

Parent Involvement Calendar

APRIL 2010

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>April Is Autism Awareness Month http://autism.about.com/</p>	 <p>April Is National Poetry Month http://familycrafts.about.com</p>	 <p>April Is Keep America Beautiful Month http://familycrafts.about.com</p>	 <p>April Is National Child Abuse Prevention Month http://familycrafts.about.com</p>	<p>1 It's April Fool's Day! Play a fun prank on your children- serve dinner for breakfast!</p>	<p>2 Diamond is the birthstone for April. Does anyone in your family have a birthday this month? </p>	<p>3 Dye some hard-boiled eggs and decorate. Have your child watch the clock for 10 minutes to determine when the eggs have finished cooking.</p>
<p>4 Easter Play hide and seek with the eggs your family decorated yesterday!</p> 	<p>5 After dinner, begin a made-up story, & give everyone a chance to tell a part of it.</p>	<p>6 When reading with your child, stop and ask questions along the way. For example, "Why do you think the main character acted that way?"</p>	<p>7 Ask what your child dislikes the most about school. Ask what you can do to help change that.</p>	<p>8 Check to see if your child has enough supplies for school. He/she may be running short on pencils or paper.</p>	<p>9 Go for a family stroll and look for different kinds of flowers that are in bloom.</p>	<p>10 Visit your public library and check out a book about birds that live in Virginia.</p>
<p>11 Holocaust Remembrance Day <i>Find out more about the Holocaust by visiting the US Holocaust Memorial Museum</i> www.ushmm.org</p>	<p>12 Reread your child's favorite book together.</p>	<p>13 Write a special note to your child telling them why you are proud of him/her. Hide it where it will be easily found.</p>	<p>14 It's Scrabble Day! Dig out the game & play after a family dinner.</p> 	<p>15 Share a funny story with your children to make them laugh. Laughter helps everyone feel better.</p> 	<p>16 National High Five Day Give your child a high five for something special he/she has accomplished!</p>	<p>17 Go outside and fly a kite! Talk about safety rules such as staying away from power lines and trees!</p>
<p>18 International Juggler's Day See if you and your child can juggle a tennis ball (or other soft object.)</p>	<p>19 Encourage your child to go outside and play to help get exercise and fresh air.</p>	<p>20 Ask what your child dislikes the most about school. Ask what you can do to help change that.</p>	<p>21 Visit www.peatc.org and check out the current news and headlines and parenting resources.</p>	<p>22 It's Earth Day. Volunteer at your child's school or in your community at an event that helps the environment.</p>	<p>23 Start a rainy day fund by collecting extra pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters. Count the coins together and save up for a special treat!</p>	<p>24 Stay in your pajamas all day with your children & watch favorite movies.</p>

<p>25 Work a word search or crossword puzzle together. Make your own puzzles at www.puzzlemaker.com.</p>	<p>26 Have your children help you prepare a homemade, healthy snack after school gets out.</p>	<p>27 Make up a secret handshake that only you and your child know.</p>	<p>28 Send a note to your child's teacher, thanking him or her for their hard work</p> 	<p>29 Instead of ordering a pizza, make it a sandwich night. Everyone makes their favorite kind!</p>	<p>30 In honor of Arbor Day, many communities plant trees. See if you & your family can take part in this activity.</p>	
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