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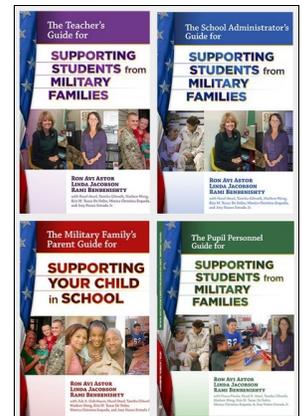
"A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes."

Operation Educate the Educators

The Obama administration has partnered with the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and the Military Child Education Coalition to help military children as they face social, emotional and learning challenges in the classroom while having an active-duty parent.

More than 100 colleges that offer teaching degrees have signed on and agreed to incorporate information about military children in the training curriculums for student teachers, push faculty and student teachers to do research on military children and require student teachers to work with military children as part of their final clinical experience or internship. The guidelines also encourage the colleges to work with admissions offices to identify military children, offer workshops and seminars to faculty and student teachers, and partner with K-12 schools for joint development programs.

Teachers College Press at Columbia University released our four resource guides on supporting military children in public schools. Each guide is based on research and written specifically for teachers, school administrators, pupil personnel, and parents. They have been endorsed by the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, the Military Child Education Coalition and leading experts in education, social work, psychology and can be used as texts in University and District training programs. Each guide outlines how school professionals and parents can create a supportive school setting that helps military children thrive.



The books focus on practical strategies that can be implemented to make students feel welcome and connected. Many of the strategies highlighted are currently being used by educators, school districts, universities, and school liaison officers who created supportive settings for military children.

For a complete description of each guide go to: <http://buildingcapacity.usc.edu/research/guides-detailed-trial.html>. To purchase the guides go to: <http://www.tcpress.com/militaryfamilies.html> guides

(excerpted from: Building Capacity in Military Connected Schools, University of California and the Washington Examiner, Nov 5, 2012, New: Nation)



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Unique Challenges Facing Military-Connected Students Live Webinar

Dec 4th, 7:00 pm

The National University Professional Teaching Development Center presents this live webinar to be hosted by National Board Certified Teachers Amanda Trimillos and Sean McCarthy. This webinar is designed to provide a foundation and understanding of the unique challenges military-connected students face throughout their education career and offer insight on how to best support the students through these unique challenges.

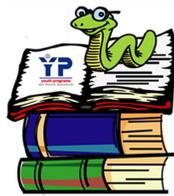
Topics to be discussed:

- **Army Commissioned Study Summer of 2012, Military Child Education Coalition (EMC-21)**
- **Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children**
- **Common Core Standards**
- **Military Child Age Appropriate School-Site Support ideas.**

The National University joined partnerships in the White House initiative Educate the Educators. This initiative is vital because over 1.3 million military-students can be found in every school district. If you teach in a military connected school or have military-connected students in your classroom, this webinar is a CAN'T MISS opportunity. All interested can register at <http://www.nuptdc.org/military-connected-students.html>. Click on "Information Meetings" at the top of the page to get the schedule.

If you are unable to attend a scheduled meeting, a link to a meeting recording can be emailed to you to view at your convenience ([video recordings](#) are available a few hours after the end of the live session).

If you have any questions regarding the webinar, please contact Amanda Trimillos, at "Operation Educate the Educator" by email at Amanda.Trimillos@natuniv.edu or by phone at 909-217-8737.



One Page at a Time

The One Page at a Time Program is a no-cost reading motivation program for children in kindergarten through 8th grade. Children may create their own book lists from thousands of recommended titles, read the books, have their mentor sign their registration and reading log, and earn points and rewards for their literary successes. Individual youth will received recognition for their reading accomplishments. The program runs through 8 March 2013.

Reading logs can be acquired at the youth Center on base or the base library. The logs can also be downloaded at www.afyouthprograms.com. Logs must be turned into the Youth Center monthly for youth to be eligible for the incentive programs. For more information contact Pam Schumaker at 747-3158.



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NEW!

Emerado Elementary School - Pre-K/Early Childhood Center

NEW!

Classes begin January 3rd, 2013, 8:00am - 4:00pm

Located within Ascension Lutheran Church

Vision Statement: As you walk through these doors, opportunities challenge all students to reach their potential.

