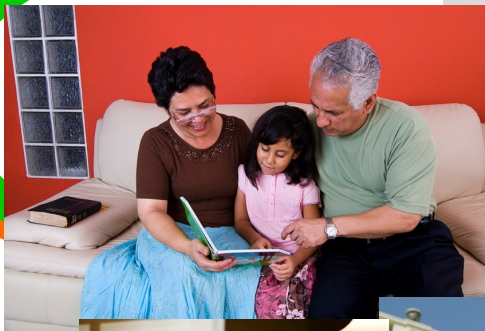


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IN YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS IN SCHOOL.

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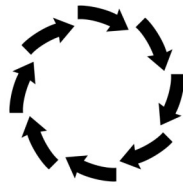
Georgia Department of Education
November 2012

Get the facts...

The Parent Engagement Program at the Georgia Department of Education is leading a statewide initiative to actively engage schools, parents and communities in activities during the month of November, which has been declared as **Parent Engagement Month** by Governor Nathan Deal. A calendar is being offered as a free resource and reminder that parents play a critical role in the lives of children and their education.

Every student in Georgia should have a strong support system that values and encourages educational achievement and there is no one that can support this effort better than *parents!*

All of the information you need is right here to start celebrating Parent Engagement Month with your family!



GET INVOLVED!

November is Parent Engagement Month in Georgia. It's a time for all parents to consider how they can get more involved in their children's education.

Want to know what makes a huge difference in your child's education? You do and so does every parent that gets involved and stays connected.

It doesn't matter where you are, on the scene at school or behind the scenes at home, your participation is a crucial part of your child's success.

Show your child that you care by volunteering, making school important and having high expectations for your child.

And when November's over, keep doing those things all year round.

Get the facts and be informed, get connected, and above all, **GET INVOLVED!**

Get connected...




This calendar has been designed as a tool for parents to **GET INVOLVED** and stay connected in their children's education. Parents are encouraged to utilize this calendar to identify teachable moments at home and when participating in day-to-day activities with their children.

Three specialized calendars have been developed for the parents of elementary, middle and high school students to engage in meaningful conversations and positive interactions with their child(ren) daily. Although each calendar has been created based on school levels, parents are strongly encouraged to assess their child's ability to engage in these activities and check for age-appropriateness. Remember, it's important to **GET CONNECTED** everyday!



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Elementary School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Draw a picture of autumn based on the leaves and trees in your neighborhood.</i>	2 <i>Write a thank you card for everyone in your immediate or extended family.</i>	3 <i>Work with your child to develop a solid homework and study routine.</i>
4 <i>Have a discussion about idioms and their meanings with your child.</i>	5 <i>Develop a vocabulary list on index cards together and add a new word everyday.</i>	6 <i>Talk about bullies and engage in practice session to help prepare your child.</i>	7 <i>See how many sub-words you can create out of INVOLVEMENT.</i>	8 <i>Re-examine your child's homework routine to see if any changes are needed.</i>	9 <i>Challenge your child to make a grocery list for dinner and estimate the total cost.</i>	10 <i>Talk to your child for at least thirty minutes today with no interruptions.</i>
11 <i>Challenge your child to complete the crossword puzzle in today's Sunday paper.</i>	12 <i>Count to 200 by 5's, 10's, and 20's starting at an unexpected number such as 17.</i>	13 <i>Play "I-Spy" with your child and identify all the blue items in a room.</i>	14 <i>Sketch a leaf: Place it under a piece of paper and rub a crayon over it to re-create the leaf.</i>	15 <i>Identify adjectives- ex. fancy, powerful, lazy- on your way to and from school.</i>	16 <i>Go see a play or ballet afterschool and then talk about the main idea of the story.</i>	17 <i>Explore nature by taking a walk in the park and take pictures of special sightings.</i>
18 <i>Rake the leaves in your yard into a big pile, and then take turns jumping in!</i>	19 <i>Ask your child to recite their address and phone number, and then write it.</i>	20 <i>Ask your child to tell you about their favorite memory or activity with you.</i>	21 <i>As a family, make a bucket list of exciting things you want to do by next autumn.</i>	22 <i>Cook dinner together and help your child make their favorite dessert.</i>	23 <i>Prompt your child to share all of the reasons they are thankful with you.</i>	24 <i>Create a family collage using photographs from the past and present.</i>
25 <i>Challenge your child to re-write their favorite story and include illustrations.</i>	26 <i>Prompt your child to explain what an omnivore is and provide examples.</i>	27 <i>Practice rhyming skills by creating a song about school and homework woe's.</i>	28 <i>Engage in a word scramble challenge: ince nath chpea lxo tume napl lacl kechc</i>	29 <i>Ask your child to solve math problems mentally and explain their strategy to you.</i>	30 <i>Rent a movie for the whole family to watch together and enjoy tonight.</i>	



