

# *SLO Down Newsletter*

NS Rota - January 2020

## **Making Academic Resolutions**

If you are like most Americans, the start of the new year brings resolutions to get out of debt, exercise, and of course, lose weight. Have you ever thought of helping your child make some academic resolutions? After all, the second semester is starting and now would be an excellent time to work with your child to set new learning goals. Here are few tips that could help you help your child in 2020:

1. **Know where you're starting** — Begin your planning by reviewing academic performance from the first semester. Take a look back at progress reports, report cards, and even the Power School accounts. Identify where the challenges were, which courses or content areas need the most attention, and ask open-ended questions to explore how your child felt about those classes. There are no right or wrong answers. Listening will give you insight into how your child might want to move forward into the second semester.
2. **Set S.M.A.R.T Goals** — Be realistic! The old adage of “you have to walk before you can run” should guide how you set goals for learning. Goals could be as simple as get-ting a good night’s sleep or increasing personal reading time by 10 –20 minutes each day. You decide what the goals should be based on your child’s specific needs. Setting goals too high might be setting your child up for failure.
3. **Identify Resources** — There are a host of education resources available to military families e.g. Tutor.com, Military OneSource, and so many more. Ask your school counselor about what programs, services, or resources may be available at your school to assist you and your child in reaching your goals. Please don’t ever feel like you’re alone!
4. **Offer Support** — Your consistent parental support will help your child achieve his or her new academic goals. Expect there to be some set-backs but remain diligent and you will see the difference. Let’s do this!



## Family Academic Night @ DGF Rota Elementary School



## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Join the nation on Monday, January 20, 2020 in celebration the life and legacy of an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokes-person and leader in the civil rights movement. He is best known for his role in the advancement of civil rights using the tactics of nonviolence and civil disobedience based on his Christian beliefs and inspired by the nonviolent activism of Mahatma Gandhi.

*"I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."*

DGF schools will be closed in observance of this holiday.

## Testing Season Approaches

For many high school juniors and seniors, spring marks the time for standardized testing. As if school end-of-course tests were not enough, it is also time for college-bound students to begin preparing for national tests. By testing early and often, high school students can gauge their current standing and create a plan for improving scores for college admissions. ***Our military high school students should also consider taking advantage of resources available from Tutor.com, Military OneSource, and eKnowledge.com/MIL.***

## Scholarship Season

With the holidays behind us, many high school seniors and their parents face the harsh reality that college is just around the corner. As plans are made for well-deserved celebrations, questions about college expenses also begin to arise as college application fees are paid, housing deposits are required, or freshman orientation costs mount.

Here are some scholarships available to our Navy and military community:

Anchor Scholarship Foundation provides scholarships to eligible family members (children AND spouses) of active duty, retired, and honorably discharged Surface Navy personnel.

Anchor scholarships are awarded based upon an equal weighting of academic performance, character, extracurricular activities and financial need. There are several

different types of scholarships; all of which can be applied for with ONE scholarship application.

For more information visit [www.anchorscholarship.com](http://www.anchorscholarship.com) to learn more about the Step 1: March 1st deadline and Step 2: April 1st deadline.

Dolphin Scholarship Foundation (DSF) The Dolphin Scholarship Foundation was established in 1960. Funds were raised through the efforts of submarine officers' wives' organizations (SOSA) throughout the United States. DSF continues to receive strong financial support from sub-marine spouse organizations and the submarine community. Selection of Student Dolphin Scholars is determined based on the following: a) Academic proficiency, extra-curricular activities, c) Community Service, d) 2 references, and e) Student essay.

More information about this scholarship and its March 15th deadline are available by visiting [www.dolphinscholarship.org](http://www.dolphinscholarship.org).

Defense Commissary Agency (DECA) The Scholarships for Military Children Program was created in recognition of the contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and to celebrate the role of the commissary in the military family community. For more details visit [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org) before the February 15th dead-line.

