

Annual Educator's Forum informs, educates teachers about military

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Teaching students in a military environment is a challenging task, especially when you're not familiar with military culture.

The 86th Mission Support Group Schools Liaison Office is creating an opportunity to inform the educators about military culture.

The SLO will be hosting the Educator's Forum for approximately 600 Department of Defense Dependent Schools educators from 1 to 3 p.m. today at the

Galaxy Theater on Vogelweh.

"Our goal is to educate the KMC teachers on the life of an active duty military member," said Sheila Jolivette, KMC Schools Liaison Officer. "They don't get to see what their students' parents do for a living and may be unaware of the stresses they are exposed to."

The Educator's Forum will focus on familiarizing KMC educators on the military mission of the 86th Airlift Wing and to review the community resources available to educators.

Keynote speakers will stress the importance placed on supporting the DODDS

community. Speakers will also address teacher concerns and interests.

"We appreciate learning what's going on in our military community, particularly where it affects our schools," said Dr. Jo Powell, art specialist at Landstuhl Elementary and Middle School.

"And (we get) to see the faces behind the names."

Educators will have the opportunity to question community leaders about the military mission.

Participants will also have the chance to discuss deployments, facilities and the meaning of strategic planning during the forum.