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**Farm Service Agency**

The FSA has a great website for kids which includes coloring pages, puzzles and games, fun food facts, Spanish games and coloring sheets, and links to other state FSA's with fun things for kids to do. There is also a section for parents and educators. There are many pages to download and use with your students and pages for parents to use with their children.

Excellent website!!

<http://content.fsa.usda.gov/FSAKIDS/>

This website is also posted on the ND Lifelong Learning Resource Center under the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC section for parents and students.

**ND State Library**

The ND State Library is your "Gateway to Information". The website for the state library is:

<http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/>



**Greetings from Marketplace/Marketplace for Kids!**

**Invention Contest ~ Special Youth Category!**

Marketplace for Entrepreneurs would like to extend a special invitation for students to participate in our 2009 Marketplace/Northern Plains Invention Contest. This contest will provide a unique and beneficial forum for youth innovators to display their inventions. The Marketplace has a sponsor to cover the entry fee for students ages 18 and under.

Held in conjunction with Marketplace for Entrepreneurs, the Invention Contest offers a forum for you to showcase and present your invention to a panel of judges, make valuable contacts, and receive information designed to help you move your invention forward.

Marketplace for Entrepreneurs will be offering over 75 classes, as well as an exhibit floor with approximately 300 booths, providing valuable information on products and services you may find beneficial as an inventor.

For more information or to register, visit our website [www.MarketplaceForEntrepreneurs.org](http://www.MarketplaceForEntrepreneurs.org), or contact Linda at [1-888-384-8410](tel:1-888-384-8410) or via email at [marketplace3@btinet.net](mailto:marketplace3@btinet.net).

Plan now to be a part of Marketplace/Northern Plains Invention Contest and Marketplace for Entrepreneurs on January 13-14, 2009 at the Bismarck Civic Center in Bismarck, ND!

See you there!

Greetings from Marketplace!

The **7<sup>th</sup> Annual BOSS Business Plan Competition** will be held on January 13-14, 2009 at the Bismarck Civic Center in Bismarck, ND. The Competition is open to anyone age 25 and under with the desire to locate/start a business in North Dakota. Up to \$8,000 will be awarded to the winning teams! **Please encourage high school and college students to participate!**

Deadlines for the Competition are fast approaching. The deadline for participants to submit their *Intent to Compete* is Wednesday, November 19, 2008, with Business Plans being delivered/postmarked by Wednesday, December 3, 2008.

To view the *2009 Official Rules, Requirements and Judging Criteria*, and to complete an online *Intent to Compete*, go to [www.MarketplaceForEntrepreneurs.org](http://www.MarketplaceForEntrepreneurs.org) and click on the BOSS Competition link on the left side of the page.

We are also encouraging all BOSS participants to attend Career Marketplace; Experiences of Entrepreneurs: A CEO/Student Exchange; and Marketplace for Entrepreneurs on Wednesday, January 14, 2009. More information on these programs will be sent to you in the immediate future.

Please share this information with your students, faculty, co-workers, and/or others you feel would be interested in participating. Feel free to publicize this information in your organization's newsletters and/or provide a link to the information on your web site.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you!

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## Research

### *Dropout Rates Are Staggering*

***High school dropout rates are staggering. Every year, one in three young adults—more than 1.2 million people—drop out of high school. Even more alarming, many high school graduates who do complete high school lack basic skills and readiness for job training and college.***

[Reach Higher, America: Overcoming Crisis in the U.S. Workforce](#), Executive Summary, Report of the National Commission on Adult Literacy, June 2008. National Commission on Adult Literacy,  
<http://www.nationalcommissiononadulthoodliteracy.org/>

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## ESL Website

ESL Cyber Listening Lab has many listening activities for the ESL learner.

<http://www.esl-lab.com/>

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## National Association for Adults with Special Learning Needs

<http://www.naasln.org/>

This association serves adults with special learning needs and consists of educators, adult learners, trainers, and human service providers.

### NAASLN Special Interest Groups include:

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)  
Vision, Hearing, and Specific Disabilities Learning Differences, Difficulties and Disabilities  
Youth and Adult Corrections

Employment  
 Test Accommodations  
 Technology  
 At-Risk Youth Transition Programs  
 Systemic Program Shifts  
 Multiple Specific Learning Needs

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### Strengthening Adult Education Programs Through Technology

In Fall of 2005 the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, awarded the University of Michigan and the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) a contract to develop a number of technology resources for adult education. The project is called Strengthening Programs through Technology. It has several components.

Tech Savvy and Distance Learning can be found at:

<http://www.adultedonline.org/>

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### A Peacock in the Land of Penguins

Mac Anderson, founder of *Simple Truths and Successes, Inc.*, has authored many books on leadership and motivation.

If you're interested in creating a workplace where new ideas and innovation can flourish, take 3 minutes to watch our inspirational movie...*A Peacock in a Land of Penguins*.

<http://www.perrythepeacock.com/>

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### Sleep

How much sleep do children need? There are individual differences, but here are the recommendations from the National Sleep Foundation:

1. Toddlers: 12-14 hours
2. Preschoolers: 11-13 hours
3. School-age (1st through 5th grades): 10-11 hours
4. Preteens: a little over 9 hours
5. Teenagers: 8 to 9.5 hours of sleep

Not getting enough sleep can actually interfere with the brain's ability to understand what's being said. Like a series of dominoes, a child's capacity to learn and cope decreases. How a child is able to participate and perform in a classroom is directly dependent on how much sleep he or she got the night before. Even an hour less of optimal sleep has a negative impact.

