



Virtual Toolkit

Fathers in Education Day

Thursday, April 30, 2020

Fathers in Action & Advocacy Week

April 27-May 1, 2020

A Brief History

In 2014 and 2015, Senator Dwight Bullard and Representative Erik Fresen, working with the Fatherhood Task Force of South Florida, drew up Congressional Resolutions in the Florida Senate and House of Representatives respectively to recognize Fathers in Education Day and Fathers in Action & Advocacy Week in school districts across Florida. These initiatives were instituted to improve educational opportunities for children from Pre-K through high school by promoting fathers' involvement in education both in school and at home.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has participated in Fathers in Action & Advocacy week and Fathers in Education Day since its inception to honor and celebrate the fathers and father figures that support our students in their pursuit of academic excellence. Last year, more than 230 schools throughout M-DCPS hosted an event or activity.



SAMPLE VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES

Here are some sample activities that are applicable to elementary, middle school and high schools. These activities reflect fathers' interest in learning and reading and are designed to establish a positive pattern of father engagement.

Sample Elementary Virtual Classroom Activities

Participate using a digital learning platform like Google Classroom, Zoom, Webex or Skype to:

- Invite a father to read to children and encourage their interactive participation
- Host a virtual fitness event or activity that encourages healthy choices
- Plan a Father Show and Tell, share a hobby or interest, encourage questions and discussion
- Discuss profession, job, or a special talent
- Share different cultures, encourage students to share about their culture
- Plan a virtual break at a specific time during the day and encourage fathers to read to their kids during the break
- Host a virtual cooking activity and share a special recipe

Sample Middle School Virtual Classroom Activities

Participate using a digital learning means like Microsoft Teams and Zoom to

- Share an interest, hobby, talent, experience, or skills
- Have an interactive discussion teaching new ideas
- Invite students to be involved in an art activity to beautify their home or room
- Present hands-on show and tell experiences related to their profession, job, interest

Sample High School Virtual Activities

Participate using a digital learning means like Microsoft Teams and Zoom to

- Share an interest teaching and challenging new ideas
- Showcase a talent, share a hobby, experiences related to their profession, job, interest. Encourage discussion and questions
- Offer an interactive discussion between fathers/students on current interests and events

Fathering in 15 Curriculum

Fathering in 15 is an online learning experience from the National Fatherhood Initiative and is available to all M-DCPS schools and their families. On Fathers in Education Day, consider hosting a group of fathers and father figures and select a topic from the curriculum (there are 15 modules to choose from) to go through and discuss as a group.

[Click here](#) for the online modules.

Fathers in Education Day Social Media Challenge

Schools and community members are encouraged to join the Fathers in Education (FIE) Day Challenge on Thursday, April 30, 2020, by participating via social media. Schools, teachers, principals and community members should post a photo or video of themselves reading their favorite book with the hashtag #MDCPSFIECHALLENGE and challenge others to do the same.