



## Parent Engagement in Region 20

### P-20 NEWSLETTER

**December 2016**

Dear Parents/Families,

The UTSA Institute for P-20 Initiatives wishes you a wonderful holiday season and reminds you that your child can develop a love for learning that will last a lifetime.

Sincerely,

The UTSA Institute for P-20 Initiatives

#### **UTSA Ready's next Countdown to College event is Saturday, December 3**

High school Juniors and Seniors who are interested in applying to UTSA are encouraged to register for "Countdown to College: Plan, Prepare, Pursue" on Saturday, December 3. For more information and to register, visit <https://utsa.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Admissions/pages/EventDetails.aspx?id=2a4fee85-f8a5-e611-80da-12a3e89bd30f>

#### **ESC-20 offers FREE Parent Trainings**

Parent Training sessions are held in person at the Frederick E. Maples Jr. Center and also are often available via webinar. For more information and to register for sessions during the month of December and beyond, visit <http://www.esc20.net/users/gendocs/FamilyEngagement/electronicbrochure.pdf>.

#### **"Preparing your Child for College: Finances, Admissions and Academic Planning", Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 9 am—12 pm.**

Administered by the UTSA Institute for P-20 Initiatives, the event provides parents with essential information regarding financial literacy, college financial aid, scholarships, as well as college admissions requirements in order to fully engage each parent in their child's education in order to achieve the mutual goal of college completion for all. A Spanish-speaking interpreter may be provided by calling 210-370-5466 by Friday, December 2, no later than 12 pm.

#### **The U.S. Department of Education offers its official blog, "HOMEROOM"**

Would you like to learn more about the latest topics and issues in education? Sign up for "HOMEROOM" the official blog of the U.S. Department of Education. Blog articles provide insights on the activities of schools, programs, grantees, and other education stakeholders to promote continuing discussion of educational innovation and reform. Get the latest blog and sign up at <http://blog.ed.gov/>.

#### **All regular route North East Independent School District buses are now equipped with interior and exterior student safety cameras**

These cameras will capture violators of the new City of San Antonio bus stop ordinance, effective December 5, 2016. Civil penalties for motorists who unlawfully pass a stopped school bus while loading and unloading students will be captured on camera and allow the City of San Antonio to issue traffic citations. For more information, please visit the NEISD website to read the Superintendent's monthly newsletter to parents: <http://www.neisd.net/ComRel/news.cfm?ID=2623>

#### **"Winter Celebrations Around the World" will be held on Sunday, December 11, 2016, 12-4 pm, at the UTSA Institute for Texas Cultures.**

This event celebrates the season and a variety of festive occasions around the world. The day includes student displays and ambassadors detailing a variety of cultures and their traditional observances and performances of "The Nutcracker" by the San Antonio Children's Ballet. Food donations for the San Antonio Food Bank will also be accepted during the event. For more information, visit the ITC's website: [http://www.texancultures.com/events/winter\\_celebrations\\_2016/](http://www.texancultures.com/events/winter_celebrations_2016/)