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Middle School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Challenge your child by playing a board game such as Chess or Checkers.</i>	2 <i>Go to a local school game together and cheer on your favorite team.</i>	3 <i>Prompt your child to make one of their favorite desserts to go with dinner tonight.</i>
4 <i>Challenge your child to round these to the nearest thousandths: 4.62x10.36, 0.51x7</i>	5 <i>Ask your child what was the best and worst part of their day. Listen closely.</i>	6 <i>Take a nature walk and enjoy all forms of life. Take pictures of captivating sights.</i>	7 <i>Ask your child to solve the following: 8r=56 45=9v 63=6z 60=5w</i>	8 <i>Turn off the TV and read a piece of literature as a family and discuss it.</i>	9 <i>Find the missing number in this set: 18,18,22,9,n, and 9 Mean =17</i>	10 <i>Practice healthy habits and get active together by jogging, walking or biking.</i>
11 <i>Talk about cyber bullying and how a young person can stop it from happening.</i>	12 <i>Talk about when you were born and what things were like for you as a tween.</i>	13 <i>Prompt your child to write an essay about their best experience in middle school.</i>	14 <i>Use the distributive property to solve the following: 8 x (42+9)</i>	15 <i>Look through magazines and ask your child to explain fashion trends to you.</i>	16 <i>Challenge your child to complete the following: 1810x5, 324x9, 798x4</i>	17 <i>Gather old or unused items around the house and donate them to charity.</i>
18 <i>Create a bonfire, roast marshmallows and sit around it as a family to talk.</i>	19 <i>Prompt your child to write the following decimals into words: 0.98, 0.342, 73.523</i>	20 <i>Re-examine your child's homework routine to see if any changes are needed.</i>	21 <i>Task your child with creating a detailed grocery list for dinner and estimate the cost.</i>	22 <i>Cook dinner together and let your child do all the measurements for the ingredients.</i>	23 <i>Prompt your child to share all of the reasons they are thankful with you.</i>	24 <i>Complete the following problems: 72.4+8.07, 2.36+4.2, 8.46+7.6, 53.04+30.2</i>
25 <i>Go to the local library, explore new things together, and take note of events.</i>	26 <i>Find the missing number in this set: 18,18,22,9,n, and 9 Mean =17</i>	27 <i>Talk to your child for at least thirty minutes with no interruptions.</i>	28 <i>Prompt your child to simplify the following: 91+25-6, 50+2 x43, 51-46+8, 64+3 x37</i>	29 <i>Schedule a meeting with your child's school counselor to discuss their future.</i>	30 <i>Go to the movies and allow your child to invite some school friend to join you all.</i>	



