



SLO Newsday

Month of the Military Family



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

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News You Can Use

Exceptional Family Member Program-Medical (EFMP-M) office has moved temporarily to the Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital on the first floor near the shoppette until further notice. The new phone number is (702) 653-3172. EFMP-M is responsible for enrollment, disenrollment and family medical relocation clearances for EFMP family members.

EFMP-Family Support (EFMP-FS) is hosting a Family Feast Potluck 5:30-7pm Wednesday, Nov. 16 at the A&FRC. EFMP families are encouraged to bring their favorite dish to share with other families. Call (702) 652-3327 to register.

The Clark County School District's (CCSD) Magnet School and Career & Technical Academy (CTA) application process is now open and available online. CCSD is hosting a Parent Information Night 6-8pm Wednesday, Nov. 16 at the William U. Pearson Community Center located at 1625 W. Carey Ave., North Las Vegas.

The Resilient Military Family Symposium is scheduled for 8am-2pm Friday, Nov. 4 at The Club. To learn more and RSVP for this free event, [email](#) or call Capt. Jose Ortega at (702) 653-3880.

Federal Impact Aid Surveys should have been received by most military families in October. Families associated with Nellis and Creech AFBs and NTTR who have an enrolled or recently enrolled children in public school should complete the entire survey -- **especially name and rank** -- and mail it to the address listed on the form or deliver it to the child's zoned school. **Families have from now until Jan. 31, 2012 to submit the survey** Anyone who fails to receive the survey should email the [School Liaison Officer](#) or visit the Airman & Family Readiness Center.

The monthly Deployed/Remote Dinner is 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4 at The Club. There will be no DFAC dinner on Nov. 2.

Interested in learning more about local K-12 education, tutoring, mentoring opportunities, or how military units can adopt a school? Email the [School Liaison Officer](#) or call (702) 652-3327.

Aviation Nation Flightline Frenzy set for Nov. 11

The Nellis Company Grade Officers Council (CGOC) is inviting local students to attend the annual **Flightline Frenzy**, which is scheduled a day in advance of **Nellis AFB's Annual Aviation Nation Open House and Air Show**. This year's event is scheduled for **Friday, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

More than 600 public, private, charter, and home school students attended the 2010 Flightline Frenzy, which included a flightline tour of static displays and featured speakers from the [USAF Air Demonstration Squadron - Thunderbirds](#) and 99 Security Forces K-9 unit. This year's event will feature the same, in addition to a representative from the [National Aeronautics and Space Administration](#) and



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the [Commemorative Air Force Red Tail Squadron](#). The Red Tail Squadron is meant to create interest in the history and accomplishments of the World War II-era 332nd Fighter Group, also known as the " Tuskegee Airmen."

"The Flightline Frenzy represents the only opportunity for some of these students to meet military and civilian aviation professionals and to visit a military

installation," explained CGOC President **Capt. Megan Martin**.

Most Clark County schools will be closed due to Veterans' Day, but CGOC still expects more than 300 students to attend.

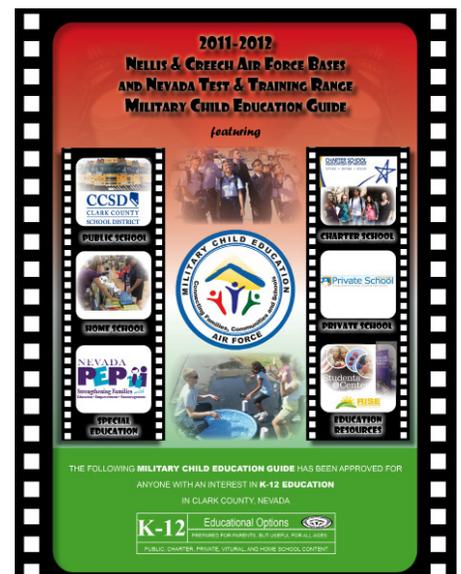
Schools interested in attending should contact the **School Liaison Officer** at (702) 652-3327 no later than noon Nov. 3.

New Military Child Education Guide Now Online

The latest edition of the annual Nellis, Creech and Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR) Military Child Education (MCE) Guide is available on the [School Liaison Officer homepage](#). The SLO homepage can be found by visiting the official [Nellis AFB website](#), scrolling down the right side of the homepage, and selecting the School Liaison Officer link. Like previous versions of the MCE Guide, it is interactive with user-friendly hyperlinks throughout the text allowing for quick and easy access to school-related matters, including enrollment, placement, eligibility, special education, and graduation.

The SLO website also includes information and hyperlinks to public, charter, private, and home school-related websites, the latest military child education news, and collateral -- including past and present issues of this newsletter.

While the Nellis AFB home page serves as the primary source for K-12 information, the SLO will continue to post information via other websites and social media methods, including the [A&FRC Facebook page](#) and [99 FSS SharePoint website](#) (for those with a ".mil" address). Nellis Housing residents also can find SLO Newsday issues and information about special events at the Nellis Housing Community Center. Anyone



Click above to view the newest version of the Nellis, Creech and NTTR Military Child Education Guide or visit the [School Liaison Officer homepage](#). Call the SLO at (702) 652-3327 for more specific school-related information.

interested in receiving the SLO newsletter, SLO NEWS BRIEFS, or other school-related information via the School Liaison Officer distribution list should email the [SLO](#) or call (702) 652-3327.



