

You Can PLAY A ROLE

In Your Child's Success in School

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Parent Engagement Month Calendar
November

2015

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Parent Engagement

Get the facts....

The Title I, Part A Parent Engagement Program at the Georgia Department of Education is leading a statewide initiative to actively engage schools, parents and communities in academic enrichment 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 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.

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!



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Elementary School Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Begin planning and shooting your video for the Parent Engagement Program's "You Can Play a Role" contest. Details on page 6. ¹	Develop a vocabulary list on index cards together with your child and add a new word everyday. ²	Help your child make a list of things they want to accomplish in the future, such as go to college or go to space. ³	Help your child create a graph to chart the daily temperature and calculate the average. ⁴	Talk with your child about school for at least twenty minutes with no interruptions. ⁵	Write a story, do a math problem, or draw a picture with sidewalk chalk. ⁶	Build a compost pile with your child and use the fallen leaves to get it started. ⁷
Make plans to participate in an upcoming community or school event with your child. ⁸	Help your child create a quiz game for the family based on school homework. ⁹	Visit and learn about places in your neighborhood (fire station, police station, post office, etc.). ¹⁰	Help your child interview an older relative about what life was like when they were young. ¹¹	Teach your child about your job and take them to work if possible. ¹²	Teach your child how to use different units of measurement to make a meal. ¹³	Make a bird house out of popsicle sticks. Apply math and science skills by determining accurate dimensions. ¹⁴
Work with your child to develop a solid homework and study routine. ¹⁵	Submit your "You Can Play a Role" video to the Parent Engagement Program by 4:00 p.m. Details on page 6. ¹⁶	Discover different species of birds by going to a local park and bird watching. ¹⁷	Count to 500 by 5's, 10's, and 20's starting at an unexpected number such as 23. ¹⁸	Have a contest to build the largest boat to float out of items found in your house. ¹⁹	Go to the library with your child and check out a book. ²⁰	Help your child write a poem describing all the best things about autumn. ²¹
Engage in a word scramble challenge: INCE NATH CHPEA LXO TUME NAPL LACL KECHC ²²	Ask your child to solve math problems mentally and explain their strategy to you. ²³	Visit a zoo or aquarium to learn about animals. Don't have one nearby? Explore the creatures in the great outdoors. ²⁴	Ask them how they would run the country if they were president. ²⁵	See how many sub-words you can create out of EDUCATION. ²⁶	Teach your child to say 'please' and 'thank you' in as many different languages as possible! ²⁷	Draw a map to scale and have a treasure hunt. ²⁸
Prompt your child to write the following decimals into words: 3.75, 0.324, 45.81. ²⁹	Use your imaginations to paint pictures of places that you want to visit. ³⁰	Answers to all questions are on page 6				

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Middle School Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Begin planning and shooting your video for the Parent Engagement Program's "You Can Play a Role" contest. Details on page 6. 1	Prompt your child to simplify the following: $89 + 34.1$, $47 + 4 - 3$, $31 - 4 + 99$, $40 - 1.2$ 2	Show your child where your ancestors are from and share fun family facts. 3	Teach your child about city government by visiting your local city or town hall. 4	Discover different plants and animals by exploring your neighborhood. 5	Make plans to attend at least one school event with your child this month. 6	Teach your child about botany by planting spring bulbs. 7
Build an obstacle course with math and riddle puzzle stations throughout your house. 8	Ask your child what the difference is between mean, median, and mode. 9	Help your child write and film a news story about something that is happening in the neighborhood. 10	Turn off the TV and have everyone take a turn reading a book aloud to the family. 11	Help your child with a school project. 12	Help your child convert the following decimals to fractions: $.25$, 1.5 , $.10$, 2.75 . 13	Find the missing number in this set: 18, 18, 22, 9, n, and 9 Mean = 17 14
Discover another language by finding translations for household items. 15	Submit your "You Can Play a Role" video to the Parent Engagement Program by 4:00 p.m. Details on page 6. 16	Talk with your child about school for at least 30 minutes with no interruptions. 17	Find something new that you can teach your child today. 18	Re-examine your child's homework routine to see if any changes are needed. 19	Stage an A to Z scavenger hunt, where you have to find something that starts with every letter. 20	Use the distributive property to solve $9 \times (62 + 4)$. 21
Challenge your child to complete the crossword puzzle in the Sunday paper. 22	Learn about astronomy by identifying as many constellations as possible. 23	Sit down with your child to discuss online safety. 24	Make math skills real life by offering to help assist with community building projects. 25	Have them invite their friends over for a spelling bee. 26	Complete the following problems: $72.4 + 8.07$, $2.36 - 4.2$, $\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{2}$, $3.05 + 97.06$ 27	The Great Wall of China is 5,500 miles long. Help your child convert that to feet and then inches. 28
Teach your child about saving for the future and set up a savings account with them. 29	Help your child write a family newsletter capturing the fun times from November. 30	Answers to all questions are on page 6				

