



The Florida Parental Information and Resource Center of FND

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NOVEMBER IS PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION MONTH!

Make the home-school connection to support your child's learning.

Calendar of activities that *parents* can do with their *children*.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>1 Family Literacy Day Take a family trip to your local library. Get a library card.</p>	<p>2 Discuss your child's favorite dinner and the dinner's origin. Make that dinner together!</p>	<p>3 Share with your child your favorite childhood story and why it was your favorite. Ask your child to do the same.</p>	<p>4 Write a supportive note to your child and slip it in his/her book bag or notebook.</p>	<p>5 Ask your child to tell you about his/her favorite and least favorite movies and discuss why.</p>	<p>6 Watch a family movie together. Discuss what a sequel might be about.</p>	<p>7 Take a family walk and discuss why the weather is different in different states.</p>	
<p>8 Plan to participate in a school event this week. Make sure you are a member of the school's PTA!</p>	<p>9 Help your child plan dinner: pick a recipe, write the shopping list, get the ingredients, and make dinner!</p>	<p>10 Attend the 14th Annual Family Involvement Conference in Orlando!</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day Honor our troops by reciting the <i>Pledge of Allegiance</i> as a family.</p>	<p>12 Ask your child to pick a number from 1 to 44. Research and discuss the facts about that U.S. President.</p>	<p>13 As a family, play interactive computer games and discuss strategies on how to win the games.</p>	<p>14 Visit your local Aquarium, Museum, or Art Gallery.</p>	
<p>15 American Education Week Write a supportive note to your child's teacher(s).</p>	<p>16 Have your child write a thank-you note to his/her favorite teacher, detailing why he/she is the favorite.</p>	<p>17 Find out the school's plans on taking the Parent Involvement Pledge on Thursday!</p>	<p>18 Help the school to organize parents and the school to take the Parent Involvement Pledge tomorrow!</p>	<p>19 National Parent Involvement Day Take the Parent Involvement Pledge: Projectappleseed.org</p>	<p>20 Surprise your child and have a lunch date with him/her at school.</p>	<p>21 Visit and participate in activities at your local recreation center.</p>	
<p>22 Have a family game night and play your favorite board games.</p>	<p>23 Review the district's and school's Parent Involvement Plans, and the School's Compact.</p>	<p>24 Participate in fundraising activities for your child's school. (box tops, lids, etc.)</p>	<p>25 Discuss last year's Thanksgiving celebration and compare and contrast it to this year's plans.</p>	<p>26 Thanksgiving List the things for which you are thankful and share them at dinner.</p>	<p>27 List as many meal uses of leftover turkey as possible! The one with the most gets to choose the day's dinner!</p>	<p>28 Talk to your child about his/her dream job, then research and discuss the education requirements.</p>	
<p>29 As a family, make a holiday card list and calculate the postage cost for the entire list.</p>	<p>30 Pay a family visit to the school's Parent Center to learn about available resources.</p>	<p>For more information and ideas, contact the FL PIRC of FND at: pirc@fndfl.org or 800-523-1130.</p> <p><i>"When parents are involved in children's learning, at school and at home, schools work better and students learn more."</i> —Project Appleseed</p>				<p>The Florida Parental Information and Resource Center of FND</p> <p>www.floridapirc.org</p>	



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Calendar of activities that *schools* can do with *families*.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>1 Family Literacy Day Partner with the library to ensure all students have cards.</p>	<p>2 Establish a communication log with parents and keep it active.</p>	<p>3 List and send home strategies on how parents can support their children's education.</p>	<p>4 Identify barriers to communicating with families and strategize to overcome them.</p>	<p>5 Make a multi-language welcome sign for parents and post it in the office and all classrooms.</p>	<p>6 Send home a list of questions that families can discuss while watching their favorite movies.</p>	<p>7 List ways your school can be more welcoming to parents and choose one to implement Monday.</p>	
<p>8 Make a schedule to call all parents at least once a month.</p>	<p>9 Implement a family involvement professional learning community or committee.</p>	<p>10 Attend the 14th Annual Family Involvement Conference in Orlando!</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day Honor our troops by reciting the <i>Pledge of Allegiance</i>.</p>	<p>12 List and disseminate ideas on how parents can be involved with school even if they can't come to school.</p>	<p>13 Provide a format on how parents can develop and support goals for their children.</p>	<p>14 Create a class scrap book of events and achievements of parents and students. Share with all!</p>	
<p>15 American Education Week Update student/family contact information and communication methods.</p>	<p>16 Plan school-sponsored family math nights, family reading nights, or family movie nights.</p>	<p>17 Find out what the school's plans are to take the Parent Involvement Pledge on Thursday!</p>	<p>18 Help the school to organize parents and the school to take the Parent Involvement Pledge tomorrow!</p>	<p>19 National Parent Involvement Day Take the Parent Involvement Pledge: Projectappleseed.org</p>	<p>20 Host an <i>FCAT Skills at Home</i> online workshop for parents. Get it from the FL PIRC of FND.</p>	<p>21 Research and develop a parent involvement survey or needs assessment. nclbeval.org</p>	
<p>22 Plan on how you can encourage families to use the school's Parent Resource Center.</p>	<p>23 Review the district's and school's Parent Involvement Plans, and your School's Compact.</p>	<p>24 Start a "Parent of the Month" program for your class, and even for your whole school!</p>	<p>25 Send home sentence starters for families to use to discuss past holiday experiences and traditions.</p>	<p>26 Thanksgiving List the things for which you are thankful and share them at dinner.</p>	<p>27 Think about how you can help support the efforts of your school's parent involvement organization.</p>	<p>28 Identify a parent you have not met and strategize on how to initiate positive communication.</p>	
<p>29 Contact the FL PIRC of FND for support on how schools can work with families.</p>	<p>30 Review your school's School Improvement Plan, and the parent involvement goal.</p>	<p>For more information and ideas, contact the FL PIRC of FND at: pirc@fndfl.org or 800-523-1130.</p> <p><i>"When parents are involved in children's learning, at school and at home, schools work better and students learn more."</i> —Project Appleseed</p>				<p>The Florida Parental Information and Resource Center of FND www.floridapirc.org</p>	