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## Month of the Military Child

In 1986, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger designated April as Month of the Military Child. Since that time, military installations, communities, and school districts around the world have honored these young American heroes.

During this month-long celebration, active duty service members and military parents, are encouraged to take part in the special events being hosted by local schools, e.g. serving as a guest speaker at an assembly, reading to students in classrooms, or attending special lunches honoring military youth. Your presence and your participation speaks volumes about how we appreciate the sacrifices made by military children.



**APRIL IS THE  
MONTH OF THE  
MILITARY CHILD**  
*we celebrate the military child!*

Even if you cannot go into the schools, there is still ONE more important way you can say, “Thank You” to military children. On **Purple Up! Day**, Monday, **April 15th** you can join Camden

County school administrators, faculty, and staff as they show their support for military youth by wearing purple. Why purple? Purple symbolizes all branches of our nation’s armed services — combining Navy, Coast Guard, and Air Force blue with Army green and Marine Corps red. Join the celebration as we honor our nation’s youngest heroes — military children!!

**PURPLE UP!**

Wear purple to show your support for military children!

# Purple Up! Day

Monday, April 15th



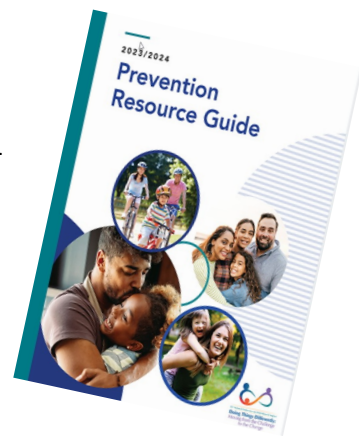
# Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every year, Child Abuse Awareness Month is observed in April to recognize the efforts made by our communities and families in bringing up this issue in front of the world. Did you know that every one out of seven children in the U.S has experienced physical and sexual abuse? During this month, as well as the whole year, citizens are encouraged to raise the issue of child abuse and the well-being of children and families around the country.

The first National Child Abuse Awareness Month was declared by President Jimmy Carter in 1979. The declaration was given through the efforts of Child Help founders Sara O’Meara and Yvonne Fedderson. After 4 years, April was formally established as the Child Abuse Prevention Month by President Ronald Reagan. The U.S Department of Health and Human Services requests the communities to actively take part in preventing child abuse and be supportive of the well-being of families. **The 2024 theme is, “Building a Hopeful Future, Together.”**

Preventing child abuse is an individual and a community effort. If you are looking for other resources you may wish to download the Prevention Resource Guide from

[www.childwelfare.gov](http://www.childwelfare.gov). The 2023/2024 **Prevention Resource Guide** recognizes that there are actions we can take as a society and within communities, organizations, and families to address the root causes of child abuse and neglect. The prevention resource guide seeks to highlight the innovative ways that communities around the country are doing purposeful prevention work to help children and families thrive. The protective factors have always been central to the Resource Guide. A protective factors approach focuses on positive ways to engage families by emphasizing their strengths, in addition to identifying areas where they have room to grow with support. Focusing on protective factors helps children, youth, and families build resilience and contributes to positive outcomes.



For information about preventing or reporting child abuse call the Fleet and Family Support Center at (912) 573-4512 or the Georgia Hotline at 1-855-GACHILD or 855-422-4453. You can make a difference!



This article was adapted from [CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH -April 2022 - National Today](https://www.nationaltoday.com) and [www.childwelfare.gov](http://www.childwelfare.gov) on 20 March 24.



*Military Kids are Out of This World*

# Mentorship Dinner

Thursday, April 25

5:00-7:00 pm/The CRAB

**FREE with pre-registration**

Active duty families are invited to join in this free event honoring and connecting our military kids.

Event includes:

Pizza Dinner, "Out of This World" games, activities & prizes, Costume Contest for Best Dressed Space Themed Outfit, Free Play in The CRAB

*Thank you to our sponsors*



<https://tinyurl.com/MWRmilitarykidsdinner>

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# Attention HS Juniors!

