



NSASP SCHOOL LIAISON NEWS

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Kindness to children, love for children, goodness to children – these are the only investments that never fail. -Henry David Thoreau

What's New...

***FOCUS (Families Overcoming Stress) A Resilience Training for Military Families** apps for both FOCUS on the Go and FOCUS World have been updated, and are available for free download for both Android and Ios devices. Great fun for the little ones and useful resources for the parents. Check it out at <https://focusproject.org/>

***Khan Academy** supports home schooling families. Sign-up at <https://www.khanacademy.org/>.

***Federal Deadline for FAFSA online applications due midnight Central Time June 30, 2018.**

***National Military Family Association Operation Purple Camp at Williamsburg, VA** on 9/18-24, 2018 registration opens March 5. Visit <http://www.militaryfamily.org/kids-operation-purple/camps/> for info.

***Military Teen Adventure Camps by Perdue University.** Sign up at <https://ag.purdue.edu/extension/adventur.ecamps/Pages/default.aspx>

Do you know that...

...St. Charles High School is opening a **Pre-School learning center** for kids 3-4 years old? Contact: Mrs. Carrie Bier at cbier@ccboe.com, 301-753-2090x160142.

... **Military Youth Saves** is a social marketing program designed to encourage kids and teens to develop good savings habits at a young age. The date is Feb. 26 to March 3. Visit www.militarysaves.org for more info.

What is Youth Sponsorship Program?

Youth Sponsorship is required by law based from USC Section 1785 of Title 10 which states that each military installation has to establish programs for integration of children during permanent change of station. The mission of the Navy Youth Sponsorship Program is to alleviate educational disruptions by empowering all youth through a stream of continuous support to provide stability, leadership skills, sustain academic learning, provide connection between school and peers to produce competent citizens. NSASP installations implement the Youth Sponsorship program through the base Youth Centers and at the local education activity. The transition group's name can be known as Young Ambassadors, Peer to Peer, Anchored4Life (available at Dahlgren School), Student to Student, etc. The 3 functions of the Youth Sponsorship programs are:

1. **Outreach** – identify new students in the community and at school. This is also a stage of the transition when the families reach out to the next duty station of their pending arrival. The youth sponsor (through the Youth Center or the school), provides overview of the area prior to the family's arrival.
2. **Newcomers Orientation** – The new students receive orientation of the area and of the new school held either at the Youth Center or at the school. Events and activities at the installation such as Hail and Farewell, Ice Cream Social, field trips, etc. provide opportunities for new youth to receive this area orientation.
3. **Peer to Peer** – An opportunity where the new youth is connected with a youth sponsor again, either at the Youth Center or at the school. The sponsor assists integrating the student to the new environment by introducing to other adults and peers or accompanying him/her to activities, events or at the lunch room.

Youth Sponsorship Program helps with the youth's emotional and social struggles which can affect the new student's academic skills during relocation or transition period. On the other hand, it is a good opportunity for student sponsors to enhance their leadership skills. If your student is interested with the Youth Sponsorship program, contact the base Youth Center or your child's school counselor.

Building Leaders for Advancing Science & Technology (BLAST) for 8th & 9th Grade Students

The BLAST program offers an exciting, on-campus summer experience designed to increase student interest & curiosity in science, technology, engineering & math. BLAST provides a residential opportunity to current 8th and 9th grade students with at least a C+ grade average and a desire to explore STEM opportunities. Faculty members lead hands-on activities & demonstrations that seek to motivate & inspire students for STEM studies & careers. BLAST is FREE of charge for students who are selected to participate, but transportation to & from the universities is the responsibility of each family. The program is a partnership between the Virginia Space Grant Consortium, Old Dominion University, the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech & the Commonwealth of Virginia. Students may apply to attend any ONE session at either the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, or Old Dominion University in the summer of 2018. Visit <https://blast.spacegrant.org/about> for more information.

New in the area? The Youth Center has Youth Sponsorship program. Contact Dahlgren at 540-653-4994 or Indian Head 301-743-5456.