



Parent Engagement in Region 20

P-20 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Families,

The new school year has begun! Now that students are back in the classroom, you have the added opportunity to engage and strengthen your child's learning daily. 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

September is National Attendance Awareness month.

Sometimes getting the kids to school every day is a challenge, but did you know that missing just two days of school per month (even in elementary school) makes it less likely that a child will graduate from high school? Visit <http://absencesaddup.org/> to learn more about ensuring kids' success by helping them make it to school every day. #AbsencesAddUp

Celebrities are joining the attendance challenge and lending their talents to keep students in the classroom.

Nicki Minaj, Wiz Khalifa, LeBron James and many other celebrities are lending their voices to the new GET SCHOOLED robocall program, aimed at motivating students to go to school by sending twice-weekly wake up calls, as well as motivational messages and texts. Parents are provided a tracking system to monitor student growth. Sign up for this program and explore others by visiting https://getschooled.com/students/sign_up.

Texas State Representative Diego Bernal publishes findings from district-wide school tour.

After visiting each of the 55 public schools in his district, which include SAISD, NEISD, and Northside ISD, state representative Diego Bernal (D-123) has compiled a report entitled, "What They Said: What I Learned from Conversations with Texas Educators." The report explores the major themes and concerns in our schools today, as shared by educators. To learn more about what your children's teachers are seeing here in south Texas, visit <https://medium.com/@DiegoBernalTX/what-they-said-4e531235a1e6#4u3cuda32>.

Region 20 ESC to host free Family Engagement trainings.

Educational Service Center, Region 20, will be providing free Parent Resource training workshops throughout the 2016-2017 school year. All parent trainings will be held at the Frederick E. Maples Jr. Conference Center. September training seminars include: "Making Math Meaningful," "Parenting the Love & Logic Way," "Empowerment for the Transition: For Parents of Special Needs Youth." For registration information, visit www.esc20.net/parentresources.

The UTSA Center for the Well-Being of Military Children and Families to host Military Life Talks panel on September 24th.

This free event will focus on conversations surrounding the experiences of military-connected families in transition. The Panel will host representatives from the Joint Base San Antonio School Liaison's office, Military Child Education Coalition, Judson ISD, as well as UTSA. The event will be held at the UTSA Downtown Campus from 9-11 AM. For more information, visit http://education.utsa.edu/center-military_children_and_families/.