This is the time of year high school juniors students around the country are preparing to take standardized tests. Armed with this knowledge, students, parents, and teachers can then begin to chart courses of study to enhance the student’s ability to demonstrate his or her knowledge on the SAT or ACT for college admissions.

Students in the 11th and 12th grades will take one of two tests: SAT or the ACT. Both of these tests are used by universities and colleges to determine a student’s readiness to do college level work. These two tests are very different and students should consider carefully which best suits their learning styles.

Test Date	Type of Test	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
May 4, 2024	SAT	April 19, 2024	April 23, 2024
June 1, 2024	SAT	May 17, 2024	May 21, 2024
July 13, 2024	ACT	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024

To learn more, visit the following websites:  
 SAT— [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) or  
 ACT— [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

## Summer Camp Registration

With summer camp just around the corner, many families are starting to think about and plan for summer care. Registering for care at Child and Youth Programs (CYP) has **changed**. **Here’s what you need to know!**



1. Create an account and select login information at [www.militarychildcare.com](http://www.militarychildcare.com).
2. Specify your childcare needs — children’s names and ages, dates of needed care, and the installation where care is needed. This will place your child(ren) on the appropriate waiting list(s).
3. Initial placement offers will begin April 1st. Monitor correspondence from Military Childcare daily. You are required to respond to this e-mail **within 48 hours**. If not, your request for childcare will be deleted from system.
4. Once you have been notified that space is available, come to the appropriate CYP facility to complete the hardcopy registration. Be prepared to present birth certificates, proofs of income, (fees are based on household gross income), immunization records, etc.



We are here to meet your childcare needs. Plan now for your entire family to enjoy the warm, fun-filled days of summer.

# Autism Acceptance Month (AAM)

The Autism Society of America, the United States' oldest leading grassroots autism organization, is celebrating Autism Acceptance Month (AAM) in April 2024. This month was previously known as Autism Awareness Month, but the Autism Society is taking to social media to assist it in changing the title to Autism Acceptance Month.

In 1970, the organization launched an ongoing national effort to promote autism awareness and to assure that all autistic people are able to achieve the highest quality of life possible. The first annual National Autistic Children's week commenced in 1972, which evolved into AAM. This campaign was designed to "provide information and resources for communities to be more aware of autism, promote acceptance, and be more inclusive in everyday life." With the prevalence of autism in the United States rising from being 1 in 125 children (2010) to 1 in 59 children (2020), the need for AAM is greater than ever.

Christopher Banks, President and CEO of the Autism Society of America, put it like this: "While we will always work to spread awareness, words matter as we strive for autistic individuals to live fully in all areas of life. As many individuals and families affected by autism know, acceptance is often one of the biggest barriers to finding and developing a strong support system." Supporters can participate in AAM in a variety of ways:



- Pledge support to act fearlessly for change for a more inclusive world
- Advocate fearlessly for change. Your voice matters!
- Look for ways to support military family members with autism. Contact the Exceptional Family Member Program for ideas—Call (912) 573-4512.

This article was adapted from <https://sites.uab.edu/humanrights> on 20 March 24.

## TURNIP THE BEET

### *Awarded to Camden County Schools*

The Turnip the Beet Award recognizes outstanding summer meal program sponsors across the nation who work hard to offer high quality meals to children that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious during the summer months.

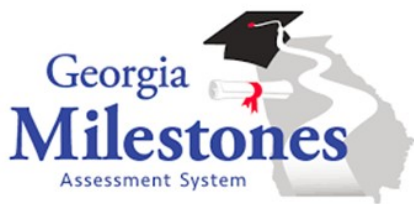
Summer meals are critical in the lives of millions of our nation's youth, whose risk for food insecurity increases during the summer months when they no longer have access to the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program. Summer meal programs, including the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) within the NSLP, present the opportunity to help alleviate summertime food insecurity and positively impact children's growth and development by offering nutritious meals and encouraging children to develop healthy habits at a young age. The Turnip the Beet Award was created to showcase sponsors who are going above and beyond to ensure that children in their care are receiving high-quality meals that are both nutritious and appetizing.

