



# NEWSLETTER

June 2025



## CYS Coordinator's Corner

Dear Families,

Summer has officially arrived at Fort Hamilton, and we couldn't be more excited to share this vibrant season with you and your children. At CYS, summer is more than just a break from school—it's a chance to explore, create, play, and grow in ways that spark joy and build confidence.

Our dedicated team has put together an incredible lineup of activities that reflect the diverse interests and talents of the children we serve. From science experiments and gardening to group games, performing arts, and themed dress-up days—there's something for everyone. We're especially proud of the way our programs support social development, teamwork, and a sense of belonging, all while keeping the fun front and center. This summer, we're also introducing a few surprises—pop-up events, guest workshops, and collaborative projects that highlight community involvement and creativity. We know that childhood memories are often made during these warm months, and we're honored to help shape those experiences with intention and care.



As always, our commitment to safety, quality, and inclusivity remains at the heart of everything we do. We're grateful for your partnership and look forward to a summer filled with laughter, discovery, and celebration.



Here's to sunshine, smiles, and unforgettable moments.

**- Kresskala "Ms. K" Stewart**

## Parent Participation Program

Are you a crafty parent and willing to share your expertise with our staff? Ready to participate in the next event hosted by CYS? Looking forward to attend the next PAC meeting? These are a few ways in which you can earn parent participation points to receive a discount on your monthly tuition!

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# Parent Participation Program

May-July 2025

Receive a 10% discount on your monthly tuition for every 10 parent participation points earned! Here's a few ways how you can earn points:

- Assist with Homework Center (SAS).
- Assist with bulletin boards.
- Add to staff or children's library.
- Participate in events hosted by CYS.
- Conduct a workshop
- Attend Parent Advisory Council Meeting.




## CYS PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!



### CRICUT Master?

Let's get crafty!

Teach the basics of using the Cricut to CYS staff.

Materials and supplies will be provided.



### Cast Iron Connoisseur ?

Lead the way in seasoning our BRAND NEW cast iron set for our cooking club! Teach CYS this skillful technique that will help preserve and protect our equipment.

## GET A DISCOUNT OFF YOUR CHILDCARE BILL!

Call us for more information!

☎ (718) 630-4518





# YOUTH OF THE MONTH



## March

Farzad Kabir

"I was very happy to be the Youth of the Month. I like CYS. I like playing with my friends and drawing. I am excited for summer!"



## April

Kellen Chlebek

"I am excited to be Youth of the Month! My favorite part about CYS is the playground and Boys Club. I'm excited about school ending."



Every month all children in program vote for a peer that exemplifies leadership.





The MST crew, grades 6-12, attended a college fair where they visited with more than 200 local, national and international schools. They also marked a trip to Top Golf, Operation Megaphone Lock-In, and a potluck off their busy schedules!

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# SUMMER 2025



## FREE MST

UPCOMING TRIPS:

- Immersive Gamebox
- Frog Falls Waterpark
- Six Flags Great Adventure
- RISE, NY and many more!

First come, first served but priority is given if you sign up for MST morning camp.

# Graduation season is here...and so is PCS season!

From Kindergarten through 12th grade, the average military child will attend six to nine different school systems. This can prove to be a challenge for the students as much as the parents. Move after move everyone needs to relearn the education, medical, extracurricular system of every duty station. If you add any kind of special need, whether it be something small like a dairy intolerance or something more serious like a 504 accommodation, your transition to a new duty station can become tough before you even arrive. Here are some resources that can smooth your upcoming transition!



**The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children** was created to ease many of the problems students in military families face as a result of deployment and transfers between school systems when they relocate with the military by standardizing policies in the school districts of all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity, or DODEA. The compact is governed by the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission. The Compact does not apply to private or international schools.

It's no secret that relocation is a big part of military life. Some families move a few hours away from home, others across the country and some across the globe. Whether you're moving to a state with a year-round school system or are coming from a four-day school week or attending a DODEA school for the first time, we want you to have the resources for a successful transition. Before your move, it's important that you alert your current school and medical provider at least 30 days before your move to request a hard copy of your child's records. Hand carrying these documents is recommended. Notifying your school liaison officer (SLO) saves you some legwork and helps focus your educational options. Every installation has school liaisons who work with military students, educators who service military students, and community partners within the pre-K-12 education realm. School liaisons understand the military experience and can help with:

- Transition support. (including school districts and boundaries)
- Alternative school options and programs. (including private, parochial, charter and home school)
- Special education support and much more.

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**SLO DIRECTORY**



## Additional Resources

### **Military & Family Life Counseling (MFLC)**

MFLC are mental health specialists who provide confidential, short-term, non-medical counseling to Military Families. Topics - Relocation adjustment, workplace stress, deployment, relationship issues and more. Please call 347-677-2782 for more details.

### **Army MWR Library**

Army MWR Library has a new circulation system! We recommend that all patrons contact their garrison MWR library to update their login credentials for this new system. Once login credentials are updated, patrons can renew their checkouts and reserve physical items from the library from wherever they are and pick them up after. Visit [this link](#) to check it out!

**Join the New York State Library** and you will have access each month to a variety of programs, including onsite walking tours and a presentation of picture books and activities to pair them with. Check out the full calendar of upcoming events [here](#).



## CYS PAC Meeting



### **Topic- Summer Camp**

Date: June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

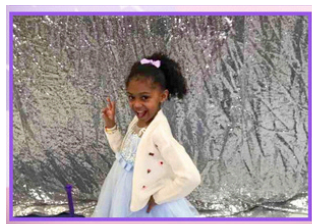
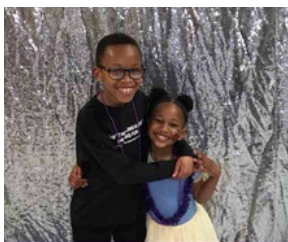
Time: 4:30 PM

Place: 412 Sterling Drive

Parents and staff work together to evaluate and improve programs and services for the positive development of our children.



# SNEAKER BALL





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# USAG FORT HAMILTON BICENTENNIAL

CONCERT & FIREWORKS CELEBRATION

Fort Hamilton's 200th Birthday

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## DATE:

13 JUNE 2025

## TIME:

DOOR: 1630 HRS

SHOW: 1800 HRS

## LOCATION:

FORT HAMILTON ARMY BASE  
ENGELDRUM BLUFF

101st St. & Fort Hamilton Pkwy.



- Live Music
- Vendors
- Food Trucks
- Fireworks Show



West Point Band

AND OTHER LIVE PERFORMANCE ACTS!

This Event is Free and Open to the Public with Registration

Registration will be closed on 7th June 2025. To Register Please Visit



[HAMILTON.ARMYMWR.COM](https://HAMILTON.ARMYMWR.COM)



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# Military Children

*BLOOM EVERYWHERE THE WINDS CARRY THEM*







# CYS

## OPEN REC PROGRAM

for kids 6-12 YEARS old

All eligible families are encouraged to register.



**1st and 3rd Friday  
of each month  
4:00-5:30 PM**



**Fort Hamilton CYS**  
**Building 412,**  
**Sterling Drive**



**Mentorship**  
**Snacks**  
**Arts & Crafts**  
**Games**  
**Outdoor Activities**  
**and so much more!**

**Reservations are  
required. Call  
718-630-4518  
to reserve your  
spot!**



OPEN REC IS NOT AVAILABLE DURING THE SUMMER