To read the rest of this article go to:

<http://www.sayyestono.org/DasBlog/2008/09/29/AGoodNightsSleep.aspx>

Dr. David Walsh, president of the National Institute on Media and the Family and author of *No*

<http://www.mediafamily.org/>

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### Boys and Girls Club Club Invites Adults to its Celebration

This article talks about having a day for families to get together without extra expenses to enjoy each other.

<http://www.positiveplace4kids.org/news/media/091708.htm>

### Intense Program Helps Damaged Teens to Heal and Move On

Youths experienced YESS, a life-skills program developed by Jack Canfield, author of the best-selling "Chicken Soup for the Soul" book series.

"Our youths are crying out for our help," said Tim Blaylock, the local club's chief professional officer. "Many are lost and lonely and do not have the parental support that they deserve, or have parents/guardians with so many of their own problems that they cannot see or deal with the young people that they are responsible for."

For more information about this program:

<http://www.positiveplace4kids.org/news/media/073008.htm>

### Do Something 101

An idea that many may want to work on towards spring:

<http://www.dosomething.org/dosomething101#01>

See how Oxnard teens helped with this project in their local area:

<http://www.positiveplace4kids.org/news/pressreleases/071408.htm>

## Missouri Valley Adult Ed Association

Missouri Valley Adult Education Association (MVAEA) held its annual conference in Council Bluffs, Iowa, July 17-19. Conference registration included membership for the 2008-09 year. If you did not attend the conference, but would like to join the oldest adult education association in existence and our regional organization, please visit the MVAEA web site (mvaea.com) or watch for membership forms that will be available at the NDALL conference this fall.

Membership to MVAEA offers the following services to adult educators:

### Helpful Communications

The newsletter - Happenings in the Valley is part of your MVAEA membership. Happenings in the Valley-A vital newsletter published regularly throughout the year that provides an exchange of ideas and opinions, a summary of regional and national issues affecting the field, and updates on MVAEA members and state associations.

### Network Directory

A membership directory published annually that includes the special areas of expertise MVAEA members possess. You can contact other members to share information, brainstorm ideas, and learn more about individual areas of interest.

### Annual Conference

A two to three-day program of outstanding workshops, discussions, demonstrations, and sessions led by national and regional experts in the field. MVAEA conferences are hosted by each of the states every seven years. 2009 Kansas City, MO.

### MVAEA Development Fund

A fund which provides an annual grant on a competitive basis to any MVAEA individual member or collective state organization with an innovative idea, research project, or special program that will advance the field of adult education and/or lifelong learning.

### Leadership Academy

An annual program focusing on leadership training and other issues that affect all lifelong learning professionals and their organizations. The Leadership Academy provides valuable leadership skills and priceless opportunities to network with other MVAEA members from the seven-state region.

\*\* Also we want to add an article about the scholarship, but don't have all the details yet.

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## Veteran's Day November 11, 2008

### Veteran's Day Teacher Resource:

<http://www1.va.gov/opa/vetsday/schoolkit.asp>

The resource guide consists of three parts:

A section for teachers, one for students and one for kids. This is free to download and make copies.

This link goes to the kids site:

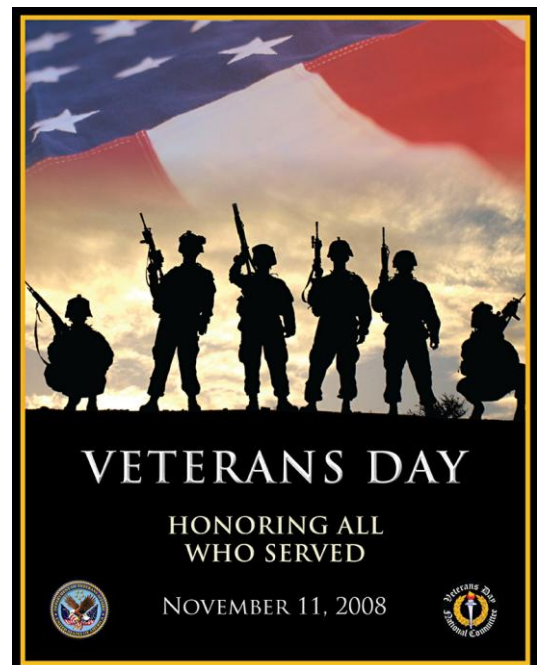
<http://www.va.gov/kids/>

There is a section for grades K-5, one section for 6 – 12, and one section for teachers.

### Take a Veteran to School Day:

[http://www.history.com/minisite.do?content\\_type=mini\\_home&mini\\_id=54799](http://www.history.com/minisite.do?content_type=mini_home&mini_id=54799)

**In 1918, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month, the world rejoiced and celebrated. After four years of bitter war, an armistice was signed. The "war to end all wars" was over.**



Posters from 1978 to 2008 are found at:  
<http://www1.va.gov/opa/vetsday/gallery.asp>

<http://www1.va.gov/opa/vetsday/index.asp>