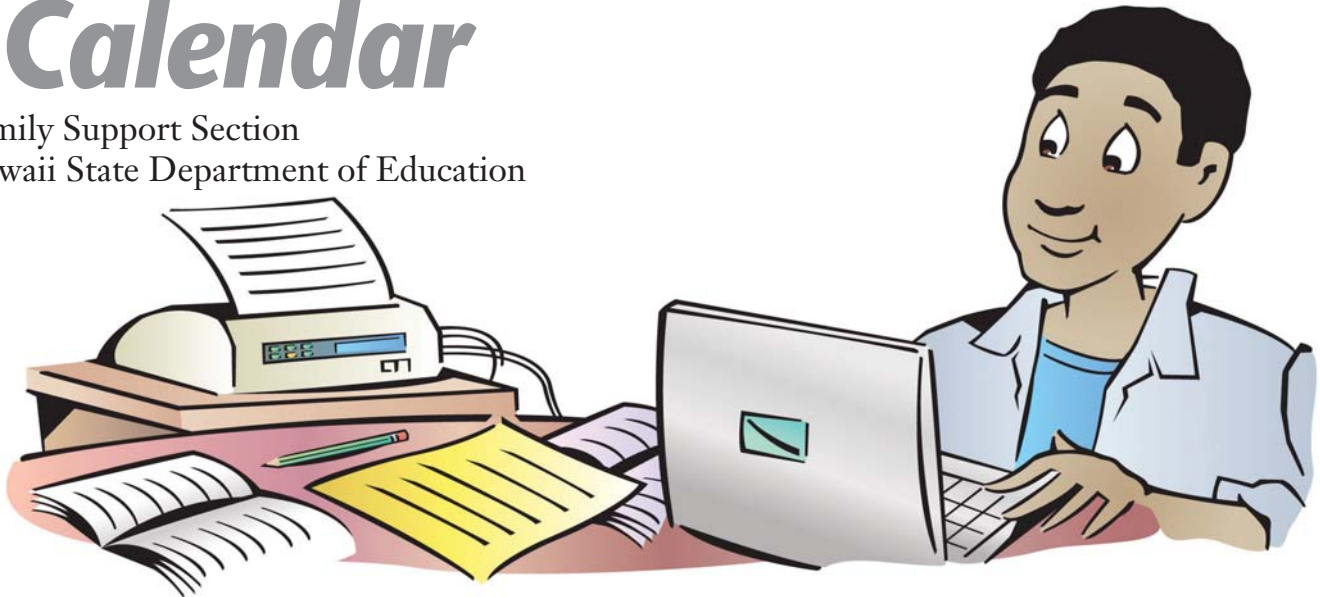


Parent Pointers

Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 2009			1 Think of a meaningful quotation you love. Post it where your child will see it.	2 Play a rhyming game. Have family members say words that rhyme until you run out.	3 Ask your child if he knows any bullies. Some kids are embarrassed to admit they're being bullied.	4 Help your child make a planning sheet to use for big assignments.
5 Plan a family activity and put it on the calendar. Treat it as the important event that it is.	6 It's Mathematics Education Month. Have family members count how many times they use math today.	7 Make plans for a family night. Let your child choose the day and the activity.	8 Check out a book on simple science experiments to do at home. Try one with your child.	9 Review your child's goals for the school year. Compliment his progress.	10 Let your child stay up late to read. Let her sleep in tomorrow morning.	11 Participate in an event that helps others, such as a walk for charity.
12 Ask your child to run a few errands with you today. Use the time to talk and connect with your child.	13 Surprise your child with something nice, such as a card or a favorite dinner.	14 Ask your child about her dreams for the future. How can she work toward them now?	15 Have your child tell you about the assignments due this week at school.	16 Make plans for a one-on-one activity with your child. Ask what she'd like to do.	17 Relax with your child tonight. Ask if he'd like to pop popcorn and watch a movie.	18 Open an encyclopedia to a random page. See what interesting facts you find there.
19 Compare your family's values to those on TV. How are they different or alike?	20 Today is the beginning of TV-Turnoff Week. List fun alternatives to watching TV.	21 Write your child notes and have her write back. Writing builds reading skills.	22 Wonder aloud about a new scientific discovery. Talk with your child about its possible implications.	23 Tell your child a story that teaches an important lesson.	24 Ask your child which classes he is excited to take in high school.	25 Let your child calculate the tip at a restaurant. This gives her practice with percents.
26 Give your child the facts about sex—and discuss how values relate to the facts.	27 Nurture your child's creativity. Ask questions that start with "What if ...?" and "Why do you think ...?"	28 Apologize to your child for something when it's appropriate. This shows that everyone makes mistakes.	29 Note your child's artistic or athletic performances on the calendar. Make every effort to attend.	30 Suggest a book to your child in which the main character is a good role model.		