

Exceptional Children Information for Parents



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November

Family Engagement Month

As research points out, family engagement is key to student success. It happens in schools, in homes, and in the community. Family engagement can range from regular communication between home and school, to encouraging reading at home, to serving in leadership roles in school. It is creating a shared responsibility for student success between families and schools that strengthens and builds the capacity of schools, families, and communities to support student success.

To promote and celebrate Family Engagement Month, the Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC) has created an activities calendar for the month of November. There are multiple calendars to choose from: Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle & High, and School focused. Be sure to visit the website, ecac-parentcenter.org/family-engagement-month-2021, to download the appropriate calendar and participate in the activities.

"Tell us something GOOD" AWARD

School and families could win big!! ECAC invites families who have children enrolled in NC public schools to nominate their child's school for the "Tell Us Something Good" award. Share an experience with their child's teacher or school that highlights their welcoming attitude and enthusiasm in working with families to create a positive experience for students with disabilities and their families. The winning school will receive \$1000.00 to support a family engagement activity and the parent who submitted the winning entry will receive a \$200 Amazon Card.

Submissions are due by November 10th and a winner will be announced on November 30th. For the details about this award, please go to ECAC's Family Engagement webpage (link above).

You can find previous newsletters in the Parent Newsletter google folder at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ECParentNewsletters>

Important Links

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education](#)
- [N.C. Department of Health & Human Services](#)
 - [Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit \(K-12\)](#)
- [N.C. Department of Public Instruction](#)
 - [Lighting Our Way Forward \(Summary\)](#)
- [No Kid Hungry](#)
- [NCDPI-COVID-19 Responses & Resources](#)

Upcoming Events

- Arc of the Triangle [Events](#)
- Autism Society [Workshops](#)
- Autism Speaks [Information Topics](#)
- CADRE [Parent Resources](#)
- ECAC [Events](#) & [Recorded Webinars](#)
- National Alliance on Mental Illness [Courses](#)
- NC Down Syndrome Alliance [Events](#)
- Special Olympics NC [Events](#)

Do you have an upcoming event you'd like to share with the community? Please email with information.

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