 Back to School Event Dahlgren's Library **Aug. 7** at 4-6 pm & Indian Head's Ice Cream Social Back to School Event Community Center **Aug. 27** Limited school supplies available.

June 11 Free Webinar Optimize Your Teen's Summer Schedule: Fun, Learning, & Connection, Visit [ADDitude website to register](#).

Happy Father's Day to all Beloved Fathers!

"Children are the true connoisseurs. What's precious to them has no price — only value."

-Bel Kaufman

REGISTERING YOUR CHILD FOR SCHOOL?

Check your school's website for documentation requirements:

1. Charles County Public Schools at www.ccboe.com/ss/how-to-register/
2. King George Public Schools at <https://www.kgcs.k12.va.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=2822084&pageId=3615372>
3. Dahlgren School at <https://www.dodea.edu/Dahlgren/>

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