



SLO Newsday



School Liaison Officer Newsletter for Nellis AFB, Creech AFB, and Nevada Test and Training Range Communities

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News You Can Use

An Individualized Education Program (IEP) Clinic is scheduled for 11am-1pm

Tuesday, Oct. 18 at the Airman & Family Readiness Center (A&FRC).

Nevada PEP's special education experts will conduct the clinic, which will include an overview of the IEP process and a question and answer session. Anyone with children who have IEPs should bring them for review. For those without IEPs, this is a chance to learn about helping children with special needs. Call the Airman & Family Readiness Center at **(702) 652-3327** or [email](mailto:EFMP-FS@afrc.com) **Exceptional Family Member Program-Family Support (EFMP-FS) Coordinator Stephanie Garnes** to reserve a seat.



The first EFMP Fall Social is scheduled for 5:30-7pm **Wednesday, Oct. 26** at the A&FRC. [EFMP-FS Coordinator Stephanie Garnes](mailto:EFMP-FS@afrc.com)

[Garnes](mailto:EFMP-FS@afrc.com) invites all families with special needs to meet and greet other families, to eat a light snack, and to enjoy some arts and crafts. Call **(702) 652-3327** to reserve a spot.

The Family Resiliency Symposium has been rescheduled for 8am-3pm Friday, Nov. 4 at **The Club**. Off- and on-base vendors and services will be available at this free event open to all Nellis, Creech, and Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR) members. To learn more and RSVP for the event, [email](mailto:EFMP-FS@afrc.com) or call **Capt. Jose Ortega** at **(702) 653-3880**.

The annual Flightline Frenzy for local school-age children is scheduled for **9am-2pm Friday, Nov. 11**. Public, private, charter, and home school groups interested in attending this year's event, which includes a tour of the Nellis AFB flightline and a chance to meet US Air Force professionals, should [email](mailto:EFMP-FS@afrc.com) the SLO or call him at **(702) 652-3327**.

The award-winning Nellis Youth Center has before-and-after school care available with immediate openings for youth, ages 6-12.

Fees are based on your families total family income. Call **(702) 652-9307** for more information.

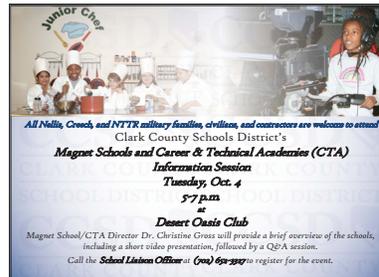


Magnet/CTA Info Session Oct. 4 at Desert Oasis Club

Clark County School District (CCSD) **Magnet Schools and Career & Technical Academies (CTA) Information Session** is scheduled for **5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4**, at the **Nellis AFB Desert Oasis Club**. The school district will be accepting applications from **Oct. 4 to Feb. 6**.

CCSD Magnet School Director **Christine Gross** will open the session with a brief video presentation, followed by an overview of CCSD magnet schools and CTAs, highlighting specific programs, selection criteria, and the finer points of the application process. After that, Nellis and Creech families will be free to ask questions and to submit applications after the initial presentation.

"Magnet schools and CTAs represent some of the best educational options the



Click the button above to learn more about the variety of Magnet Schools and CTAs in Clark County.

school district has to offer, especially for local military families who may have been enrolled in similar programs elsewhere," Gross said. "I encourage anyone with even the slightest interest in learning more about magnet schools and CTAs to attend."

According to Gross, these schools represent another option for military families zoned for traditional public

schools that may not offer specialized learning themes for students who have unique interests in areas, such as math, science, engineering, aviation, performing and fine arts, law, foreign languages, or culinary arts.

Anyone interested in attending the CCSD Magnet School/CTA Information Session can register by calling the Airman & Family Readiness Center at **(702) 652-3327** or [emailing](mailto:EFMP-FS@afrc.com) the SLO.

Home Educators Host 'Not Back to School' Luncheon

Most military children associated with Nellis and Creech began the new school year more than a month ago, but there are some children who began even earlier – and some even later.

They are home schooled children whose schedule is not dictated by any public, charter or private schools calendar, but by the calendar posted on the living room wall. And that's the whole point, if you ask newest Nellis Homeschool Group organizer, **Rebecca McClanahan**.

