HALLOWEEN IS COMING SOON! BE SAFE!

Halloween Safety

Halloween is one of the most anticipated nights of the year for kids, but Safe Kids’ research* shows some scary statistics on Halloween safety.

Only 1/3 of parents talk to their kids annually about Halloween, although 3/4 report having Halloween safety fears.

On average, twice as many child pedestrians are killed while walking on Halloween compared to other days of the year.

Only 18% of parents use reflective tape on their children’s Halloween costumes.

12% of children five years of age or younger are permitted to trick-or-treat alone.

Talk with your goblins about Halloween safety, and how simple precautions can make it a fun and safe night for kids of all ages. For additional safety tips, please visit SafeKids.org/Halloween

Children under 12 should trick-or-treat and cross streets with an adult.

Always walk on sidewalks or paths if there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the side as possible.

Cross the street at corners using traffic signals and crosswalks. Parents should remind children to watch for cars that are turning or backing up.

Drivers should slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.

HALLOWEEN FOOD SAFETY TIPS

TIPS FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020

This Event Has Been CANCELED

2020 TAPPESTRY CONFERENCE HAS BEEN CANCELED!

Due to building renovations and construction inside ESC-20, the 2020 TAPPestry Conference has been canceled!

Don't worry......the conference will be back in February 2021!

Thank you for your patience and understanding!
COMING UP NEXT WEEK!
Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 6:00 p.m.--8:00 p.m.
What Parents Need to Know About Human Trafficking

Note: Children ages 8+ are able to attend this training with their family.

In this training, parents will learn what traffickers look for and how they approach victims. Myths versus facts will be discussed about human trafficking in the United States along with how trafficking happens, who it happens to and who are the victims. You will learn the signs that indicate your child may be in danger and how traffickers target youth at school and in any home.

Session ID# 58833

Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 9:00 a.m.--12:00 p.m.
In Depth with STAAR Accommodations

Come go in-depth with the accommodations that are approved for use on the STAAR test for ALL students. We will work through some of the accommodations and show examples of them in action.

Session ID# 58834
Webinar ID# 59718

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

COMING UP THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER!

November Parent Trainings & Webinars
Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 9:00 a.m.--12:00 p.m.
Response to Intervention (RtI) & Section 504

Research has shown that establishing strong communication and relationships with parents can have positive and tangible effects on a student’s success in school. This informational session will provide parents with tips and tools to be knowledgeable and aware of their rights regarding Section 504 & RtI to foster positive relationships with your child’s teacher.

Session ID# 58840
Webinar ID# 59722
Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 9:00 a.m.--12:00 p.m.
Nonviolent Crisis Intervention for Parents & Caregivers:
Sharing strategies from your child's school that you can use at home.

This training provides parents and caregivers with an overview of the concepts and strategies taught in the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention training program used by schools that can help in the continuity of support and care. This training will provide parents with insights into behavior patterns of their children and an action plan with immediate strategies.

Please note that this training will not include physical restraint strategies.

Session ID# 58841

PLAN AHEAD & CHECK OUT ALL OF NOVEMBER'S PARENT TRAININGS & WEBINARS!

GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

DEADBLINE IS OCTOBER 31ST!
DO YOU HAVE A CHILD ARTIST IN YOUR FAMILY?

The holiday season is right around the corner, and Education Service Center, Region 20 (ESC-20) is looking for student artwork to include in this year's holiday cards! Artwork should reflect the holiday season.

**Rules:**

- Contest is open to all students, grades K–12 in the ESC-20 service area.
- All entries must be accompanied by this completed form (download below).
- Entries must be submitted in hard copy form only.
- All hard copy artwork must be submitted on 8.5” x 11” white, unlined paper.
- Limit one entry per student - limit 20 entries per campus.
- The work submitted must be created by the artist as an original artwork.
- Submissions may include illustrations using, but not limited to, watercolors, crayons, markers, colored pencils, photographs or computer generated art. **No copyrighted materials.**
- All entries must be received by **Thursday, October 31st.**
- No late entries will be accepted.
- Send mailed entries to Mayra de Hoyos, 1314 Hines Ave, San Antonio, Texas, 78208.
- Artwork will **not** be returned.