The Georgia Department of Education School Nutrition Division announced on Thursday, March 14, 2024, that Camden County Schools is one of eighteen Seamless Summer Option (SSO) program operators in Georgia to have been awarded the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service's Turnip the Beet Award for 2023. Congratulations, Camden County Schools for your commitment to fueling Georgia's future!



This article was adapted from [www.fns.usda.gov](http://www.fns.usda.gov) on March 15, 2024.

# YIKES, Testing Time is Near!



The faculty, staff, and administrators of Camden County Schools, like other educators around the nation, are working diligently to prepare students for the season of state-wide standardized testing **throughout April AND May.**

The Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS) is a comprehensive summative assessment program that spans all three grade levels – elementary, middle, and high school. The system is designed to determine a students' preparedness for the next level, be it the next grade, course, or endeavor, such as entering college or beginning a career after leaving the K-12 educational system.

This assessment is designed to inform educators about how well students are mastering the core content in the areas of English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies, and provides students with critical information about their own achievement.

Georgia Milestones is administered primarily on the computer and includes the following features:

- Technology-enhanced items in all grades and courses,
- Open-ended (constructed response) items in English language arts in all grades and courses,
- A writing component (in response to passages read by students) at every grade level and course within the English language arts assessment,
- A reported Lexile score based on the English language arts assessment in all grades and courses, and
- Estimated norm-referenced performance ranges for all grades and courses.

More detailed information about the Georgia Milestones can be viewed at the Georgia Department of Education website at [www.gadoe.org](http://www.gadoe.org). More details are available at the Camden County Schools website under the 'Quick Links' tab at the top of the page—[www.camden.k12.ga.us](http://www.camden.k12.ga.us).

Testing Dates	Elementary Tests Administered
April 10	End-of-Grade (EOG) Secure Practice Tests
April 23 — May 8	End-of-Grade Main Administration/Retests: <b>ELA:</b> April 23—25, <b>Math:</b> April 30— May 1, <b>Science:</b> May 2, <b>Retest:</b> May 15-16
Testing Dates	Middle School Tests Administered
April 10	End-of-Grade Secure Practice Test
April 30 — May 15	End-of-Grade Main Administration/ Make-ups: <b>ELA:</b> April 30—May 2, <b>Math:</b> May 7—8, <b>Science:</b> May 9, <b>Social Science:</b> May 10 <b>Retest:</b> June 5—6
Testing Dates	High School Tests Administered
April 22 — May 3	CTAE / EOPA
May 6—17	Advanced Placement (AP) Exams
May 7—23	End-of-Course Spring Main Administration/ Make-ups
June 24—June 28	End-of-Course Summer Retests

# TIPS FOR TACKLING TEST ANXIETY

The second semester of the school year brings with it the demands of standardized testing. For high school students this could mean end-of-course tests (EOCT), Advanced Placement (AP) exams, the SAT, or the ACT. Elementary and middle school students are making final preparations for end-of-grade (EOG) tests known as the Georgia Milestones (visit the Georgia Department of Education at [www.gadoe.org](http://www.gadoe.org) for details). Sometimes, the mere idea of the test can be overwhelming. Parents and students alike can follow a few simple suggestions for keeping test anxiety down and energy up for the “big test.”

## **For Parents:**

1. **Develop a study plan** — Don't let them cram! Studying like crazy for days or even the night before can leave your child exhausted and more stressed. Studying is more effective if done over several weeks. Help them make a plan to study in small ‘chunks’ over a longer period of time.
2. **Find practice tests** — As part of your study plan, find sample questions for you and your child to review together. Knowing the format and style of the test can help familiarize your child with the tests and ease his or her ‘fear’ of the test.
3. **Protect bedtime** — Lack of sleep can result in fatigue and can contribute to lack of attention during the test. Be sure your child begins going to bed on time days before testing starts and continues through the testing period.
4. **Offer a healthy breakfast** — Blood sugar is at its lowest in the morning. In order to think and problem-solve effectively, students need to refuel. Remember, a “good breakfast” for one child may not be the same for another. Find out what works best for each of your children.

