

2015 Family Engagement in Education Month

Governor Rick Scott has proclaimed November as Florida Family Engagement in Education Month and the department is proud to host a number of internal and external events to celebrate the value of partnership with families in the lives of our students.

This year's theme, **One Team...One Dream**, captures the essence of the relationship between all education partners as they unite to support the education of children.

To assist in providing Family Engagement in Education Month materials to your schools, a toolkit has been created that can be accessed at <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/family-community/activities-programs/parental-involvement.stml>. Governor Scott's proclamation can also be accessed via the website.



Just Take 20

Exciting news – the [Just Take 20](#) website for families and educators is up and running! Families can create customized reading plans based on their child's grade level and the skills they would like to work on with their child. Toolkit resources offered in the [Educator Hub](#) can support your efforts to engage families in effective literacy practices.



Parent Night Toolkits



During the month of August, the department launched the very first Florida Standards Parent & Family Night Toolkit. The toolkit is available at www.Flstandards.org for schools and school districts to download and includes an annotated agenda, PowerPoint presentation and introductory video by Chancellor Lyons.

If your school has already hosted a Florida Standards Parent & Family Night, we would love to hear about it. Email a brief summary of the event as well as any pictures by **Friday, November 20, 2015**, to Dr. Denise Barrett, K-12 Director of Standards Implementation, at denise.barrett@fldoe.org. For those who are still in the planning phase and need assistance, please feel free to contact Dr. Barrett by email or phone at 850-245-9526. We look forward to receiving all of the great success stories about your amazing events!

Dads Take Your Child to School Day

The first statewide observance of Dads Take Your Child to School Day on September 30, 2015, was a huge success! More than 10,000 dads and male role models participated. The success of this initiative was due to the efforts of many schools and district staff that welcomed and encouraged dads and male role models to bring their children to school and/or take part in an activity or program.

We encourage you to continue efforts to engage dads and male role models throughout the school year and to partner with local community and faith-based organizations to secure mentors to support those children who are in need of a male role model.



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