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Dear Parents/Families,

This month brings many new opportunities for you to become more engaged in your child’s education. The UTSA Office of P-20 Initiatives reminds you that your child can develop a love for learning that will last a lifetime. Please share this information with other parents and let us know if you have any ideas for future topics.

Sincerely,
UTSA Office of P-20 Initiatives

H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards
Does your child have an outstanding teacher or a dedicated mentor? Nominate them for a special award. Created in 2002, the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards are designed to honor outstanding public school professionals and to thank them for their dedication and commitment. Learn more: https://www.heb.com/static-page/excellence-in-education-awards

Outstanding Mentor Nominations
UTSA will recognize outstanding mentors at the Texas Mentoring Summit being held on January 21-22, 2016 during National Mentoring Month. To nominate an outstanding mentor or to register for the summit visit: http://www.utsa.edu/mentoring/summit2016/

Live Homework Help
The San Antonio Public Library offers an array of resources for library card holders of all ages, including Tutor.com which provides LIVE homework help and career-readiness resources. Students in K-12, college and adults can get live learning support in a safe online environment. Certified subject specialists cover topics such as math, science, social studies and English. SAT/GED preparation, help with essay and resume writing, and Citizenship test preparation. Tutors are available every day 4 PM – 11 PM. To learn more about this and other library services available to the community, visit: http://www.mysapl.org/services.aspx

Conservation Connect LIVE!
Get kids to plug into nature with Conservation Connect LIVE! The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is offering a new monthly web-based video series to inspire kids aged 10-14 years old to explore the great outdoors, careers in conservation and how technology is used to study wildlife. The broadcast runs every third Wednesday of the month at 2 PM ET, from October through May. Students will also be able to chat with wildlife experts and conservation professionals as part of this educational series. This is a great tool to spark interest in kids about our natural resources!

Keeping Skills Sharp over the Holiday Break
Winter break means a well-deserved reprieve from homework and daily obligations. But before you know it, the holidays will be over and it will be back to the bus stop. To prepare for a smooth re-entry and a successful second semester, don’t let school skills like reading, writing, and math slide completely during winter vacation. Try these family-friendly activities to keep skills sharp: http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/parent-child/keep-skills-sharp-during-winter-break