## **For Students:**

1. **Read test instructions** — Often students are in such a hurry to finish the test, to ‘get it out of the way,’ that they fail to read the instructions. Take the time to know exactly what is required and do just that!
2. **Look over the test** — By taking just a brief moment to look over the test, you can avoid surprises and decide how to tackle the test. Previewing also insures that you will finish in the time allotted.
3. **Jot down notes** — Jotting down brief notes right away can help you feel less anxious about a forgetting important facts or key information. Some students write down formulas or critical dates in the margin as soon as they receive their paper test. You can do the same even if you are taking an electronic test.
4. **Answer easy questions first** — Getting the easier questions out of the way will not only build your confidence, but it will free up time to focus on those more difficult areas of the examination.
5. **Outline thoughts before writing** — Students who organize their writing responses before they start typically score higher. Having a plan or even a short outline insures a well-structured response which hits all the main points.
6. **Talk to someone** — You're not alone! Your parents, teachers, and other caring adults are here to help you succeed. Remember, there are Military and Family Life Counselors (MLFC) available to help you deal with any stress you may be feeling during this time. Talking to an adult or close friend will give you some of



# There's a "Better FAFSA"

Do you know a student who dreams of pursuing higher education? Now is the time for high school seniors and returning college students to submit their 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form, an application that students and families need to complete to apply for federal student aid, such as federal grants, work-study funds, and loans. If you want Information about this revised form simply visit <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.

### A Better 2024–25 FAFSA® Form

The 2024–25 FAFSA form is now available. We'll begin sending submitted applications to colleges and states in the first half of March. [Learn more about 2024–25 FAFSA updates.](#)

2024–25 FAFSA® Form

[Start New Form](#) [Access Existing Form](#)

Need to access last year's form? [Start or Edit a 2023–24 FAFSA Form](#)



The revamped FAFSA form – also known as “Better FAFSA” – takes many students less than 20 minutes to complete and can unlock up to \$7,395 in federal aid that does not need to be repaid to help cover the cost of college.

## 2024–25 FAFSA® Form Launch

The 2024–25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form is now available. You can complete the form to apply for financial aid to help pay for attendance at college between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. We may initiate pauses for site maintenance and to make technical updates as needed to provide you with a better experience.

## What's New



The 2024–25 FAFSA form expands eligibility for federal student aid, including Pell Grants, and provides a streamlined user experience. An estimated 7.3 million students from low-income backgrounds will be eligible to receive Federal Pell Grants due to updates to student aid calculations. Videos are available to answer many of those Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

## What Happens After You Submit

When you submit your completed 2024–25 FAFSA form, you'll get an email confirming that we received your form with preliminary information related to your eligibility for federal student aid. This will include your estimated Student Aid Index (SAI) and estimated eligibility for Federal Pell Grants.

You can also check the status of your FAFSA form at any time by logging in to StudentAid.gov and selecting your processed FAFSA submission from the "My Activity" section of your account Dashboard. The ability to make corrections to processed forms will be available later in March. Headed to college? Get started!

This article was adapted from <https://studentaid.gov> on 20 March 2024.



# Department of Education — “Better FAFSA” Resources

The U.S. Department of Education is making transformational changes to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form. The FAFSA form is an application that students and families need to complete to apply for federal student aid, such as federal grants, work-study funds, and loans. Completing and submitting the FAFSA form is free, and it gives students access to the largest source of financial aid to help pay for higher education.

The Better FAFSA is simplified, redesigned, and streamlined. It is faster and easier to fill out, with most students and families completing it in less than 15 minutes. It ensures 665,000 more students will receive Federal Pell Grants to pay for college. Additionally, more than 1.7 million more students will receive the maximum Pell Grant.

To access these and other FAFSA tools, visit [www.ed.gov/Better-FAFSA](http://www.ed.gov/Better-FAFSA). At this website you can find information to help any college bound student better understand the FAFSA process.

