



The Bridge

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New School Year, New Community: Helping Military Kids Find Their Place

A new school year brings excitement, new opportunities, and for many of our families, another chance to start over. Whether your family recently moved here or your child is returning to a familiar school, the beginning of the school year is an important time to help military kids build connections and find their place in their community. For military children, finding a sense of belonging can sometimes take a little extra effort. They may be adjusting to a new school, new teachers, a different curriculum, or missing friends and familiar faces from their previous home. While every child handles transitions differently, one of the best ways to help them feel at home is to encourage meaningful connections both inside and outside of the classroom.

Find Their People

Encourage your child to explore activities that interest them. Sports, clubs, music, student organizations, youth programs, and community activities are great ways to meet others with similar interests. Don't feel like you need to sign up for everything. Start with one activity your child is excited about. A single positive connection can make a big difference.

Give Them Time

Friendships don't always happen right away. Some children will make friends quickly, while others may need more time to feel comfortable. Check in with your child by asking questions such as, "Who did you sit with at lunch?" or "Is there an activity you'd like to try here?" Let them know it's okay if adjusting takes time.

Connect - Engage - Explore

This September, encourage your child to:

Connect - meet teachers, counselors, classmates, and other military families.

Engage - try a new club, sport, activity, or community program.

Explore - discover what makes your new school and community feel like home.

Military kids are experts at starting over, but they don't have to do it alone. As your School Liaison, I am here to help military families navigate the school system, connect with resources, and support your child's educational journey. Please reach out anytime you need assistance!

Anne Arundel County Library Events

Local libraries can be a great opportunity to meet new friends and join in some educational activities. This month they are offering events for preschoolers including music and movement to play instruments and dance, unstructured social time, toddler tinker time for hands-on exploration of manipulatives, a STEAM story and craft in Spanish, and even a LEGO challenge for the older kids.

Looking for Volunteer Hours this Fall?

The School Liaison is partnering with High Point Elementary School to host volunteers in their math classrooms. Volunteers can sign up for as little as one hour per week but are welcome to sign up for multiple classes in a day or week depending on your schedule. The Fall Session will run October-November, excluding school holidays and teacher work days. **If interested, reach out at brooke.e.brock3.naf@us.navy.mil or 410-293-2605.**

School Liaison Office Hours

Don't miss another chance to connect with the School Liaison on September 2 from 1300-1500. Use the QR code in the marketing flyer below to join my Teams link anytime during the office hours to jump on and ask a quick question about anything K-12 that might have come up over the first few weeks of school. Can't make the office hours? Feel free to call or email me!





ANNE ARUNDEL
COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

New to the area? Maryland organizes schools by county. Anne Arundel County Public Schools are organized into clusters. To check which school your student attends, find information about bus routes, and review data about the district, [click here!](#)

Be sure to check out your individual school's webpage for their newsletters and upcoming activities.

September 7: No school, Labor Day

September 21: No School, Yom Kippur



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PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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September 4: ½ day for Labor Day

September 7: No school, Labor Day

September 30: ½ day, professional activities for staff

Youth Sponsorship

Have you ever been the new kid in school? Would you like to help other new kids? Find out about school based programs at local middle and high schools in AACPS including Annapolis, Broadneck, Severna Park, Old Mill, Meade, and more!

Contact your School Liaison at 410-293-2605 for more information about this great opportunity to become a leader and help others. If you are new to the area and would like a youth sponsor, please reach out today to get connected!



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See you next month!