



OFFICE OF FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TODAY'S FAMILY LEARNING TIP



October

- 1 Do your children love crafts? Check out the Drop-In Visionary Workshops at the American Visionary Art Museum today! Go to www.avam.org/for-educators-and-educatees/weekend-walk-in.shtml for more information.
- 2 Custodial workers do a lot to ensure schools and other buildings are clean and well-maintained. Remind your child to thank them this week for their efforts for National Custodial Workers Day.
- 3 Rosh Hashanah is a two-day celebration of the Jewish New Year. Encourage your child to learn more about this important holiday by researching it online, starting here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosh_Hashanah
- 4 It's National Golf Day! Take your children to a mini golf course or create one in your backyard for a fun and kid-friendly version of this popular sport!
- 5 October 5 is World Teachers Day! Encourage your children to thank their teachers by making them cards or showing their appreciation in another way!
- 6 What home improvement projects are waiting to be finished in your house? Make a list and enlist your children to help where they can.
- 7 Most children remember to brush their teeth in the morning and before bed, but what about flossing? Remind your child to practice good dental hygiene by flossing regularly. Check out www.mouthhealthy.org/en/az-topics/f/flossing.
- 8 Everyone likes music! Celebrate Universal Music Day with your children by sharing your favorite songs with each other.
- 9 It's Fire Prevention Day! For tips to help keep your family safe, visit the National Fire Protection Association's website at www.nfpa.org.
- 10 Columbus Day might be a national holiday, but it's celebrated in countries besides the United States, too. Do your children know which countries – and what each country calls it? Challenge them to find out!
- 11 Does your child love to watch TV? Make his or her favorite shows a little more educational by muting the sound and turning on closed captioning.



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- 12 Today is Yom Kippur, an important Jewish holiday. If the Hebrew calendar starts with Rosh Hashana, another Jewish holiday, does your child know what date Yom Kippur is on according to that calendar?
- 13 Today is English Language Day. How has English changed with social media? What else has changed the language? Talk to your teens to hear their thoughts.
- 14 What's your child's favorite dessert – ice cream? Cookies? Chocolate cake? Enjoy it as a family for National Dessert Day! Find more sweet info here: www.nationaldaycalendar.com/national-dessert-day-october-14/.
- 15 Are your children excited for fall yet? Get them in the spirit by visiting PumpkinFest at the Irvine Nature Center! For more information, go to www.explorenature.org/public-programs/special-events/pumpkinfest/.
- 16 Looking for ways to build your child's vocabulary? Check out the dictionary! Find a printed copy, turn to a random page, and see what you find!
- 17 Sukkot, a weeklong Jewish holiday, is often translated to "Feast of Tabernacles" in English. What are tabernacles? Encourage your child to find out!
- 18 What's your child's favorite meal? Teach him or her how to make it, using either a family recipe or one from a cookbook.
- 19 Today, students in some BCPS schools are observing Global Dignity Day. Visit www.globaldignity.org and have a conversation with your children about why dignity is important.
- 20 What's going on in your community – yard sales, picnics, other celebrations? Encourage your child to find out the details and then write an article for your community's newsletter!
- 21 Celebrate Reptile Awareness Day by challenging your children to name as many different kinds of reptiles as they can! Check out these specimens: www.daysoftheyear.com/days/reptile-awareness-day/.
- 22 Sometimes, the smallest gestures have the biggest impacts. Encourage your children to do something positive for Make a Difference Day. Learn more at www.pointsoflight.org/signature-events/make-difference-day.
- 23 Does your family love art? Then go to All Night Baltimore, a free, 24-hour art gallery with entertainment for the whole family! Visit www.baltimore.org/events/art-all-night-baltimore for more information.



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- 24 The United Nations was established on October 24, 1945. What did it replace? What does it do today? Encourage your children to find out for United Nations Day.
- 25 It might be a lot of work, but your children can help! Gather your family in the kitchen to make a batch of homemade pasta for World Pasta Day. Here's some more info:
www.pastaforall.info/wordpress/world-pasta-day-2016/.
- 26 Does your family love to read? Start a book club and let each member take a turn picking what to read. Meet weekly or monthly to discuss your selections!
- 27 What's going on in your community, the United States, and the world? Watch the news or read the newspaper with your child and discuss what you both learn.
- 28 The first marking period ends today. Check in with your children to see how they're managing their coursework and extracurricular activities. Are they happy? Are they stressed? How can you help?
- 29 Do your children love cats? Call the animal shelters in your area to see if your children can volunteer for National Cat Day.
- 30 What's your family's favorite Halloween treat? Celebrate National Candy Corn Day by sharing this holiday classic with your children today.
- 31 Happy Halloween! If your children are trick-or-treating tonight, remind them to be safe by carrying flashlights and looking both ways before crossing the street. For more safety tips, check here:
www.safekids.org/tip/halloween-safety-tips.