## Better FAFSA Toolkits



## Additional Actions the Department is Taking

Significantly Reducing Verification Requirements	Providing Additional Flexibility on Recertification	Making Connections to Data	Suspending New Routine Program Reviews
Thanks to the overhauled FAFSA form, the majority of income data now comes directly from the IRS, which will not need to be verified. This year's reduction in verifications will reduce the burden for colleges and students while continuing to protect against fraud.	The Department will, through Sept. 2024, waive the requirement for institutions to recertify eligibility for federal student aid programs no later than 90 days before their Program Participation Requirement expires. This flexibility will give time back to institutions at this critical moment.	The Department is posting new data and resources to help schools drive FAFSA completion. For example, the Department released data by high school on their students' 2024–2025 FAFSA submissions, two months ahead of schedule.	The Department conducts program reviews to confirm colleges meet requirements for institutional eligibility, financial responsibility, and administrative capability. The Department will suspend new reviews through June 2024, except for the most serious issues, helping colleges focus on getting aid award offers to students.



# April Calendar

Each month the staff and service providers at the Kings Bay Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) offer a host of classes designed to strengthen your family, sharpen your skills, and make living the military life just a little bit easier. The Fleet and Family Support Center classes are free to active duty, retirees and their family members and the classes cover a variety of topics. Pre-registration is required due to limited seating.

Please make your arrangements early as childcare is not provided at the FFSC. Here are few of the April 2024 classes that might interest you or your family. Call Fleet and Family at (912) 573-4512/4513, message the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ffsckingsbay](https://www.facebook.com/ffsckingsbay), or use this QR code to register online.



## Tax Preparation 101

**April 4 — 9:00 am—11:00 am**

## Kings Bay Express (Base Tour)

**April 10—10:00 am—12:00 pm**

## Marketing Your LinkedIn

**April 16—5:30 pm—7:00 pm**

## CONUS Smooth Move

**April 20 — 10:00 am —12:00 pm**

## Breaking the Generation Gap

**April 23 — 10:00 am—12:00 pm**

## Will Renting Work for Me?

**April 24—4:00 pm—6:00 pm**

*Didn't see something you really needed?*

Give the Fleet and Family Service Center a call. You may be surprised at wealth of resources they can make available to you and your family. Just ask!  
**Get to know FFSC before you need them!**



# FFSC Virtual Clinical Counseling **CONNECT to GET CARE**

The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) now provides in-person and virtual clinical counseling! Sailors and families can access virtual clinical counseling from the privacy of their own homes. Virtual clinical counseling is a nonmedical, clinical, short-term solution-focused service. It is available to individuals, couples and families.

## Virtual clinical counseling helps with:

- Separation
- Relationship issues
- Grief
- Parent-child interactions
- Deployment
- Other challenges related to military and family life
- Relocation

**To schedule an appointment, call 1-855-205-6749.** If calling outside of regular business hours, leave a message. Your call will be returned within one business day.

[www.ffsp.navy.mil](http://www.ffsp.navy.mil)



*Kings Bay's*

# SWAP & Shop

Get ready to discover hidden treasures and unique finds at our community event, where vendors and patrons alike come together for a day of swapping, shopping, and connecting. Find a second hand treasure or a handmade gift of your dreams at the Kings Bay's Swap & Shop!

**SATURDAY, MAY 11**  
**SAIL POINTE PARK • 9 AM-2 PM**  
**FREE ENTRY FOR SHOPPERS!**

## VENDOR REGISTRATION



Interested in showcasing your own treasures as a vendor? \$25.00 gets you a space! Please note, space is limited to 30 vendors.

