

# 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*

## Happy 50th Birthday Twining Elementary/Middle School!



Please join principal Dr. Mary Koopman, staff, and Twining students for the 50th birthday celebration of Nathan F. Twining Public School. The celebration will take place on Monday, 1 Oct at the school. There will be an assembly starting at 2:00 until 3:15 p.m. followed by an Open House from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Come help them celebrate this momentous occasion!

**FREE!**

## Family Deployment Line Grand Forks AFB Saturday, 20 Oct from 10:00 - 3:00

Youth ages 5 to 16 years old have the opportunity to experience the same steps their parents take when preparing to deploy. They will receive a mission briefing and process through the deployment line. There will be static displays, tours, food and fun! Busses will provide transportation to each of the deployed locations. Only folding strollers will be accepted. Parking is available at the commissary and you can enter the event through the East door of the Fitness Center.

If youth pre - register at the Youth Center by 12 Oct they will have a chance to win an IPAD and other amazing door prizes. Military youth are encouraged to bring their civilian friends. To pre-register call the Youth Center at 747-3150. Don't forget to bring your cameras!!

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## Grand Forks AFB PTO Sponsors School Beautification Day

Thursday September 21, 2012 was a crisp, beautiful day for the PTO's School Beautification Day. Over 45 volunteers participated in the event. PTO members, parents, and airman began at 8 am and worked hard into the early afternoon. Projects included raking leaves, collecting garbage, spreading new playground sand, gardening, edging sidewalks, painting school signs, and interior painting. It was a huge success and a great opportunity for the community to come together to enjoy the outdoors.



## School Quest College Planners (New Initiative of Military Child Education Coalition)

Find everything you need to plan for college in one place! Provided by the Military Child Education Coalition, The [SchoolQuest College Planners](#) offer two services to ensure that you are fully prepared for life after high school.

**Method Test Prep** offers proven ACT and SAT preparation. Realistic practice tests prepare you for the real thing. Just a few minutes a day spent practicing will raise scores and your chances of being admitted to the college of your choice. Checklists, study guides and explanations to questions and answers will boost both your confidence and your score on the big day!

**College Options Services** strives to offer you everything you need as you plan your journey. There is a student planner for high school students that outlines all important steps from freshman to senior year. Gain understanding to admissions and financial aid processes, as well as access to hundreds of scholarship links. Prepare for the ACT and SAT tests through practice tests, tutorials and even a game. Also offered are college finders, personality assessment and college profile matches.

Both services are offered to eligible\* students. Access is unlimited, so get started today by simply creating your accounts. Please remember to always access your accounts through the College Planners on [www.SchoolQuest.org](http://www.SchoolQuest.org). College and career readiness is more important than ever. Let the SchoolQuest College Planners assist you as you plan your successful future!

\*Eligibility criteria: 13+ years of age-, 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, and Military Affiliation **or** J/S2S member.

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## “Plan My Move” with Military Homefront!

If you're getting orders you can take charge of your next PCS!

Moving to a new base can be exciting yet stressful. A great resource that will assist you in planning your next PCS can be found at [www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil](http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil). There you will find the “Plan My Move” feature, which is a unique tool that helps customize your moving plans. Plan My Move creates a time-line calendar/checklist, complete with links to the information you will need to make that “Smooth Move”. For more information, contact the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 747-6437/3241.

## Base Curfew Guidelines

Curfew hours are from 2200 to 0600 Sunday – Thursday and 2400 – 0600 Friday – Saturday.

Dependents, 17 Years of Age (YOA) or younger, will not be outside their quarters during curfew hours unless:

- Dependents, 6 (YOA) or older may occupy the garage, porch, or a tent staked within the perimeter of the assigned housing unit's yard as long as there is an adult supervisor within the quarters readily available to provide assistance in case of emergency. It is the responsibility of parents or caregivers to ensure the safety of dependents while on the premises and to know where they are at all times.
- They are accompanied by a parent or guardian 18 (YOA) or older; They are participating in an approved, on-base sponsored event (i.e., MWR trip, Youth Center dance, etc.) or are babysitting. In such cases, parents or guardians may contact the Security Forces Control Center (SFCC) at Commercial: 747-5351 / DSN: 326-5351 when dependents are returning home. This will preclude unwarranted detainment.
- They enter the main gate after curfew hours and proceed to their quarters using the most direct route available.
- Security forces will strictly enforce curfew hours. Violators will be detained and transported to the SFCC, building 103, where parents/guardians will be contacted and directed to respond. If the violator does not meet the exemptions listed above, an incident report will be accomplished.
- The 319 MSG Commander will be notified in writing no later than 3 days prior to any event involving minors which extends through curfew hours. The MSG Commander will approve or disapprove events and notify the Chief, Security Forces (CSF) in case of approvals. The CSF will ensure the Security Forces Operations Section is briefed.
- Sponsors who fail to supervise their dependents may be subject to disciplinary action.

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Inspired by Joining Forces, [Positive Parenting Solutions](#) is proud to sponsor *Pay It Forward Parenting*, a program designed to give back and give thanks to military families for their service and sacrifice.