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High School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Help your child set educational goals and expectations for themselves.</i>	2 <i>Talk to your child about drugs, alcohol, and other important topics.</i>	3 <i>Have an autumn family picnic or BBQ together and delegate a task to everyone.</i>
4 <i>Search online for a workshop or class you can take together on the weekends.</i>	5 <i>Talk to your child for at least thirty minutes today with no interruptions.</i>	6 <i>Ask your child to teach you something new on the computer or your tablet device.</i>	7 <i>Schedule a meeting with your child's school counselor to discuss their future.</i>	8 <i>Listen to your child's favorite songs together and discuss the lyrics together.</i>	9 <i>Challenge your child to make their favorite dinner and dessert for the family tonight.</i>	10 <i>Visit a local college, university or trade school together.</i>
11 <i>Help your child prepare to take the Pre-SAT, SAT, or ACT.</i>	12 <i>Talk to your child about positive and negative peer pressure.</i>	13 <i>Encourage your child to create a list of what they want to do after high school.</i>	14 <i>Encourage your child to join a school club or extracurricular activity.</i>	15 <i>Talk to your child about finances, budgeting, and establishing credit.</i>	16 <i>Make plans to go see a play, exhibit or concert together tonight.</i>	17 <i>Play a challenging game together, such as monopoly, jeopardy or yahtzee.</i>
18 <i>Engage in healthy habits by exercising together regularly.</i>	19 <i>Ask your child to solve the following:</i> $-8r=48$ $9v=-36$ $42=-6z+6$ $\frac{5}{3}w=25$	20 <i>Offer to assist your child with homework or a special project they are working on.</i>	21 <i>Ask your child how they handle bullying and compare stories.</i>	22 <i>Let your child have an equal share in cooking dinner today with little monitoring.</i>	23 <i>Prompt your child to share all of the reasons they are thankful with you.</i>	24 <i>Create an "open mic" poetry or talent show night for the family to showcase their talent.</i>
25 <i>Visit a local shelter and sign-up to help volunteer during the winter break.</i>	26 <i>Re-examine your child's homework routine to see if any changes are needed.</i>	27 <i>Ask your child what was the best and worst part of their day. Listen closely.</i>	28 <i>Make greeting cards together from scratch and designate who you'll send them to.</i>	29 <i>Look in a magazine with your child to discuss the latest fashion trends.</i>	30 <i>Take your child and their friends out to dinner to celebrate life as a teenager.</i>	

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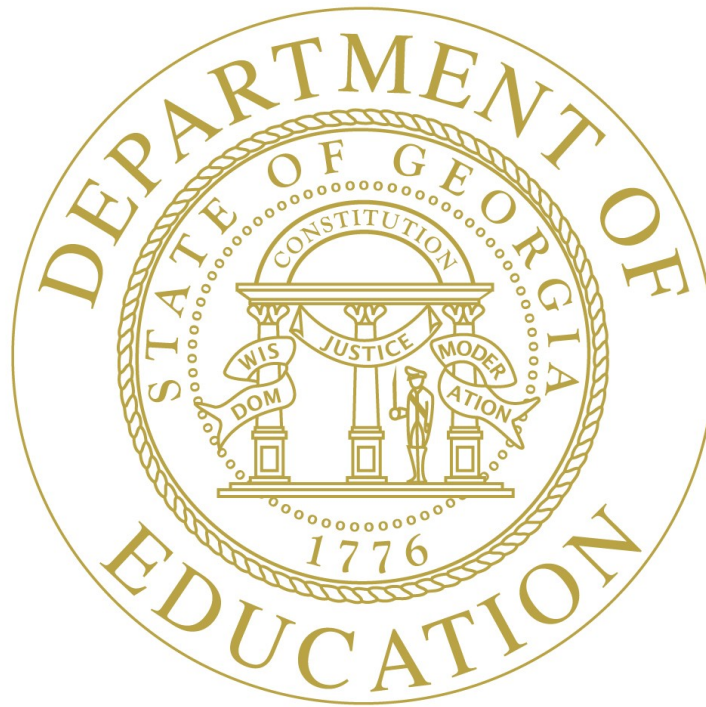


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Use this page to write down additional activities you and your child wish to engage in together during this month and in the future.

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<http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/AskDOE/Pages/Parents.aspx>