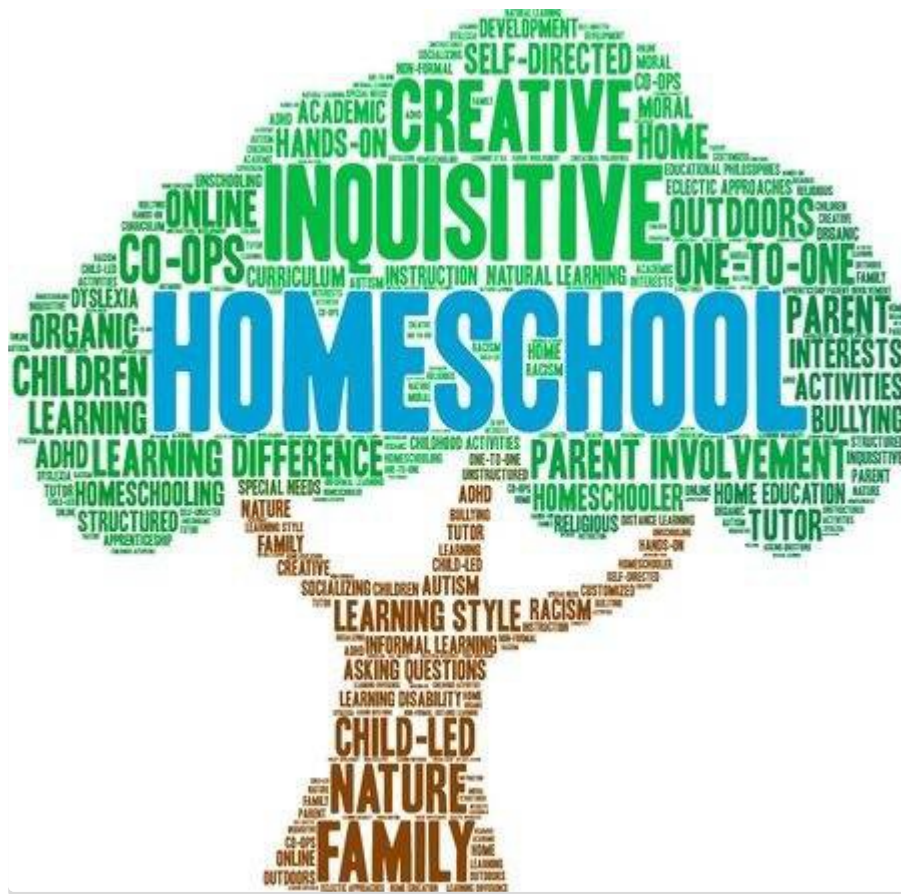
Visit Military OneSource to gather more information about available scholarships.

For more post-secondary support or information about scholarships, call your NS Rota SLO at 727-2425 or email at [SLORota@eu.navy.mil](mailto:SLORota@eu.navy.mil).

## Preschool Services for Children with Disabilities

Child Find for children three to five years of age is an ongoing outreach program that locates and identifies children who may have developmental delays or educational disabilities and need special services.

If you have concerns regarding your child's development please contact 727-4185 / 4435.



## Homeschool Meet & Greet

If you are military family who has made the choice to home-school, you are NOT alone! ***On Friday, March 6, the School Liaison Officer will host a Meet & Greet for parents and youth at Pinz Bowling Center starting at 11:00. The bowling is Free!***

If you are interested in supporting this activity or are just curious about opportunities for your children, feel free to join our homeschool families. Please contact the School Liaison Officer by calling 956-82-2425 or 727-2425 for more information. You can also follow the Rota Are Homeschool Families Facebook Group.

## Upcoming DGF Calendar

Wednesday, January 6—Instruction Resumes

Thursday, January 9—Early Release (1:45 ES & 2:00 MHS)

Thursday, January 10—Early Release (1:45 ES & 2:00 MHS)

Thursday, January 16—Early Release (1:45 ES & 2:00 MHS)

Tuesday, January 20—Martin Luther King Holiday / No School / DGF Offices Closed

Thursday, January 23—2nd QTR/1st Semester Ends / Early Release (1:45 ES & 2:00 MHS)

Friday, January 24—2 QTR Teacher Record Keeping Day / No School Students

Thursday, January 30—Early Release (1:45 ES & 2:00 MHS)



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## <http://www.military...>

[www.militaryonesource.org](http://www.militaryonesource.org)



## Home | Military Kids...

[health.mil](http://health.mil)



## Military Child Educa...

[www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org)

The Military Child Education Coalition provides programs and resources to address the unique educational challenges that face military-connected children.





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