

VIRGINIA FAMILY INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION MONTH

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
To schedule a training or workshop call (800) 869-6782 (toll free).	Visit www.pirc.peatc.org for more parent involvement info.	October is National Hispanic Heritage Month is. 				1 Visit a Shelter-Animal. It is a Shelter-Animal Month 
2 Check your child's backpack every night for homework and school messages. What activities can you attend this month?	3 Develop a Good Relationship with your children's teachers. Make them host of Parent-Teacher Conferences. Attending is a good way to learn more about your child	4 OPAL IS THE BIRTHSTONE FOR OCTOBER Does anyone in your family have a Birthday this month? 	5 WORLD TEACHER'S DAY Honor the work of teachers and their contributions to society. Express your appreciation to teachers for all that they do for your children.	6 Talk with your child about BULLYING Share a memory about how you handled conflict or stood up to a bully when you were a kid	7 WORLD SMILE DAY The intent of World Smile Day is to do an act of kindness, or help one person to smile. Why not do both 	8 Talk with your children about what they would like to do when they grow up and finish school. 
9 FIRE PREVENTION DAY Teach your kids about fire safety. Find your way out of your house in the event of a fire? Practice escaping from your exit drill maze 	10 Celebrate Columbus' Day Go to the library. Tell your kids about the Nina, The Pinta and the Santa Maria and who these names were for? 	11 Ask your Local PTA for the activities of the month, How you can help? How you can be involved? VIRGINIA PTA <i>everychild.onevoice.™</i>	12 UNPLUG THE TV Turn off your TV during meals, and the result will probably be better table talk and a less circus-like atmosphere. Or consider this: No TV Monday thru Thursday nights. More time for homework	13 PLAY BOARD GAMES Trivial, Life, Clue, Monopoly, Yatzee, Checkers, and Chess are great. Remember how much fun they were? Enjoy them again today with your kids!	14 Has your child been doing homework each day? If so congratulate him or her 	15 HAVE A FAMILY READING NIGHT. PLAN ON 30 MINUTES. You read. Then let the child "read" to you with the pictures. Lots of praise. Your child will be learning to love reading.
16 Dictionary Day Play with your children's in how to use the dictionary, look for different words. ..	17 Black Poetry Day Honoring the birthday of Jupiter Hammon. He was the first American black to publish his poetry. Good day to go to the library and read poetry with your family.	18 Have high expectations for your child's schoolwork. Tell your child that education is important	19 Walk or take your child to school 	20 Help your children rearrange their rooms. Plan a new layout. A change does everyone good	21 PLAY TIC TAC TOE Little kids loves this 	22 EXPLORE IN YOUR BACKYARD. Hang a bird feeder. Get a bird guide and record which birds
23 Tell your children about when they were born, about their relatives, and what you did when you were a child.	24 Do you or your child play a musical instrument? Have jam session 	25 TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT SCHOOL. Ask your children questions about what they did and talk with them about the papers they bring home. When problems occur, work with your kids to find solutions	26 Ask about your child's day. What were the best and worst parts? Help your child to think positively about the tough parts.	27 Call your child's teacher to ask how your child is doing so far 	28 Make dinner together. Measuring is a great way to learn math, reading directions is great for literacy. Enjoy dinner!	29 Huddle up with your child this weekend and say I am proud of you because _____ 
30 PARENTS REALLY ARE IMPORTANT Read the research supporting parent involvement at www.pirc.peatc.org	31 Halloween Day Plan decorations for Halloween or fall. Carve pumpkins and roast the seeds 					