



Parent Engagement in Region 20

P-20 NEWSLETTER

November 2016

Dear Parents/Families,

November is here! This month, use every opportunity to celebrate family, community, and thankfulness. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, your “cup” will “runneth over” with opportunities to help your child grow and explore learning together. As always, the UTSA Institute for P-20 Initiatives reminds you that your child can develop a love for learning that will last a lifetime.

Sincerely,

The UTSA Institute for P-20 Initiatives

Experience living history at the Alamo.

Hosted by the Alamo Cenotaph, every first Monday of the month, the grounds of the Alamo are transformed back in time to the 1830's. This family friendly educational program allows students to experience living history through hands on activities. Learn about life in frontier Texas with special demonstrations and crafts. For more information, visit: <http://www.thealamo.org/>.

UTSA iTech lab to host Thanksgiving STEAM day camps.

iTech hands-on activities are a great way to get your kids interested in the exciting fields of S.T.E.A.M! Instructors go beyond the classroom and understand that kids learn more when they are excited about the topic they are discovering. Space is limited so early registration is encouraged. Camps offered at both the UTSA main campus and downtown campus. For more information and how to register, please visit the lab website <http://itec.utsa.edu> or email at itec@utsa.edu.

Registration has opened for the Region 20 Family & Community Engagement Symposium

This free symposium, scheduled for Feb 3 from 8:30 AM to 2:20 pm, provides parents, educators and administrators with information that promotes student success through parent involvement. Some sessions will be provided in Spanish. For more information on this event, visit Region 20's website, <http://www.esc20.net/>, or contact Rachel Morales at (210) 370-5726.

UTSA to hold Military Life Talks focused on Military Families with Special Needs

This free event, hosted by the UTSA Center for Military Families, will pool resources from the San Antonio community to discuss topics related to the health and wellness of Military Families with Special Needs. Scheduled for November 12, panelists include representatives from Disability Rights Texas, ESC-20, Joint Base San Antonio, Parents Ask, and UTSA TEAM Center. Parking and refreshments provided. For more information and to register, visit: <http://novembermilitarylifetalks.eventbrite.com>.

Roosevelt High School to host 1st annual STEAM Carnival through Design and Technology Academy

On Friday, November 11th from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm, the Design and Technology Academy at Roosevelt High School will be hosting their first annual STEAM Carnival. This Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) themed FREE event is intended to encourage student's exposure to the science field in a fun and engaging manner. Exhibits will include hands on activities, performances, demonstrations, and a variety of interactive features appropriate for all age groups. For more information, check out: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B41bUx_onw7eSjZxSlppTHZQX2M/view?usp=sharing.

Make your voice heard through the Texas Education Agency's ESSA Survey

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath is seeking input from the Texas families and taxpayers on the implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which has replaced No Child Left Behind as of December 2015. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) will use this survey to help determine how the federal law can be used to improve accountability, funding, school advancement, and grant-making systems. The entire survey process takes about 10 minutes, and addresses other topics such as teacher support, wrap around services, resources for struggling schools, and other potential initiatives. Take the survey here: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3003630/ESSA-Public-Input-Survey>.