Red Ribbon Week



Mental Health Nurse and Outreach/Prevention Manager **Maj. Jewel George** asks first grader **David Lewis** why it is important to stay drug free.



A third grader shares his thoughts about the dangers of illegal drug use with **Senior Airman Jonathan Delphi** of the Mental Health Flight.



Noel Taylor of Drug Demand Reduction gives a **Lomie Heard Elementary School** student a "Red Ribbon Week" promotional item **Tuesday, Oct. 25**. Red Ribbon Week encourages children to abstain from using alcohol and illegal drugs. This year's theme was: "It's up to Me to Be Drug Free."

Private School Spotlight

Crossroads Christian Offers Private, Parochial, Pre-K Alternative for Military Families

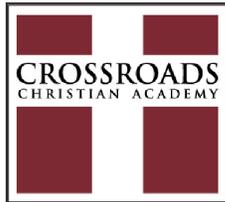
Despite an uphill battle of construction delays and financing, **Crossroads Christian Academy** became one of newest private preschools in the Las Vegas Valley to open its doors August 29, and they're offering a **50 percent discount for any military families** willing to give them a try.

"It's been a struggle, but we've managed to open our doors and we've been growing ever since," said Crossroads Christian Director **Tammy Cross**, who also founded the school with her husband after spending 30 years in early childhood education.

As of the end of October, the school had grown three-fold from an initial enrollment of 17 children to 51. Nearly half of those children are from military families, and Cross would like to see more.

"We think military families are top-notch," said Cross. "When it comes to their children, they just don't stick them anywhere. They tend to be active parents who care deeply about their children's education. It's the reason we offered the 50 percent discount for those families. We want those kind of parents associated with our school."

Cross insists that despite the ages of the children in her school's care – some as young as six weeks to as old as four --



Crossroads is a school, not just a child care center. "If there's one thing I've learned during my long experience in childhood education, it is that children are like sponges when it comes to learning, so we try to capitalize on that by combining 'learning through play' that you see at most child care centers with an academic approach."

That approach includes learning centers and libraries, a block center, and a manipulative center. All of which are meant to stimulate thinking skills and tap into children's natural curiosity and willingness to learn, said Cross.

Cross hopes to expand the school to kindergarten next year. The school also has summer, spring, and winter programs for children as old as 12.

There are 10 teachers on staff at Crossroads with more waiting in the wings as the school continues to grow, according to Cross, who said interested families are welcome to visit the Crossroads Christian Academy campus located at **124 N. Tenaya Way, Las Vegas, Nevada** to see the school for themselves. The phone number is **(702) 868-2767**.

For more information about Crossroads, visit <http://www.crossroadslv.org/>.

Hot Topics

CCSD SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS: Clark County School District Board of Trustees have scheduled work sessions and school board meetings on the following days and times:

- Work Session Nov. 2 9am
- Board Meeting Nov. 10 4pm
- Board Meeting Nov. 17 4pm

Work sessions and regular board meetings are held at the Edward Greer Education Building located at **2832 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89121**. For more information visit School Board of Trustees [website](#).

SCHOLARSHIPS: For more scholarship information, visit <http://cpd.ccsd.net/guidance/guidance.html>.

- **Marquette University's Youth of the Year (YOY) Scholarship**
Amount: \$31,000/year (renewable)
Eligibility: Boys & Girls Clubs of America 2009-2012 alumni who have won Youth of the Year honors in 2009, 2010 or 2011 – or who win in 2012 – on the unit, organization, state, regional or national levels.

Deadline: March 1, but it is strongly recommended that applications for Marquette and YOY be submitted at the same time by or before Dec 1

Website: http://www.bgca.net/Programs/YOY/Documents/2012_YOY_Marquette_Fact_Sheet.pdf

Email: edu&arts@bgca.org

- **Most Valuable Student Scholarship**
Amount: Up to \$1,000
Eligibility: Physically challenged CCSD HS Seniors planning to attend an accredited university or vocational school
Deadline: Dec. 2
Website: www.elks.org/emf/scholars

- **Hispanic Scholarship Fund (National)**
Amount: Varies
Eligibility: Graduating high school seniors of Hispanic heritage with plans to attend a two-year or four-year institution. Must have at least a 3.0 GPA on 4.0 scale (or equivalent)
Deadline: Dec. 15
Website: <http://www.hsf.net>

- **Ron Brown Scholar Program (National)**
Amount: 10 - \$10,000 (for four years)
Eligibility: African-American high school seniors who excel academically, exhibit leadership, serve the community, and demonstrate financial need
Deadline: Jan. 9
Website: <http://www.ronbrown.org/Apply/EligibilityRequirements.aspx>

COLLEGE PLANNING SEMINAR: The Nellis Housing Community Center will play host to **College Access Online 6pm Wednesday, Nov. 9**. Call **(702) 202-3900** to make a reservation.