"We can decide the time for our children's learning to begin and end as well as the pace we'd like to teach them," explained McClanahan, the mother five children, ranging from six months to 6-years-old. "We've found that for right now homeschooling is what works best for us and the military lifestyle we're living."

McClanahan's opinion of home education was echoed by most of the 45 parents and children who attended the **Nellis Homeschool Group's** annual "Not Back to School" Potluck Luncheon hosted by the Nellis Housing Community Center Sept. 12.

The families gathered for the potluck lunch – one of several activities the Nellis Homeschool Group convenes throughout the year – to provide fellowship for home school families who have been doing it for awhile



Home school students socialize during the "Not Back to School" luncheon Sept. 12.

and to assist those who have decided to pursue home schooling for the first time.

"We expect to have at least one to two field trips per month," McClanahan said. "We also hope to host presentations for some of the older students, so they can get accustomed to public speaking and preparing speeches."

McClanahan said the Nellis Youth Center hosts physical education classes for homeschooled children each Thursday, beginning at 11:30 a.m., and she hopes to begin a book club sometime this year.

"What the Nellis Homeschool Group does will be based upon how much or how little the group wants to do, but I'm hopeful about what we can accomplish the next year."

Anyone interested in learning more about home schooling in general should [email](mailto:EFMP-FS@afrc.com) **Rebecca McClanahan** or the [SLO](mailto:EFMP-FS@afrc.com).



Don't Miss the Chance for Military Children to be Counted

Impact Aid Forms Will Be in the Mail...Soon

The time for military children to be counted is upon us once again.

Clark County School District (CCSD)

soon will begin to mail Federal Impact Aid surveys to hundreds of military families with children attending public schools throughout Clark County. The information recovered from the surveys will determine the "official" number of military-connected students enrolled in local school districts, and in turn, the amount of federal funding the district can receive for educating military children. Essentially, impact aid is meant to offset some of the expenditures associated with educating children living on property that goes untaxed, such as Nellis AFB. Impact Aid also is used to augment the cost of educating federally connected children living off base, children with special needs, children residing on Indian lands, and children living in federally subsidized low-rent housing.

Federal impact aid is critical to ensuring the appropriate level of funding makes it to public school districts. *Failure to complete the survey means less money for the public school district, and consequently, fewer resources for military children.*

Of course, as with most of life's endeavors, "anything worth doing is worth doing right," so completing the survey properly is crucial. **That means completing the entire form, especially the section seeking name, branch of service, and rank.** According to CCSD Data Services Director **Ruth Joseph**, the school district will get neither credit nor funding for educating the school-aged children of a federally connected family

Impact Aid Program Survey-Survey Date: 10/21/11

The United States Government provides funds to school districts impacted by the loss of local taxable property due to a Federal presence. The Impact Aid funds help pay for school supplies, textbooks, and other student services. Your child's school records indicate a possible Federal connection. Please complete either section 1, 2 and/or 3 below if either parent/guardian lives on Federal property, is on active military duty and/or is a civilian working on Federal property as of the survey date listed above.

If none of these categories applies, please check the "No Federal Connection" box below, providing a signature and returning the letter in the postage paid envelope provided.

STUDENT INFORMATION			
Student's Last Name	First Name and MI	Birth Date	Student ID
School Name		Grade Level	
Student's Address		City	State Zip Code

1. STUDENT LIVED ON FED PROPERTY IN CLARK CNTY WITH PARENT/GUARDIAN on 10/21/11

Check the appropriate Federal Property:	Authority:	Federal Property:
CC <input type="checkbox"/>	LV <input type="checkbox"/>	RDV <input type="checkbox"/>
		NABP <input type="checkbox"/>
		Coast Guard <input type="checkbox"/>
		Lake Mead <input type="checkbox"/>

2. PARENT/GUARDIAN IN MILITARY SERVICE on 10/21/11

If either parent/guardian was on active duty in the Uniformed Services/Foreign Military on 10/21/2010 (do not include parents and step-parents qualify).