<https://tinyurl.com/MWRKBswapNshop>



## MWR Events & Programs

THE BOX OFFICE PRESENTS

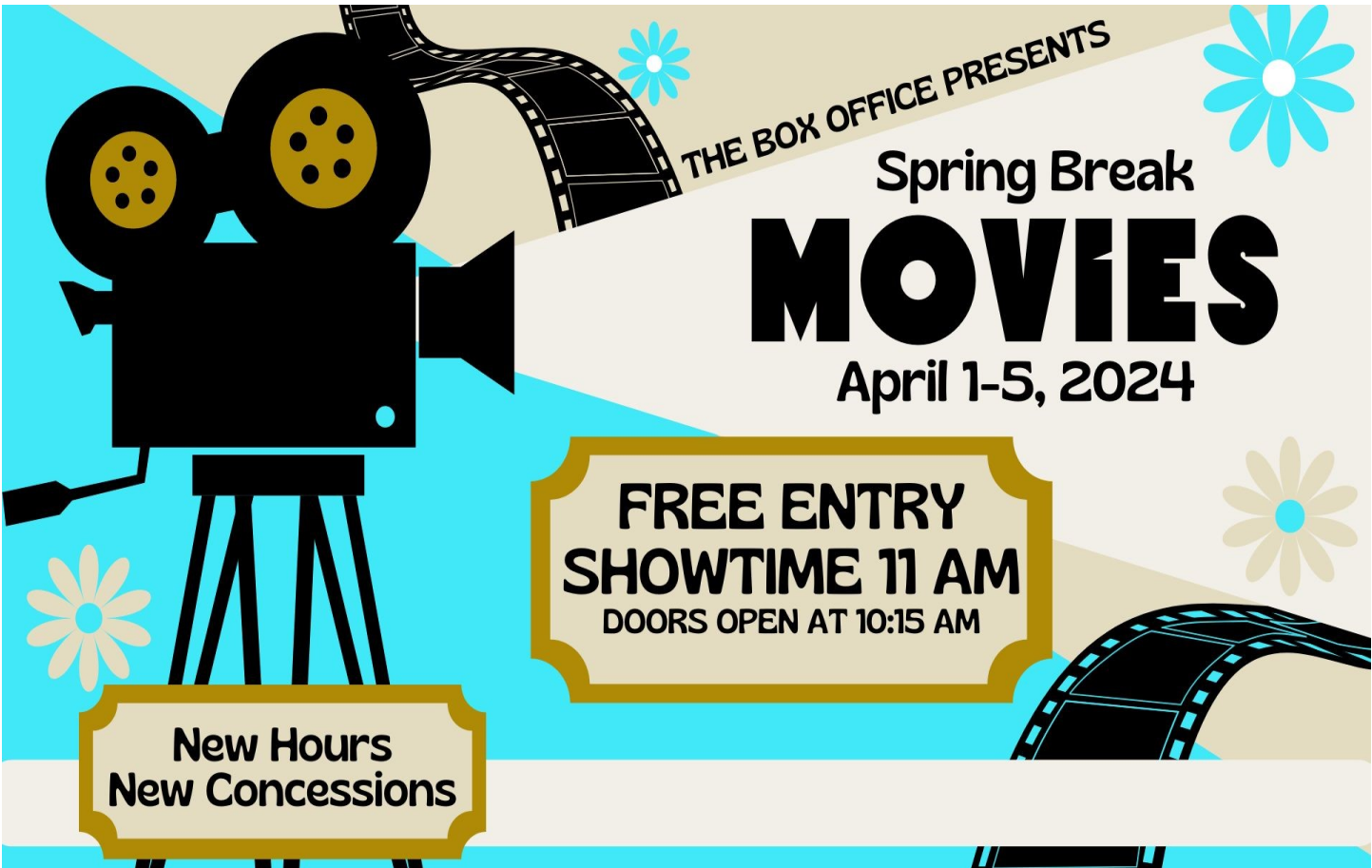
Spring Break

# MOVIES

April 1-5, 2024

**FREE ENTRY**  
**SHOWTIME 11 AM**  
DOORS OPEN AT 10:15 AM

**New Hours**  
**New Concessions**



# CARNIVAL

AT KINGS BAY

SATURDAY  
APRIL 27

4-8 PM

FITNESS COMPLEX PARKING LOT

EVEN MORE CARNIVAL RIDES

GAMES WITH PRIZES

FACE PAINTING

BOUNCE HOUSES

OLDE TIME PHOTOS/CARICATURES

FOOD TRUCKS & SO MUCH MORE!



## MWR Events & Programs

### RANGER READS *at* THE CRAB

Meet the Ranger from  
Crooked River State Park

TUES, APR 16

4:15-5 PM

Join Clawd & friends for a storytime  
& information session led

by our local ranger

Free with CRAB admission.