Through *Pay It Forward Parenting*, Positive Parenting Solutions provides complimentary 1-year access to the award-winning **Positive Parenting Solutions Online** course (\$199 value). This comprehensive online training teaches parents of toddlers to teens step-by-step solutions to put an end to backtalk, whining, tantrums, sibling rivalry, battles over homework & chores and just about any power struggle your kids can dream up! Since the training is on-demand, you can access the program 24/7 and learn at your own pace when it's convenient for you.

*Pay It Forward Parenting* is available to all eligible military service members. This includes Active, Veteran, Reserve or Guard service members of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines.

To enroll: <http://www.positiveparentingsolutions.com/giving-back>

## Meet Your Instructor

Parenting expert and "recovering yeller" Amy McCreedy is the Founder of Positive Parenting Solutions and the author of *If I Have to Tell You One More Time...The Revolutionary Program That Gets Your Kids to Listen Without Nagging, Reminding or Yelling* (Tarcher/Penguin, 2011). Amy reaches a worldwide audience with her *Positive Parenting Solutions Online* course, live webinars, and media appearances. She is a frequent guest on the TODAY Show and has appeared on Rachael Ray, CNN, Fox & Friends, MSNBC, and elsewhere. In her most important role, she plays mom to two teenage boys.

## Red Cross Certified Babysitting Course

Date: Saturday, 13 Oct 12  
Time: 9:00 - 3:00



Facility: Airman & Family Readiness Center (North Side of Bldg)

Youth ages 11 to 15 yrs old will learn skills to become a responsible and safety conscious babysitter. Cost of the course is \$45.00. There are 12 spots available to active duty and Guard/Reserve youth. Please call Kelly Painter at 747-4484 or email [kelly.painter@us.af.mil](mailto:kelly.painter@us.af.mil) to register.

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## Boys and Girls Club of America Presents....

- **Student Volunteer Recognition - The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program** recognizes middle and high school students for their volunteer community service. Encourage your teens to submit their online application by Nov. 6 for an opportunity to win a sizable cash prize, a trip to Washington, D.C., and a chance to inspire others.
- **Diplomas to Degrees (d2D): College Readiness for Teens -** This program provides a range of services to guide Club members as they work toward high school graduation and prepare for post-secondary education and career success. The Teen College Guide offers tips on achieving academic success and planning for your future educational goals. Teens can access d2D information and resources at any time on the d2D special section, available at [myclubmylife.com/d2D](http://myclubmylife.com/d2D).

For more information about Boys and Girls Club programs,  
contact the Grand Forks AFB, Youth Center at 747-3150.



## Real World Design Challenge

The Real World Design Challenge (RWDC) is an annual free competition that provides high school students, grades 9-12, the opportunity to work on real world engineering challenges in a team environment. Each year, student teams will be asked to address a challenge that confronts our nation's leading industries. Students will utilize professional engineering software to develop their solutions and will also generate presentations that convincingly demonstrate the value of their solutions. The RWDC provides students with opportunities to apply the lessons of the classroom to the technical problems that are being faced in the workplace.

### Team Composition

- An RWDC team consists of one designated coach and no fewer than three nor greater than seven student members.
- Only those team members identified on the official registration form are considered part of the team.
- Each team may compete in only one state competition and all team members must be permanent residents of that state OR be enrolled in a school located in that state.
- Teams may not have students from more than one state/teams may have students from more than one school

State participation is done through a partnership with the Governor's Office. When you get started, contact your state coordinator: Joshua Simmers, North Dakota Aeronautics Commission, PO Box 5020, Bismarck, ND 58502, Office Phone: 701-328-9653, Email: [jsimmers@nd.gov](mailto:jsimmers@nd.gov) [www.nd.gov/ndaero](http://www.nd.gov/ndaero)

For complete guidelines and rules on this challenge go to: <http://www.realworlddesignchallenge.org/index.php>

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## EFMP NEWS



### Causal Leadership Summit

Register now for Leadership with Purpose! This summit will focus on planning for sustainable change on behalf of children and will be held October 18, 2012 at the Tom O'Leary Country Club in Bismarck ND. Families, agencies and providers will have the opportunity to discuss how to increase family professional collaboration and partnership for *all* of our children from the kitchen to the policy table.

Stipends are available for families to attend and will cover food, lodging and mileage. A block of lodging rooms has been reserved for families at the Bismarck Residence Inn (701) 258-6088, Bismarck South Fairfield Inn & Suites (701)-223-9293, and the Best Western Doublewood Inn (701)-258-7000.

Ms. Eileen Forlenza, the developer of the concept of Causal Leadership a National Expert & Speaker will be the speaker for the summit. She is nationally recognized for her work on parent engagement.

For more information on this summit, please contact Ms. Donene Feist at Family Voices of North Dakota either via e-mail at [fvnd@drtel.net](mailto:fvnd@drtel.net) or via phone at (701) 493-2634.

### The Exceptional Advocate eNewsletter

The Exceptional Advocate is a newsletter for military families with special needs and is available as an e-reader! The current edition has a variety of articles ranging from "Ten Tips to Help Your Child Succeed in School" to a Tricare spotlight on sickle cell disease.

To view the really cool interactive flip version of The Exceptional Advocate, go to the following link <http://apps.mhf.dod.mil/efmp/book/2012/September>

You may also view the html version of The Exceptional Advocate by using this link. <http://apps.mhf.dod.mil/efmp/news>

(If using the above links does not work, please copy and paste the entire link into your browser window.)

