

# Military Student Support Task Force

August 9, 2019

2:30 pm

*The Military Student Support Task Force is a component of the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District's DODEA Project 360 grant. The coalition shares services available to military dependent students, to address any gaps between needs and available resources to work together to increase efficient collaboration. The task force advises the Military Student Support Coordinator regarding problem-solving procedures and will help to assess needs, discuss available resources, identify gaps, examine a system for overlap and redundancy, look for opportunities to improve efficacy and efficiency, plan collaborative activities, determine professional development offerings and schedules, and finalize contractual relationships.*

## **School**

**Special Guest:** Mrs. Michelle Daml, FNSBSD Teaching and Learning's Elementary Curriculum Coordinator

Exciting items happening this school year!!!

- New teacher training: 78 new teachers
- Most teacher movement between schools: 90 teachers
- Things that come from the Teaching and Learning department: Screenings for Kindergarten, Statewide testing, AIMSWEB and MAP testing, Curriculum, Textbooks, Online programs, Military Compact.
- AK Standards and Common Core: Alaska Standards has 27 words that are different from the Common Core.
- We send textbooks to the Youth Center. No new materials K-12.
- State Science Standards same as National Standards has evolution and climate change. The question some parents ask is why isn't creationism covered in our topics.
- All Kindergarteners will start school with the rest of the students on August 19th. Kindergarten is not required in AK.
- AIMSweb testing: Testing happens 3 times a year. Within 1<sup>st</sup> three weeks of school, schools pick testing dates to try to get a baseline. Other times are around Christmas Break and March. Data is used a lot for grants.
- Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). Accommodations-read to you, highlight, etc. Students practice throughout the year with AIMSweb and Map then PEAKS
- No reports card sent out. they are all online, you can request.
- Governor Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS): Governor found the money to support it! <https://acpe.alaska.gov/FINANCIAL-AID/AK-Performance-Scholarship>.
- Innovations at Lathrop. Self-paced learning, credit recovery, social emotional supports, student choice

## **\*4<sup>th</sup> DODEA Grant: Alaska 4H STEM Summer Academy**

4H STEM Summer Academy is 3 different camps, each week, in July, 10 am – 2 pm, \$25 each week. Available for students going into grades 4th-8th who attend Arctic Light Elementary, Ladd, and Tanana.

Will it be the same themes next year? Next year Camp Inventions has new camp kits (different from this year)!!!

Do we know the dates for next summer? We do not know the dates as of yet. There will be an after actions meeting to discuss that.

Video clips and pictures of this year's camp for posters would be great advertising for the next school year! Good idea, we will have pictures from this year's camp we can use. For Camp Invention, we must purchase their own flyer they want us to use.

## **Plan Collaborative Activities**

### **Fort Wainwright Back to School Fair,**

Successful event: Operation HomeFront handed out 180 backpacks!

## **Professional Development Offerings**

Military Culture Classes: Arctic Light Elementary, Ladd Elementary, and Lathrop have scheduled an Educator Military Culture Class. Fort Wainwright SLO and MSSC are partnering to help offer trainings.

## **Available Resources**

**Alaska National Guard Family Assistance Center:** Laralee Pollick,

[laraleepollick@gmail.com](mailto:laraleepollick@gmail.com)

Community event: August 16<sup>th</sup>, free resources come and play. A day in AK, gold panning, first aid, dog mushers

September Movie Night as part of the monthly community night events, don't have to be military

Networking event: September 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am – 1 pm, at the Alaska National Guard Armory-Fairbanks partnering w/Chris Kyle Patriots Hospital

Best Beginnings Family Health Fair for children 0-8 years old at Pioneer Park, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 11 am - 3 pm. Michelle spoke w/FNSBSD and we will have a table!

Connect Principal Vanfleteren on Brown Bear Readers

**Fort Wainwright School Liaison Office:** Janet Farris, [janet.e.farris2.naf@mail.mil](mailto:janet.e.farris2.naf@mail.mil)

\*Coping w/Deployment event, August 13<sup>th</sup>, MFLC will host, pizza will be provided. The reason is for the large deployment (5000+ soldiers for 9 to 11 months) fixing to happen.

**ThrivAlaska:** Fawn Charles, [fcharles@thrivalaska.com](mailto:fcharles@thrivalaska.com)

WELCOME!!!

Offering training for this school year, for military deploying families.

Research project in partnership with UCLA, providing hands on parents training: eating healthy and staying active, partnering w/sports (Zumba), stores shopping on a budget Using rewards systems and health challenges: Competition with families, door prizes, follow 60 families and staff. It's a 4-year project. Themes are mental health, oral health and general health, and a healthy eating curriculum and teaching children My Plate.

Passed out ThrivAlaska Brochures and flyers.

**Army National Guard:** Melissa Insley, [melissa.insley2.mil@mail.mil](mailto:melissa.insley2.mil@mail.mil)  
WELCOME!!!

Have classes they offer: resume classes, first aid classes, Bullying (connect w/Shelia Nyquest, [shelia.nyquest@k12northstar.org](mailto:shelia.nyquest@k12northstar.org))

HEAR Program: Career Direction. aptitude testing and can manipulate for what schools want, recruiters come in and teach the program. Need to make connection with Ms. Kristina Roehrig, [Kristina.roehrig@k12northstar.org](mailto:Kristina.roehrig@k12northstar.org)

Participated in functions at Ben Eielson Jr/Sr High, Delta, Tok, Monroe, Nenana, Lathrop, Hutch, West Valley, and Patriot Day at NPH.

**Red Cross Services to the Armed Forces:** Stephanie Pflugrad,  
[stephanie.pflugrad@redcross.org](mailto:stephanie.pflugrad@redcross.org)  
WELCOME!!!

Serving Far North and Interior (Ft. Wainwright, Eielson AFB and Ft. Greeley

Classes: Coping with Deployment, Resiliency and Reconnection workshops for children and spouses. Give a month advance notice

Medical Assistant and Dental Assistant Programs: must be 18+ years old, graduated from high school and affiliated with a military installation.

Participate in the FNSBSD Ben Eielson High and EAFB Pre-Apprenticeship Program

Office is on Lathrop and Van Horn

Offering Humanitarian classes to teach military children awareness on conflict zones. Every year has a theme; autonomous weapons, informing about weapons pros and cons, and international humanitarian law. Need a set number of students.

Need to make connection with Ms. Kristina Roehrig, [Kristina.roehrig@k12northstar.org](mailto:Kristina.roehrig@k12northstar.org)

**Exceptional Family Member Program:** Sparkle George, [sparkle.n.george.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:sparkle.n.george.ctr@mail.mil)

\*STOMP Specialized training of Military parents. Free two-day workshops, September 19th and 20th, 2019 from 9 am – 4 pm at Ft Wainwright's Education Center, 4391 Neely Road

\* Posted on the Alaska Military Support Network facebook page

**Next Military Student Support Task Force Meeting**

September 13, 2019, 2:30-3:30 pm, NPH, room 220