NOVEMBER 2026 - SCHOOL CALENDAR

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT MONTH

Activities for Educators & Families

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 **Daylight Savings Time Ends** Remember to fall back! Does your class know why daylight savings exists?	2 Learn more about ECAC, visit the website for resources and upcoming events.	3 **Election Day** Build trust with families by using these conversation starters and tips to foster meaningful connections.	4 Send a "Question of the Week" for families to answer with their child, like "What was the best part of your day?"	5 Ways to Support students in your classroom who have an incarcerated parent.	6 Kick off November by strengthening family partnerships, send a personal message to each family. Check out these activities.	7 Practice self-care with a quick mindfulness or gratitude activity.
8 Play your favorite song and dance for 5 minutes.	9 Strategies for Encouraging Family Engagement in Secondary Education	10 Create a family directory to encourage families to connect with each other outside of school.	**Veterans Day** 11 Get tips for collaborating with language interpreters and protecting the rights of families with limited English proficiency.	12 Learn about the ACHIEVE program a virtual training for students with disabilities (ages 14–22) preparing for life after high school.	13 World Kindness Day Learn how peer support boosts teacher effectiveness.	14 Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee without distractions.
15 Set a mini goal for the day and celebrate when done!	16 Post a family resource on your class webpage or newsletter.	17 Tool Time Tuesday Join us for TTT and hear from a parent on her journey and ideas for family engagement.	18 Share the IEP Checklist and Painting the Big Picture with families.	19 National Family Engagement Day CELEBRATE FAMILIES by saying "Thank You."	20 Share a quick video tour of your classroom or student work with families.	21 Plan a family activity you can enjoy this weekend.
22 Call or text message a friend or family member for a quick check-in.	23 Share information about the NC Family to Family Health Information Center and Medicaid waiver resources.	24 Use these tips for making tough calls home.	25 Let families know how they can best reach you, and ask how they prefer to be contacted.	26 **Thanksgiving Day** Write down three things you're grateful for today.	27 To relax do a creative activity like doodling or coloring.	28 National French Toast Day Take 10 minutes to stretch and breathe deeply and enjoy some french toast.
29 Organize field trips and other class activities that include families.	30 Create and share a monthly calendar of classroom activities so families know what students are doing.					

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