*For questions or more information, please contact Mayra de Hoyos, Coordinator, [mayra.dehoyos@esc20.net](mailto:mayra.dehoyos@esc20.net), 210-370-5617*

See attachment for details.
CLICK THE IMAGE BELOW TO READ UTSA'S FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NEWSLETTER! IT CONTAINS GREAT INFORMATION AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT COLLEGE!

October Newsletter
Family Engagement in Region 20
PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

If you haven't had a parent-teacher conference yet, chances are you will be soon!

Family Engagement research is clear that when parents and teachers commit to ongoing two-way communication and working together to support learning at school and in the home, student achievement increases for the child!

I know that we all want what's best for our kids and will do all we can for them to be successful. How well are you communicating with your child's teachers?

Below are some tips and tools to help empower you to ask questions, seek resources and be in the KNOW about all that is going on with your child.

DOWNLOAD THE HELPFUL QUESTIONS & WORKSHEET BELOW!

parent-teacher-conference-questions.pdf
HELPFUL PARENT-TEACHER CONVERSATIONS

How can you prepare for discussing your child’s learning goals and progress? Learn from parents like you! These short, real-world videos will help you get the most out of parent-teacher meetings.

VIDEOS QUE TE AYUNDARAN A PREPARARTE LA REUNION

Con esta información importante en mano, sabrás exactamente dónde tu hijo está desempeñando bien y dónde necesita más apoyo. Estamos aquí para conectarte con recursos y actividades para apoyar el aprendizaje en casa.

PARENT–TEACHER CONFERENCE GUIDE
Get the Most Out of Your Next Parent-Teacher Conference

The parent-teacher conference is a chance for both parent and teacher to learn about the child. Think about what questions to ask of your child's teacher and what you want to share about your child's learning style.

Using this worksheet as a guide, prepare a list of questions in advance. Here are 10 questions to help get you started:

**LEARNING GOALS**

- What are my child's learning goals this year?
  
  Find out what your child is expected to learn this year. Ask if there are any challenges or areas of strength that the teacher would like to discuss.

- What is my child doing well?
  
  Ask about what your child is excelling in and what strategies they are using. This can help you understand how they are learning and what they are passionate about.

- Where is there room for improvement?
  
  Ask if there are any areas where your child is struggling or areas where they could benefit from additional support. This can help you understand how they are learning and what they are passionate about.

- Are there areas where my child is behind or having trouble with classwork?
  
  Discuss any challenges your child is facing and how you can support them. This can help you understand how they are learning and what they are passionate about.

Check out more parent-teacher conference resources here: belearninghero.org/ptcconf

DOWNLOAD THE PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE GUIDE HERE!

REUNIONES DE PADRES Y MAESTROS

Preguntas clave para tu próxima reunión de padres y maestros.
Parents and teachers who work together are unstoppable!

The Teacher Next Door

Questions? Comments? Feedback?

Let Kimberly know!

Please share any questions, comments or other feedback with Kimberly!

Your answer
Kimberly Baumgardner, Consultant, Education Service Center, Region 20

Kimberly has worked in the field of special education for 19 years. She has been on staff at ESC-20 for 10 years. She spent 7 years as a special education curriculum specialist and is currently the Family Engagement Consultant.

Kimberly has become quite passionate about empowering families to be more involved in their child's education and future as well as challenging and supporting schools to increase their efforts to involve families in their child's educational journey and focus on Family Engagement as an instructional tool that improves student's academic outcomes.

Kimberly enjoys living out in the country with her husband, Tyson and two daughters, Lynette & Lucy Sue.