



Communication Topics

2017-2018

Month	College and Career Readiness Topic	Parent and Teachers: Sample questions to consider when communicating with each other	Student Safety Topic	Parent and Teachers: Sample questions to consider when communicating with each other
August	Setting Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What goals should my child/my student set for this school year? • What activities can help my child/my student reach those goals? • How will progress be measured, communicated and celebrated? 	School Bus Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What school bus safety tips should I share with my child/my student? • As a motorist, what can I do to ensure safety for all students? • What information about the Flashing Red. Kids Ahead. campaign can I share with others?
September	R.I.S.E. Arkansas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I get involved in the R.I.S.E. (Reading Initiative for Student Excellence) Arkansas campaign? • What reading assistance resources are available to help my child/my student? • How can I promote a culture of reading? 	Mental Health Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I encourage positive mental health behaviors? • What are signs that my child/my student may be struggling with a problem? • What resources are available to help my child/my student develop healthy mental health behaviors?
October	Parent-Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I encourage the community to be actively involved in my child's/my student's school? • How will parent and community engagement help my child/my student academically? • How can I become more engaged in my community? 	Red Ribbon Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What activities are scheduled during Red Ribbon Week? • How can I promote a drug-free lifestyle throughout the year? • What community activities are available that support a drug-free lifestyle?
November	Volunteering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does volunteering help my child/my student academically? • What volunteer activities are available for my child/my student? • How can I promote the importance of volunteering? 	Cyber and Social Media Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What Internet safety tips do I need to share with my child/my student? • What can I do to promote the safe use of social media and the Internet? • What do I do if my child/my student encounters unsafe behavior on the Internet?

December	Building Character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is building character important for my child/my student? • What activities can I do with my child/my student to nurture and build strong character skills? • How does volunteering build character? 	Texting and Driving Hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What information about the dangers of texting and driving can I share with my child/my student? • What safe driving expectations should I share with my child/my student? • How can my child/my student encourage other students to practice safe driving habits?
January	Preparing for the Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What community and work opportunities are available to help my child/my student prepare for the future? • What financial resources are available to help my child/my student with college and career development expenses? • What can I do to help my child/my student prepare for life beyond high school? 	Child Abduction / Human Trafficking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are some child abduction / human trafficking safety tips that I can share with my child/my student? • What activities that promote child safety are available through my local police department? • What should my child/my student do if approached by someone who makes him/her feel uncomfortable?
February	Digital Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can my child/my student get involved in Digital Learning Day? • Why is digital learning important? • How can my child/my student participate in digital learning activities throughout the year? 	Health Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does leading a healthy lifestyle help my child/my student academically? • How can I promote a healthy lifestyle at home/school? • What healthy activities are available for my child/my student?
March	Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is academic testing important? • How can I help prepare my child/my student for testing? • What can I do to reduce test anxiety? 	Severe Weather Awareness Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What severe weather safety tips should I share with my child/my student? • What is the difference between severe weather watches and warnings? • How do I access reliable information during severe weather?
April	Internships / Job Shadowing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can internships and job shadowing activities help my child/my student prepare for the future? • What internship and job shadowing activities are available for my child? • How can I increase internship and job shadowing opportunities with the community and local businesses? 	National Child Abuse Prevention Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are some safety tips to prevent child abuse that I can share with my child/my student? • Who must report suspected child abuse? • What should my child/my student do if he/she is being abused?

May	Keep Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I encourage my child/my student to be lifelong learners? • What summer reading programs are available? • Where can my child/my student learn more about educational activities in our community? 	Summer Safe Habits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What summer safety tips should I share with my child/my student? • How can I promote the proper use of safety equipment such as seat belts, life jackets and bicycle helmets? • What safe summer activities will help child/my student keep learning during the break?
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