






NH Parent Involvement in Education Month ~ October 2016

School/Staff Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Keep the school website updated with ideas of how parents can be involved.	3 Consider having “Student-led Parent/Teacher Conferences”. Teach staff about the process & benefits for all.	4 Structure a network that links every family with a designated parent representative/classroom parent.	5 Today is <i>International Walk to School Day</i> . Create a school/family event.	6 Have family & community members share their work/job experiences with the classroom.	7 Develop a “How Parents Can Help” handbook with practical suggestions on how parents can engage in their child’s education.	8 Invite families to share hopes for and concerns about children and then work together to set student goals.
9 Invite parents to act as full partners in making school decisions that affect children and families.	10 Check out the workshop calendar at www.picnh.org for opportunities of interest to you.	11 Print suggestions for parents on home strategies that support learning at each grade level.	12 Put “welcome” signs in every language spoken by children & parents in your school.	13 Provide a welcoming packet for parents visiting school with info on community services, school calendar, local businesses.	14 Encourage teachers to make personal contact with families and state at least one positive trait about the child.	15 Organize a Special Parent Recognition Event to highlight parents who regularly volunteer.
16 Organize a Family-Student-Faculty Community Event	17 Complete career interest survey with children and share results with families.	18 Devote time at staff workshops to discuss strategies for communicating with parents.	19 Provide families with a list of required mastery skills for each subject taught at your grade level.	20 Conduct a class for families on health and nutrition.	21 Be sure to accommodate parents work schedules by offering activities at a variety of times & methods (i.e. webinars).	22 Attend various extra curricular activities from your school such as sports and plays.
23 Reach out to the community for resources to strengthen schools’ extended learning opportunities.	24 The NH DOE website is http://education.nh.gov/ . Check it out for info on special education, state educational initiatives and details about your school district.	25 Host a “Principal’s Coffee Hours” once a month in the morning right after students are in class. Great for parents who are not available in the evening.	26 Create a classroom blog to update parents on what the children are working on.	27 Organize a Student Art Exhibit and invite parents to a VIP opening.	28 Create school bookmarks for families regarding engagement or communication.	29 Following conference or report card time, offer workshops on improving grades and study skills.
30 Make sure a staff directory and leadership structure is easily available for families.	31 Consider creating a parent input group to exchange ideas.	NH Standards for Family-School-Community Partnerships Welcoming all families into the school community * Communicating effectively * Supporting student success * Speaking up for every child * Sharing decision-making * Collaborating as a community				