

# SCHOOL LIAISON LINK

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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."



*Everyone Matters*



## Teacher Appreciation Week 7-11 May 2012

Mark your calendars for May 8th! All over the world students will be honoring their teachers. This is the your student's opportunity to tell their teacher what they mean to them. Encourage your youth to be creative and show their teacher that they are valued. Teachers have dedicated their lives to helping your children learn. They take the time to listen to their students' stories, they celebrate their first missing tooth, and they congratulate them on accomplishments. For ideas to show you care go to [http://www.teacher-appreciation.info/Ideas\\_and\\_Suggestions/](http://www.teacher-appreciation.info/Ideas_and_Suggestions/) This website has ideas for kids from Kindergarten into high school.

Quote: The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery  
Mark van Doren

## RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE FOR MILITARY YOUTH



This course is designed to provide youth who are planning to babysit with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants. This training will help youth to develop leadership skills; learn how to develop a babysitting business, keep themselves and others safe, help children behave; and learn about basic child care and basic first aid. The training is designed for youth ages 11-15. Youth will need transportation to and from the class and will need to bring lunch and snacks. All materials provided!

Where: Airman & Family Readiness Center ( North Door of Bldg )

Date of Class: Saturday, 19 May

Time: 9:00am to 3:00 pm

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## Month of the Military Child

Grand Forks Air Force base celebrated military children throughout the month of April with free family events. These events were held to show our appreciation for our young heroes!

- 3 April - Annual Beautiful Baby Child Shoot and Children's Activity Fair
- 10 April - Atmospherium & Pizza Night
- 13 April - Purple Up!
- 21 April - Annual Hands on Learning Fair



## Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission State Council Meeting



Grand Forks AFB will host the annual Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission State Council Meeting. The state council is made up of representatives from the Dept. of Public Instruction, ND state legislature, ND National Guard, school district superintendents, Air Force base commanders and school liaison officers. The meeting will be held on 21 May from 11:00am-2:00pm. School districts with larger populations of military connected youth will also be invited. Guests attending the meeting will receive an overview of what the interstate compact is about, hear testimonials on how the compact has helped military families in their transition to new school districts, and receive information on the legislatives councils requirements.

The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children was passed in April 2011. Thus making North Dakota the 38th state to pass this compact into law. The purpose of this compact is to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent move and the deployment of their parents. Some of the issues that the compact cover are: enrollment, placement & attendance, eligibility, and graduation. For more information about the interstate compact go to [www.mic3.net](http://www.mic3.net)

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## Young Entrepreneurs



Did you know the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has an entire section devoted to helping young entrepreneurs? "Young Entrepreneurs Essential Guide to Starting Your Own Business!" is a free online course offered by the SBA to help young entrepreneurs get started. The course is self-paced, easy to use, and takes only 30 minutes to complete. Encourage your youth to take the course now at: <http://web.sba.gov/sbtn/registration/index.cfm?CourseId=82>.

While online, make it a point to review the other SBA resources for youth: everything from "Summer Jobs +" to information on the student loan Income Based Repayment Plan. Visit [www.sba.gov/young](http://www.sba.gov/young) today!

## Summer Camp Opportunities



School is out, now what? There is a lot happening in and around the Grand Forks area this summer. Check out the following sites and join the fun!

UND Summer 2012! - [www.summer.UND.edu](http://www.summer.UND.edu) or call 701-777-0841

Operation Military Kids Summer Camps for Kids - [www.ndsu.edu/4h/camp](http://www.ndsu.edu/4h/camp)

Grand Forks Public Schools Summer Activity Classes - [www.grand-forks.k12.nd.us](http://www.grand-forks.k12.nd.us)

Grand Forks Park Board Summer Sports Clubs - [www.gfparks.org](http://www.gfparks.org)

Dakota Science Center - [www.dakota-science.org](http://www.dakota-science.org)

**\*\*For camps being offered at the Youth Center on base call 701-747-3150\*\***

## UND Research Program on Speech & Language Development



Are you interested in your child's speech and language development? If so, your child may be able to participate in a UND research program that studies how children learn to produce sounds. Your child will receive free speech and language evaluations and, if eligible, he/she will help UND learn more about how typical speech and language skills develop in young children.

UND is looking for children between the ages of 3 and 6 1/2 years old who speak English only to participate in the study. Participation may last 3-6 months. Additionally, your child may receive up to \$80.00 for participating.

For more information please contact Dr. Alycia Cummings, Assistant Professor in the UND Dept. of Communication Sciences and Disorders. Phone: (701) 777-3725 or email her at: [Alycia.Cummings@und.edu](mailto:Alycia.Cummings@und.edu)

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## *EFMP NEWS*



### **“Teen Night Out” Program**

The “Teen Night Out” Program is in full swing. This program is for youth and families with Special Needs in the Grand Forks area. Youth ages 12-21 and their parents/guardians/ caregivers are invited to attend the monthly get-togethers. The program includes a meal and activities at **no cost** for all participants. The next program get-together will take place on Thursday, 10 May 2012, 5:30-7:00pm, at the Development Homes Inc. facility on 3880 South Columbia Rd. Please RSVP to Mr. Mike Johnson 747-6437 or Ms. Sharon Swanson 747-6434. Transportation to and from the Development Homes facility, may also be arranged, if we get an adequate number of individuals interested in attending.

### **Air Force Respite Care Update**

The Air Force Respite Care program is expanding to include 16 more locations: Nellis, Creech, Scott, Hurlburt Field, Wright Patterson, Elmendorf, Davis Monthan, Travis, Tinker, Shaw, Eglin, Offutt, Warner Robins, Moody, Minot and Fairchild. These locations were effective 1 Apr 12. The next steps, include: NACCRRRA (National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agency) contracting, recruiting, screening and training, the providers. NACCRRRA estimates no more than 120 days for the program to be available. Additionally siblings (in all locations) can be provided respite care at no charge to the family.

### **Family Voices Topical Calls May 2012!**



Family Voices of North Dakota offers free training right in your own home! All you need to do is grab your phone, get comfy and call in! Here are the topical call scheduled for May.

**May 1<sup>st</sup> Experience Health ND**

**May 10<sup>th</sup> Spina Bifida**

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> Epilepsy**

**May 29<sup>th</sup> Trusts (What you need to know)**

**May 8<sup>th</sup> Supporting Fathers**

**May 21<sup>st</sup> Family Night on Autism**

**May 24<sup>th</sup> Emergency Medical Services for Children**

To get started contact: Donene Feist, Family Voices of North Dakota

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