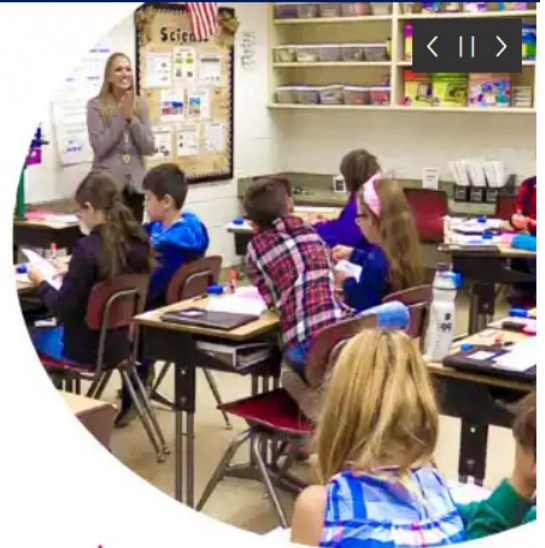
Parents must stay with  
children at all times.



# Nassau County Employment Opportunity

## Instructional Recruitment Fair

April 6, 2024  
at Wildlight Elementary School



Be part of what makes Nassau a great place to work!

Attendance is by Appointment Only & Registration is Required

◀ Click here to register!

Register online at [www.applitrack.com/nassau/onlineapp](http://www.applitrack.com/nassau/onlineapp)

## National Laundry Day

When most people think of April 15th, they think of taxes. Now, perhaps with the same sense of dread, many will find “National Laundry Day” just as daunting. Who knew this was a thing? National Laundry Day creates an opportunity to assess our laundry habits and teach our children to develop good ones.

Whether grime and dirt was beaten out of clothes on river rocks, scrubbed away on a washboard, or run through the wringers on the top of an old-fashioned washer, humans have been doing laundry in numerous ways for as long as it has existed. If you are of a ‘certain age’ you may even remember hanging clothes to dry on a clothes line in the backyard.

So, what are you supposed to do to celebrate National Laundry Day? Here are few ideas:



- \* Do your laundry!
- \* Teach others how to do laundry : )
- \* Organize your linen closet
- \* Share stain removing tips and tricks

Whatever you decide to do, it will be spot on!

This article was adapted from [www.nationaldaycalendar.com](http://www.nationaldaycalendar.com) on March 20, 2024.



*Calling all kids, parents and other caring adults.  
Join us as we walk, stroll & roll against Child Abuse!*

**THURSDAY**  
**APRIL 4, 2024**

**1015-1100**

**YOUTH CENTER PARKING LOT**

*Join us afterwards for some extra fun!*  
**MUSIC || GAMES || BOUNCE HOUSE**  
**ARTS & CRAFTS || FOOD || PRIZES**

*Special thanks to the  
partners/sponsors of this event*

**NSB KINGS BAY COMMISSARY (DeCA)  
FLEET & FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER  
MWR/CHILD & YOUTH PROGRAMS**

**SUBASE KINGS BAY FIRE & RESCUE  
SUBASE SECURITY, NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,  
HEALTH PROMOTIONS & WELLNESS,  
RELIGIOUS MINISTRIES,  
NAVY MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY,  
HOUSING SERVICE CENTER**



# OPERATION PURPLE *Camp* SUMMER 2024

APPLICATIONS OPEN  
FEBRUARY 15

It may be hard to believe, but summer break is right around the corner. Organizations like the National Military Family Association (NMFA) have begun making summer camps plans and NOW is the time to register. Operation Purple® Camp offers military kids a **FREE** week of camp where they connect with other kids, just like them. Children from all uniformed services, including National Guard, Reserve, Space Force, and the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and United States Public Health Service may apply.

