

Family Engagement

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Family Engagement is Necessary for Student Success!

The End of the School Year...

As you have already figured out by now, the end of the school year as we know it won't be what we have known in the past. Graduations, banquets, award ceremonies, dances, and the traditions of the end of the year are all on hold or canceled. Fortunately many families, schools, and communities are working together to create special memories for our students and their families. Yard signs, business marquees proudly displaying graduating seniors, drive thru awards ceremonies, car parades, virtual graduations, have been some of the creative ways to celebrate students' accomplishments.

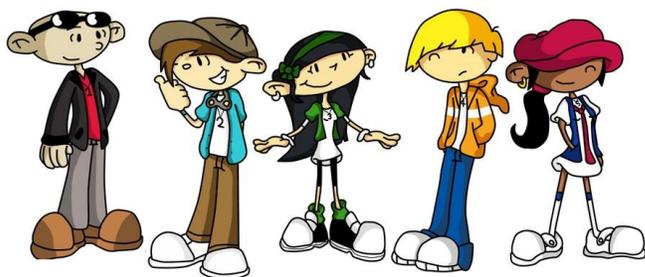
Work with your school and community to celebrate your student. Don't let past traditions (as wonderful as they are) hold you hostage in your thinking to celebrate and recognize your student.

It's OK to Be Sad!

Missing out on rites of passage such as graduation, prom, and other ceremonies is upsetting for students and families. There is no getting around that fact. Missing friends, schools, and old routines can also make us sad (even angry!). It is important that we validate these feelings. Let your family know that they are sad/upset that things are different, difficult, disappointing, or lonely. Talk about these feelings. Come up with creative ways to maintain friendships and create new routines together for daily life. Find new things to celebrate and create new celebrations.

Remember to give grace when someone is being difficult. We may not know what has made them feel and act difficult. Within the family, keep the lines of communication open. Be understanding. And yes, you may just need to give the some space to work through their feelings.

That includes you, dear reader. Have grace for yourself. You will have good days and bad days—like always, they just may be different reasons why right now.



Family Survey

The Title I Team is taking the "pulse" of our families. We care about your well being and success during this time. Please use the link below to complete the survey. Thank you!

<https://forms.gle/ZiHiLqXWpRoxWoNn8>



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1. Print out this page and color with Crayola crayons or markers. Glue page to a thin piece of cardboard, such as a recycled cereal box or manila folder.
2. After the glue dries, cut out the cardboard shapes, remembering where the letters are. Glue the matching shapes together, back to back.
3. Cut a slit on each dotted line. Fit the pieces together by matching the letters and sliding the slots into each other.