Parent/Guardian's Last Name, First Name, and MI	Branch of Service	RANK
Duty Station/Foreign Government		
NATIONAL GUARD OR RESERVES ONLY: ACTIVATED BY POSTERIORAL QUESTIONS PTYPE 10		
YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		

Form must be signed and dated for the district to receive funds under Title VII/Impact Aid. This form and the information provided are kept strictly confidential.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN (certifies above information was true 10/21/11) DATE _____

Please return this form to your student's school or mail it to the address below:

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT - STUDENT DATA SERVICES DEPARTMENT
4212-E Eucalyptus Avenue - Las Vegas, Nevada 89121 799-2487

Above is an example of the Impact Aid Survey. **This year's submission date is Friday, Oct 21. The letter cannot be completed and signed prior to that date or it is void, but it can be submitted from Oct. 21 to Jan. 31, 2012.** Mail it to the address listed on the form. Anyone who fails to receive the survey should email the [School Liaison Officer](#) or visit the [Airman & Family Readiness Center](#).

whose active-duty member, dependent, civilian, or contractor fails to accurately complete the form. The best advice is to complete the impact aid form as you would complete any other federal form, including your signature. CCSD is obligated to keep confidential any information provided.

For more information about Federal Impact Aid, visit the [Department of Education Impact Aid Program Office](#).

Volunteer Opportunities with CCSD

For those Nellis, Creech, and NTTR members unable to attend the CCSD Volunteer Orientation scheduled Sept. 14, there are still opportunities to lend some time and energy to local school children who need it. The School-Community Partnership Office has published their mentor training schedule for October. The scheduled training sessions are listed below:

- Friday, Oct. 14 9-11am
- Monday, Oct. 17 2-4pm
- Friday, Oct. 21 1-3pm
- Tuesday, Oct. 25 8-10am

The two-hour training session will be held at **4212 Eucalyptus Avenue Annex, Building 8, Las Vegas, NV 89121.** The Partnership Office is located in portable buildings directly behind the Edward A. Greer Education Center, located on E. Flamingo and Eucalyptus Avenue. Prospective volunteers should send an e-mail to [Scharlene Blood \(bloodsb@interact.ccsd.net\)](mailto:Scharlene.Blood@interact.ccsd.net) or call her at (702) 799-6560 to reserve a space. Bring the completed application and questionnaire to the training session, which can be obtained from the School Liaison Officer or the Partnership Office.

Hot Topics

MILITARY FAMILIES RECEIVE 50 PERCENT TUITION DISCOUNT AT CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: The new private school currently is waiving registration fees also. For more information, call (702) 868-2767 or visit their [website](#).

NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC TEST DATES: The 2011-2012 National Test Date Schedule, which includes information on the Preliminary Scholastic Achievement Test (PSAT), is available [online](#). Sophomores and juniors (who must pay) are scheduled to take the PSAT **Monday, Oct. 12.** For PSAT registration information, parents are encouraged to contact the Guidance & Counseling Department at their child's school.

CCSD MEGA PAC COMMUNITY LINKAGE MEETING: Clark County School District Board of Trustees have scheduled a community-wide Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting for **9:30-11am Thursday, Oct. 13** at the **Valley High School Theater.** The address is **2839 S. Burnham Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89169.** Among the agenda items are: (1) effectiveness of Parent/constituent meetings; (2) the new Growth Model; (3) Q&A with Superintendent Dwight D. Jones.

2011-2012 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS: CCSD will hold the following staff development days during the upcoming school year. There will be no school for students on following dates:

- Oct. 27, 2011
- Nov. 10, 2011
- Dec. 14, 2011 - PSTAPT for elementary schools (no school for elementary students)
- Jan. 23, 2012
- Feb. 21, 2012

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PLAYPASS AVAILABLE AT A&FRC: Single Airmen returning from deployment and families of deployed members can receive special discounts at select 99th Force Support Squadron activities to help Airmen and their families ease the pressures and stress associated with deployments. PLAYpass cards will be offered through Dec. 31. The cards, valued at more than \$500, feature discounts on activities such as child care, youth sports, recreation programs and classes. Visit the **A&FRC** or call (702) 652-3327 to learn more.



Kurt Arnold (right), manager for the [CCSD Stay in School Mentoring Project](#), describes opportunities to volunteer with the school district while **Senior Master Sgt. Andrew Lynch** takes notes. Fifteen Nellis and Creech members attended the orientation at the Nellis Housing Community Center Sept. 14.