Pres-School Activities Offered: Health and Physical, Social and Emotional, Approaches to learning, Expressive Arts and Creative Thinking, Language and Literacy, Math and Logical Thinking, Science and Problem Solving, Social Studies. Curriculum follows the ND Early Learning Guideline Ages for children ages 3-5 years old.

Breakfast and lunch will be served. Bussing is provided for on base residents to and from the program. For more information or to register, call Mr. Chad Clark at 701-594-5125.



Congratulations North Dakota 2012 National Blue Ribbon Schools



The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students perform at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students' levels of academic achievement. Since 1982, the U.S. Department of Education's National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has honored America's most successful public and private elementary, middle, and high schools. A National Blue Ribbon Schools flag waving overhead has become a trademark of excellence, a symbol of quality recognized by everyone from parents to policy-makers in thousands of communities. In its 30 year history, the U. S. Department of Education has bestowed this coveted award on nearly 7,000 of America's schools. To view the list of the 314 award winning schools for 2012 go to: U.S. Department of Education [ed.gov@public.govdelivery.com]

Thompson Elementary School
424 3rd Street
Thompson, ND 58278-0269
Phone: (701) 599-2765

Principal: Mr. John Maus
School District: Thompson Public School



Carrington Elementary School
232 9th Avenue North
Carrington, ND 58421-1244
Phone: (701) 652-2739

Principal: Ms. Juanita Short
School District: Carrington Public School



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Harlem Globetrotters January 4th 2013

Harlem Globetrotters teams up with TACA Discounted tickets with TACA section seating will be available and will include the following for TACA kids and siblings: Players' Bench seats during the pre-game, High 5 Fan Tunnel after half-time, Half-time photo with players. Ticket info will be available through the TACA e-news and TACA Face Book page. To get the TACA e-news, join TACA online. To get info on FB, "like" the TACA page to receive updates at <http://www.facebook.com/tacanorthdakota?fref=ts>



Featuring nine short films created by and/or featuring people with disabilities

When: December 6, 2012

Where: Empire Arts Center, Grand Forks ND

Social Hour: 6:00 - 7:00 PM

(Social Hour Snacks, refreshments and exhibits feature the work of artists with disabilities)

Film Festival with Q & A: 7:00 - 9:00 PM



TutorND Interface Updated

Tutor ND was recently updated to include more resources for job seekers. Using the Tutor ND Skill Center Resources Library, job seekers can now search for job openings in North Dakota's largest cities, including Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, and Minot.

In addition to resources for job seekers, the Skill Center Resources Library features lessons, worksheets, study guides, prep test materials, and a host of career resources. The Skill Center Resources Library may be accessed 24/7. Live one-on-one tutoring and homework help is available Sunday through Thursday from 6pm to 10pm central time.

Access Tutor ND on any internet-enabled computer, mobile device, or smart phone at www.tutorND.com.



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Bullying

Did you know that bullying is a civil rights issue? Did you know that each state has its own law(s) that address bullying? Visit [stopbullying.gov](http://www.stopbullying.gov) at the link listed for more information. <http://www.stopbullying.gov/laws/index.html>

Once there click on the state of your choice. For instance, in North Dakota there are 7 state laws that cover bullying from its definition to prevention programs. The following anti-bullying toolkits have a variety of informational resources for parents, and students!

- <http://specialneeds.thebullyproject.com/toolkit>
- <http://www.abilitypath.org/areas-of-development/learning--schools/bullying/articles/abilitypath-and-bully-movie.html>



College

Scholarships for college can be found at The National Center for Learning Disabilities web site; <http://www.nclld.org/>

This site has the Anne Ford and Allegra Ford Thomas scholarship information for graduating seniors with documented learning disabilities (LD) who are pursuing post-secondary education! The award (formally named Anne Ford) was renamed the Anne Ford and Allegra Ford Thomas Scholarship and granted to two students after a generous donation from Anne's daughter, Allegra. Please visit the site for the 31 December entry deadline criteria.



Many parents have questions regarding postsecondary schools and how the ADA applies to them and their child. The Pacer Center: Champions for Children with Disabilities has answers to many of these questions concerning student rights <http://www.pacer.org/publications/adaqa/504.asp>