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High School Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Begin planning and shooting your video for the Parent Engagement Program's "You Can Play a Role" contest. Details on page 6. 1	Pick out a book for the whole family to read by the end of the month. 2	Read college applications with your student and write down any questions. 3	Talk to your student about how schoolwork can apply to everyday life. 4	Ask your student to help you plan the next family vacation. 5	Conduct mock interviews to help your teen practice for a job or college admissions interview. 6	Talk to your student about financing, budgeting, and establishing credit. 7
Help your student find sample college admission essays to begin writing. 8	Work with your student to create a resume and be sure to update it regularly. 9	Find some pairs of jeans you no longer wear and recycle them into something new, like a book bag. 10	Ask your teen to teach you something. 11	Re-examine your student's homework routine to see if any changes are needed. 12	Create a family cookbook with all your favorite recipes. 13	Volunteer together at a homeless shelter or a hospital. 14
Read the paper and discuss current events with your teen. 15	Submit your "You Can Play a Role" video to the Parent Engagement Program by 4:00 p.m. Details on page 6. 16	Talk with your student about college costs as well as scholarships, loans, and grants. 17	Schedule a meeting with your student's school counselor to discuss their future. 18	Tour a local college, university, or technical school with your student. 19	Ask your student to teach you something new on the computer or your tablet device. 20	Create a video of your student discussing possible college majors and careers. 21
Ask your student to solve the following: $3v = -48$ $x + 6 = 10$ $5/3W = 25$ 22	Pop popcorn; creating different flavors by measuring and exploring various ingredients. Watch a movie and enjoy. 23	Look for shooting stars and constellations. 24	Make a family photo album together. 25	Ask your student to solve the following: (World Population) / (Earth's Surface Area). 26	Share a new word each day with your student to prepare for standardized tests. 27	Make holiday gifts for friends and family. 28
Tackle SAT and ACT questions of the day together to see who gets the highest score. 29	Make a smoothie with your favorite fruits and vegetables. 30	Answers to all questions are on page 6				

Meet Georgia's Kid Superintendent

A New Video Contest for Georgia's Parents

Georgia's Kid Superintendent has announced a new parent video contest to celebrate Parent Engagement Month. She invites all parents, grandparents and/or legal guardians to submit a two-minute video highlighting how they *Play a Role* in supporting their child's academic achievement.

To watch Kid Superintendent's announcement video, and for instructions and submission guidelines, visit the Parent Engagement Month webpage at www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/Pages/Parent-Month.aspx



Submit your entry to the Parent Video Contest by 4:00 p.m. on November, 16, 2015.

Answers: Elementary School

Nov. 22: NICE THAN PEACH LOK MUTE PLAN CALL CHECK
Nov. 19: Three point seven five, point three two four, forty-five point eight one.

Answers: Middle School

Nov. 2: 123,1; 48, 126, 38,8
Nov. 13: 1/4, 1 1/2, 1/10, 2 3/4
Nov. 14: $n=26$
Nov. 21:
Step 1, distribute the 9: $9 \times (62 + 4)$
Step 2, multiply: $9 \times 62 + 9 \times 4$
Step 3, add: $558 + 36$
Step 4, answer: 594
Nov. 27: 160,94, 6,56, 1 1/2, 100,11

Answer: High School

Nov. 22: $v=-16$, $x=4$, $w=8$
Looking for assistance in helping your high schooler with math?
Check out an app called PhotoMath. Snap a picture of the math problem and the app will provide you with step by step instructions to solve it.