**PARENT INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

**OCTOBER 2010**

**VIRGINIA FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION MONTH**

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   - Or try a new way!

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October Family Involvement Events in Virginia

VIRGINIA FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION MONTH
Virginia PTA and partner Virginia Parent Information Resource Center (VPIRC) are proud to announce Governor Robert F. McDonnell has proclaimed October to be "Family Involvement in Education Month.

OCTOBER IS DISABILITY HISTORY AND AWARENESS MONTH
“Encouraging the people of the Commonwealth, including public schools, institutions of higher education, the business and corporate community, civic and advocacy organizations, the faith community, and other interested entities, through education and other appropriate activities, programs, and events to promote and highlight Disability History and Awareness Month in Virginia.”

Family Involvement In Education Month
Visit your child’s school at least once this month.

Disability History and Awareness Month
Explore the history of the disability movement by watching the brief video, “It’s Our story” at youtube.com - label the day Disability Awareness. During a car ride, discuss people first language with your children after visiting www.disabilityisnatural.com.

October 1-2, 2010
WILLIAMSBURG SCOTTISH FESTIVAL
Lanexa, Virginia - 1428 Outpost Road
Celebrating its 33rd year of educating future generations about the rich heritage and culture of Scotland, (757) 397-1049 for information or visit www.wsfonline.org

October 1-3, 2010
CROZET MUSIC FESTIVAL
56 Misty Mountain Road, Crozet, VA
Festival, Live Music: Featuring over 45 exceptional music acts, food and festivities at the annual Crozet Music Festival is exactly what Crozet is: eclectic, family oriented, American and a heck of a good time. Three day weekend ticket available online. The proceeds support the development plans of area non-profits. Misty Mountain Camp Resort, (888) 647.8900 for information or visit www.crozetmusicfestival.com
**October 2, 2010**

**OKTOBERFEST**
Vienna, Virginia - Historic Church Street
3rd Annual Oktoberfest, Free Admission; Food, Beverages, Vendors
Estimated attendees: 1000. Call 703-319-3999 or visit www.thewashingtonguide.com

**FALL HARVEST FAMILY DAYS**
Mt. Vernon
Wagon rides, straw bale maze and more; 703-780-4399 for information or visit www.thewashingtonguide.com/events/vienna-va-oktoberfest

**ARCHEOLOGY SCAVENGER HUNT,** Alexandria
Call 703-746-4399 for information or visit www.oha.alexandria.gov/archeology

**MONTROSS FALL FESTIVAL**
43 Court Square, Montross, VA
Celebration: The Museum joins the town in an all day celebration. See history come alive with crafts, theatre, re-enactors, and games. Fee: Free. Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Phone Number: (804) 493.8440 for information or visit www.virginia.org/site

**Blessing of the Pets**
402 East Monroe Ave, Alexandria, VA
This year, there will be a special emphasis on animals for adoption. We hope that their blessing will bring them a lifetime of kindness and love! Email: info@blesstheanimalsalexandria.org or visit www.blesstheanimalsalexandria.org

**October 3, 2010**

**National Bullying Prevention Week**
Motivate others to care about the cause. Creating a culture that no longer accepts bullying will make schools and communities safer for everyone. Find out about bullying prevention by visiting http://www.pacerkidsagainstbullying.org/ or http://www.pacerteensagainstbullying.org/

**October 5, 2010**

**Hampton Council PTA/PTSA Meeting**
Hampton, Va.
Kick-off city-wide PTA meeting at Phenix! We will have lots of vendor tables with information & light refreshments like last year from 5:30 to 7 p.m. (757) 851-7088 for more information or visit www.members.cox.net/hamptoncity.typta

**October 9, 2010**

**Fall Festival**
Vinton, Virginia
A family event with fun for all. 540-343-1364 for information or visit www.town.vinton.va.us

**Massanutten Fall Festival**
4620 Massanutten Drive, Massanutten, VA
Enjoy free chairlift rides to the top of the peak to enjoy the fall foliage as well as a craft fair and live music. Massanutten Ski Area. Visit www.massresort.com for more information.

**Ciao Italian Festival**
1100 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg, VA
Festival, Family Fun: Italian food, tastings by Virginia wineries, arts & crafts vendors, kids activities, musical entertainment. Free parking. Time: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Phone Number: (540) 289.9441 or visit www.ciaowilliamsburg.org
October 10, 2010

TASTE OF CULPEPER
Depot, Davis & Commerce, Downtown Culpeper, VA
Celebration, Live Music: Spend the afternoon sampling the very best in local cuisine and exploring local artisans work. Children’s activities include a moonbounce, crafts, games and pony rides. Live music will feature Battle of the Bands. Time: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. Phone Number: (540) 825-4416. Visit www.culpeperdowntown.com/events

October 15-17, 2010

SHENANDOAH VALLEY HOT AIR BALLOON, WINE & MUSIC FESTIVAL
Millwood, VA
Festival, Family Fun: A fun-filled, action-packed, three-day family celebration bringing balloonists and their colorful airborne crafts from far and wide to delight spectators of all ages. Wine tasting, car show, kiddie korner, arts & crafts and much more. Fri 1p.m. - 8p.m/ Sat & Sun 7a.m. - 4p.m. Phone Number: (877) 868-1811. Visit www.historiclongbranch.com/balloonfest/

October 21, 2010

LEAP AWARDS DINNER
Life Enrichment Awards Program (LEAP). The purpose of LEAP is to enrich the lives of youth with disabilities and chronic illnesses in the expanded Washington D.C. metropolitan area. Visit www.hscfoundation.org for more information.

October 21, 2010

LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL
A nationwide celebration to call attention to the importance of afterschool programs for America’s children, families and communities. One in four youth are alone and unsupervised after school. For more information contact The Virginia Department of Education, Duane Sergent, (804) 371-2929 or visit www.afterschoolalliance.org

October 23, 2010

ANNANDALE FALL FESTIVAL
Annandale, Virginia - 7414 Little River Turnpike
Scores of Merchants, Inflatable Rides, Costumed Characters, Live Entertainment, & great food from many culinary cuisine. Call 703-256-7232 for information or visit www.virginia.org/fall

October 25, 2010

JOINT SOUTHWEST PARENT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM (by invitation only)
Sponsored by VAPTA and VA Parent Involvement Resource Center
804-364-3430 VAPTA or 804-819-1999 V-PIRC