November

Family & Community Engagement Newsletter

Giving is a habit, cultivate it.

Sharing the experience of giving can be the most rewarding present you give your child this time of year. It can be tough to teach children the value of giving in a season when they're surrounded by messages about the value of getting.

1. **Start small when the kids are small.** Your children might be happy to bake cookies for a friend but end up wanting to keep the gift for themselves. Plan for this by baking enough to keep and enough to give.
2. **Teach the value of giving time.** Help your child make gift certificates to present to family members where they can do an activity together.
3. **Personalize giving.** Delivering canned goods to a food bank is more meaningful than dropping a check in the mail to a local charity.

Have family conversations about what you're thankful for. That will help your children realize that what they value may be things that are missing in other people's lives.

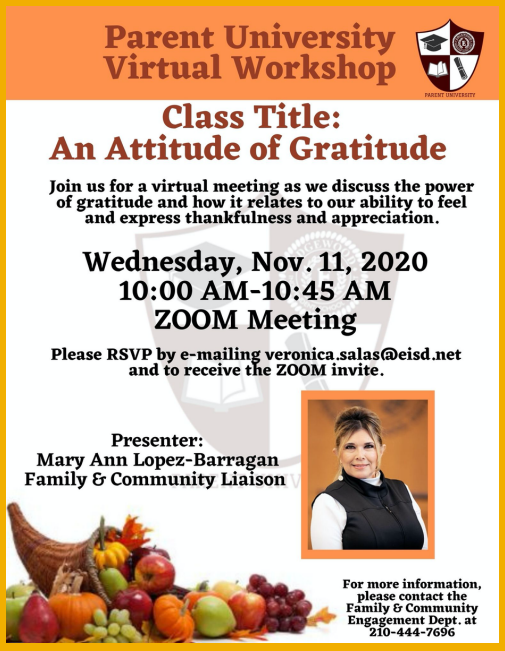
National Literacy Month

This month, get the whole family snuggled up on the couch and open up a good book. Studies show that reading aloud with mom or dad is the most important activity when it comes to preparing children to read on their own. And if you raise a good reader...Pretty much anything is possible! Reading helps with vocabulary, writing skills, attention span, memory, and teaches us about other times and places. **Here are some tips!**

- **Make books a part of their daily lives.** Always keep books around at home, ready to reading, even if its for a few minutes.
- **Read something that they are interested in.** Read your child the book version of their favorite movie. If they can read on their own, encourage them to read it!
- **Make the time to enjoy bedtime stories.** Cash in on quality time and make memories. They won't be this little forever.

How To Teach Children Gratitude

Gratitude is an attitude toward living. Children learn gratitude by watching their parents, teachers, grandparents and other adult role models in their lives. These role models set the tone. Children mirror the values they see on a daily basis. If children are shown and experience the value of gratitude in daily life, appreciation will become a part of their attitude. Let's keep the conversation going. Join us!



YOU ARE NOT ALONE, RESOURCES ARE HERE FOR YOU!

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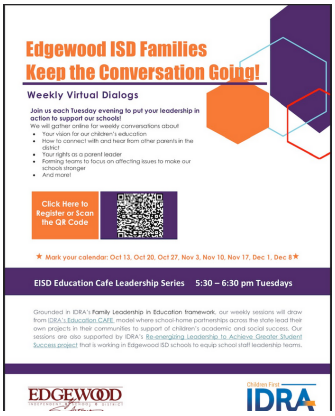
UPCOMING FAMILY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS DON'T MISS OUT!

PARENT PORTAL

This is a great way to keep up with your student's grades, attendance, and much more. If you have not created an account, please scan the QR code to get started, and contact the Family Liaison to assist you.

Falling for Fall!



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