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"A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes."

GRAND FORKS AFB STARTS THE SCHOOL YEAR OUT WITH AN A+

Three events were well received by military families and youth on base in August. These events were planned to support the beginning of a new school year for Grand Forks AFB families and youth.

11 Aug: The Education Fair was held at the Northern Lights club and had more than 200 adults and children in attendance. 45 schools were represented for our base scholars between the ages of pre-k to college! Thanks to all the schools who participated and met with families and Airmen to get them excited about the new school year!

12 Aug: Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children Launching Ceremony.

Lt Governor Mr. Drew Wrigley, Maj Gen David Sprynczynatyk (North Dakota National Guard), ND legislative representatives, Grand Forks and Minot AFB commanders, were on base on 12 Aug. They were here to celebrate with families and youth in the launching of the Interstate Compact. In April, ND became the 38th state to adopt the compact which provides uniform treatment of



military children transferring between school districts and states for specific educational issues. For more information on the compact go to www.mic3.net

25 & 26 Aug: Tutor.com!

Ms Jennifer Marsh arrived on base and hit the ground running! She briefed over 50 base personnel and 200 youth about Tutor.com. Back-to-school for many military families can mean new schools, new curricula and new homework assignments. Ms. Marsh highlighted how tutor.com can help make back-to-school time less stressful for military students by reminding them that they have free access



to Tutor.com 24/7. Kids can find help with a real time tutor in over 20 subject areas. If you weren't able to attend one of the briefings and would like information about Tutor.com or Tutornd.com, please contact me.



Meet your Grand Forks AFB School Board Members!

School Board President: Chief Karl Ohrn

School Board Members: TSgt Tina Mumblo, Sonja Gonzalez, Angie Bowden, and Darla Baugh



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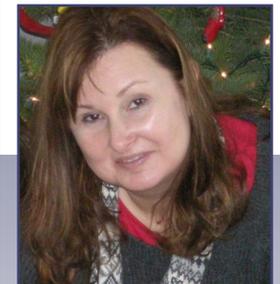
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WEBSITES TO CHECK OUT
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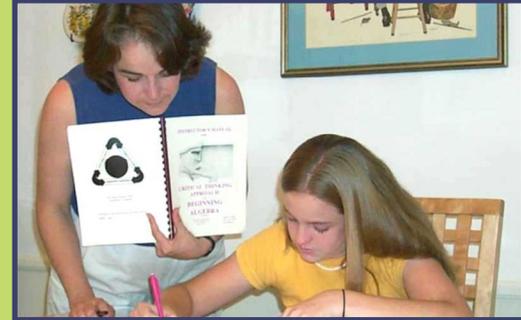
Military Child Education Coalition Announces Free New Resource for Military Youth SchoolQuest: Naviance

Naviance is a college and career planning resource that the MCEC SchoolQuest is offering to students as young as 8th grade. It is a fantastic tool that will help students plan their educational path. While using Naviance a student can complete inventories that will help define their strengths and interests. They can then find courses of study that utilize those strengths and see what careers match up with those findings. Scholarship information is available as is college application information. Scholarship and college applications can be stored for future reference.

Eligibility requirements are:

- 13 years of age or older
- 8th-12th grade
- Military-affiliation (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard, Reserves, Active Duty or Retired)

For more information go to: www.SchoolQuest.org



Home School Rally!

Come and meet other homeschool families on base. We will be having a get together on Tuesday, 13 Sept from 1:00-2:00 at the Base Library for anyone interested in learning about what resources are available on base for you and your family for this school year. We will also talk about who would be interested in helping to start a homeschool group.

The Youth Programs staff and Library will be on hand as well to discuss opportunities for homeschoolers. Please join us if you are wanting to be a part of a great support group! Anyone is welcome to attend!

Early Childhood Screening & Information Fair

Please join us on 28 Sept at Eielson Elementary School for the first annual Early Childhood Screening & Information Fair. We are excited to showcase more than 20 local and community resources available to all families who reside on Grand Forks AFB. These agencies will be providing information on upcoming community events, summer camps, early intervention therapy, Autism awareness, and more. The fair will be from 8:00 to 3:30 in the North pod of Eielson. Parking is available on the north side of the school and in front of the school. Please note that if you are attending the fair between 8:00 and 8:20 or 2:15 and 3:15, parking is reserved for the busses in front of the school. Snack will be provided for families and door prizes will be given away. Come and check us out!



Possibilities: A Financial Resource for Parents of Children with Disabilities

When a family member is diagnosed with a disability, it can be overwhelming financially and emotionally. You may realize that you have to change or modify plans for your child's future. Considering the realities of this may be very difficult. The Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights (PACER) Center and the National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE) collaborated on a free publication for families. This publication will hopefully help you create a sense of order in your life and maintain control over your finances as you care for your child and prepare him or her for adulthood. To view this free publication go to: <http://www.pacer.org/publications/possibilities/>

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