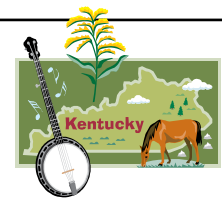





Kentucky Parent Involvement Calendar

May 2010



“All parents can make a difference in the life of a child by being involved with their education.”

Quoted from Harvard Family Research Project

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>For more information about this calendar, or to receive it earlier, please contact Jill Dunavent at jdunavent@ovec.org or (502) 647-3533 x 264.</p>				<p>1 136th Kentucky Derby Look up fun facts about the Kentucky Derby at www.kentuckyderby.com</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Now is a good time to plant a vegetable garden. Discuss which plants you and your children want to include in your garden.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Even though the weather is warm and the days are longer, children still need 10 hours of sleep to be able to do their best at school.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>National Teachers' Day Send a note or have your child make a card to thank their teachers for their hard work and dedication!</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of Mexican heritage and pride. Prepare Mexican food for supper to celebrate!</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Check out events going on with Kentucky PTA by looking up www.kypta.org.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Find a Frisbee and practice throwing and catching with your child.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Since the chances of frost are behind us, plant flowers outdoors. Take a trip to your local garden center to pick out flowers with your child.</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Mother's Day Tell your child about your first ever Mother's Day and what made it so special!</p>	<p>10</p> <p>National Pet Week Spend extra time with your pet. Encourage your child to walk your dog or brush your cat.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Find out if your Family Resource and Youth Services Center knows of local summer programs or camps for your child to participate.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Ask your child to write a letter to a grandparent or other family member or friend. Help them address and mail.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Ask your child to name 2 or 3 things he/she learned at school today.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Today is "Dance Like a Chicken" day. Get the whole family to do the chicken dance. See how fast you can flap and wiggle!</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Visit your local park or playground and try out their swing-sets or other opportunities for exploration and play.</p>
<p>16</p> <p>National Bike Week Now is a good time to review bicycle safety tips with your child. Make sure your child wears helmet when riding.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Check out "Newsletters for Parents" on the KYPIRC website www.kypirc.org. Look under "Resources and Ideas" then "Newsletters".</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Ask your child's teacher if there are any class or school events that will need chaperones or volunteers. Help out where you can!</p>	<p>19</p> <p>While riding in the car, ask your child what he/she would like to talk about.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Military Appreciation Month If you know of someone who serves or has served in the Military, thank them for their service.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Talk to your child about electrical safety. Discuss staying away from downed power lines and keeping electrical cords away from water.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Look up in the sky for clouds. If you find the big, puffy, white ones (cumulus) see if you can think of things that remind you of that shape.</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Buy a Sunday paper and read the comics with your child.</p> <p>30</p> <p>Play a game of hide-and-go-seek with your child.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Watch the weather forecast together.</p> <p>31</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Help your child start a collection of items such as rocks, quarters, stamps, or other interesting items.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Have an apple tasting party. Buy different varieties of apples and sample each to determine if you like the sweeter apples or the sour ones!</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Sun Screen Day Don't forget to put sun screen on your child as he/she plays outside.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Use some sidewalk chalk to decorate your drive or sidewalk. Don't forget to draw a hop-scotch board.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Plan a cook-out for family and friends for the upcoming Memorial Day weekend. Ask your child to help you plan the menu.</p>



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