When your military child attends Operation Purple Camp, they'll enjoy a true summer camp experience, complete with arts and crafts and outdoor activities, like ropes courses, canoeing, swimming, archery, and climbing walls. Campers will thrive in an environment with fully trained counselors and camp staff experienced in helping children adapt and overcome the stressors of military life. By meeting kids like them, campers make life-long friends who understand what it's like for a parent to serve in the military. Campers are encouraged to celebrate the sacrifices they make and be proud of their role as a military kid!

## Operation Purple Camp at Home

Not close to an Operation Purple Camp location? Let us introduce you to Operation Purple Camp at Home—the home version of our popular Operation Purple Camp for military kids! That's right: your child will experience the fun and magic of summer camp...from the comfort of home. Campers will receive a special "camp in a box" delivered to their doorstep that includes fun, outdoor gear to use for each day's activities and virtual experiences!

## Operation Purple Camp at Home Junior

In 2021, NMFA brought all the fun of our Operation Purple Camp at Home—the virtual version of our popular Operation Purple® Camp – to our youngest military kids and their families! This fun-filled week of Operation Purple Camp was redesigned for military children ages 3-7 years old and gives campers the chance to learn about the world around them through daily interactive activities, stories, songs, crafts, and fun!

## Why is it Purple?

Purple happens to be the perfect mix of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine Corps red, and Navy blue. In the military world, **purple** symbolizes all who serve, and at our Association, we know military kids serve, too! Whether campers attend a week of camp at an in-person location, or they experience the magic of summer camp virtually, we know the memories made during our Operation Purple kids' camp program will leave them with memories and experiences they'll never forget.

Powered By



For more information join an information session on March 5th at 7 PM EST to learn more about camp, the application process, and the **National Military Family Association Operation Purple programs**. Call (703) 931-6632 or write [info@MilitaryFamily.org](mailto:info@MilitaryFamily.org)

This article was adapted from [www.militaryfamily.org/programs](http://www.militaryfamily.org/programs) on February 9, 2024.



# Kings Bay Teens Hit Scholarship Homeruns



Growing up in Mobile, Ala., during the Jim Crow era, Hank Aaron and his siblings faced many obstacles, yet they found a way to persevere.

Those challenges continued as Hank and his brother Tommie signed contracts with the Braves and climbed the ladder to the major leagues. As Hank surpassed Babe Ruth to become baseball's home run king in 1974 and was later elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1982, there were many people he could look back upon as having helped him reach the sport's pinnacle.

Years after his playing career ended, Aaron still recognized that there are many young people who need that helping hand to give them a boost in their lives. With that, he and his wife Billye began the Hank Aaron Chasing the Dream Foundation in 1994. More than 20 years later, the Aarons' foundation has awarded hundreds of scholarships to underprivileged youth from across the United States, enabling them the assistance necessary to help fulfill their dreams.

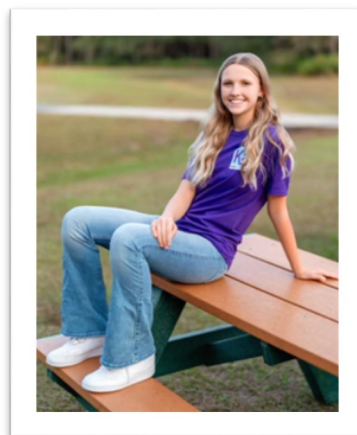
*"Our intent was to encourage youngsters to dream a dream and then do what we could to help that dream take root and grow,"* Billye Aaron told a crowd at Alabama's Tuskegee University in 2003.

In 2009, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America partnered with Major League Baseball to create the "44 Forever" program. This initiative, which runs in perpetuity, received an endowment from MLB and is administered by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Forty-four members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America receive scholarships worth up to \$2,500 a piece. The individuals come from all over the United States and are known as "Dream Chasers."

This year the Kings Bay Teen Program is proud to recognize three outstanding Club members received the Hank Aaron Chasing the Dream Scholarship. Each year these Club members will receive thousands of dollars each year until they graduate from high school to help them chase their dreams of higher learning and athletic achievement.



**Davion K. — \$5,000**  
Track



**Katherine P. — \$1,000**  
Passion for Dancing



**Braylon K. - \$5,000**  
Basketball & Track

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