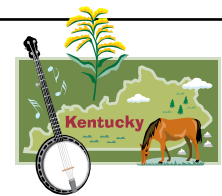




# Kentucky Parent Involvement Calendar

## August 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
1 Today is national <b>Friendship Day!</b> Teach your child that in order to have friends you have to be a good friend. Discuss what makes a good friend.	2 It's back-to-school time! To help your child get on a regular schedule, start moving his bedtime to an earlier time. This will help to get into a routine.	3 If you haven't already, visit your child's school and ask to meet your child's teacher or visit the classroom. Ask for a list of school supplies.	4 Start shopping for school supplies. Take your child with you and have her help you look for the best deals.	5 The <b>World's Longest Yard Sale</b> starts today and goes through Sunday. It runs 675 miles down Corridor 127 from Michigan to Alabama.	6 Talk to your local <b>Family Resource and Youth Services Center</b> staff to find out what services they provide.	7 August is <b>National Picnic Month!</b> Pack a picnic and head out to a park or lake.
8 <b>National Smile Week</b> They say smiles are contagious! Challenge your child to see how many people he can make smile!	9 Ask your child how she feels about going to school. Tell her positive stories from when you went to school.	10 Find out if your school has a local <b>PTA</b> or other parent/teacher organization. Find out how you can become involved.	11 Make a list of emergency phone numbers for your child to keep in his backpack.	12 If you have any concerns about your child, share them with her teacher. Getting information early can help the teacher be aware and able to help.	13 Today is <b>Left-Hander's Day</b> . If your child is left-handed, have a celebration! If not, challenge him to use his left hand more.	14 With a permanent marker, write your child's name on all of her belongings – backpack, lunchbox, jackets, etc. to keep from losing them.
15 <b>National Friendship Week</b> Find ways to show your child how to be a good friend. You could do a good deed for a friend.	16 Find a quiet spot in your home to set up as a homework area. Make sure there are pencils, paper and other supplies handy.	17 After school, ask your child questions like, “What was your favorite thing that happened today?” or “What did you learn in Math?”	18 Check out <b>KYPIRC's</b> website <a href="http://www.kypirg.org">www.kypirg.org</a> for more resources on parent involvement and how to help your child be successful.	19 The <b>Kentucky State Fair</b> opens today! For more information check out <a href="http://www.kystatefair.org">www.kystatefair.org</a> .	20 Ask and answer questions about your child's homework, but let him do the work. Look over it to check for mistakes and to make sure it is finished.	21 Have your child decorate an old box to use to keep special papers and items throughout the year.
22 Encourage your child to read at least 15 minutes every day. Ask questions about the story's characters, setting, plot, problem and solution.	23 Help your child pick out the clothes she is going to wear to school the night before to help the mornings go easier.	24 Teach your child how to keep his supplies and backpack in one specific place. That way there won't be a rush to find it when it's time to go.	25 Help your child set academic goals for herself. Check in at least once a month to see if she is accomplishing those goals.	26 Put a special note in your child's lunch box or backpack telling him how much you love him or why you are proud of him!	27 Talk to your child about making good choices when eating lunch at school. Look ahead at the menu and talk about what she should select.	28 Make a special treat or snack. Ask your child to help measure the ingredients and read the recipe.
29 Last day for the <b>Kentucky State Fair</b> .	30 Ask your child to write a story about his favorite memory from summer break. Encourage the use of details to make it better.	31 Dentists recommend brushing your teeth for 2 minutes. Use a timer to show your child how long he should be brushing.	 <p>For more information about this calendar please contact Jill Dunavent at <a href="mailto:jdunavent@ovec.org">jdunavent@ovec.org</a> or (502) 647-3533 x 264.</p> 			



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