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Teacher's Tips: How Parents Can Help

Practical Advice for Working with Your Child's Teacher

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Communicating with your child's teacher is one way to help him succeed at school. But just how often should you contact the teacher, and what questions should you ask? And when do a parent's questions or behavior tip from appropriate to meddlesome? We asked Jerry L. Parks, a social studies teacher at Georgetown (Ky.) Middle School and a member of the 2007 USA Today All-USA Teacher Team, to share his thoughts. Parks keeps in touch with parents through email, class websites, and phone calls. He is the author of *Help! My Child Is Starting Middle School! A Survival Handbook for Parents*.

What differences do you notice in students with involved parents? "Parents who take an active interest in their child's work and school well-being are one of the biggest contributors to my students' success," Parks says. Children of involved parents typically have higher self-esteem and have fewer behavior problems in school. And students' grades usually improve when their parents become involved.

How can parents stay informed about their child's school performance? If your school posts grades online, be sure to check them often. Emailing the teacher is also a good way to get a quick status report. "Email has been a godsend," he says, because it is "less intrusive for the teacher and less threatening for the parent."

To read the rest of the article please go to the following link:

<http://www.schoolfamily.com/school-family-articles/article/824-teachers-tips-how-parents-can-help>

Top 5 Ways Parents Can Help Their Children Succeed in School

- Make sure your child is at school every day possible. "Missed work is generally more of a loss than made-up work is a gain," Parks says. "There is no substitute for attendance."
- Designate a time and place for your child to do homework. If he/she does not have homework, have them use the time to read. "Routine is the essence of a child's life," he says.
- Keep in touch with teachers, but don't overdo it. "Most teachers appreciate parents caring enough to keep in touch a few times a term but do not appreciate parents expecting contact on a regular basis."
- Teach your child character—it "will improve social and academic skills more than anything else," Parks says. "Some things are simply wrong, and the world your child will grow up in will punish crimes, so give your child a head start."
- Make time every day to talk with your child about the day's activities. "Let them know you care, and really listen to what they have to say."

The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows. ~Sydney J. Harris

Free Online Course Helps Counselors, Teachers and Administrators

Supporting School-Age Children of Military Parents (Online Course)

The purpose of this course is to assist school personnel such as guidance counselors and social workers in supporting military children as they transition to new schools subsequent to military transfers. Each time the United States enters a war in overseas areas, military personnel are deployed to those areas on short notice, causing upheaval and turbulence to themselves and their families. Many family members are flexible, resilient, and capable of handling the resulting daily "new normal" situations resulting from a missing parent. But numerous other families and children encounter emotional, behavioral, academic, and/or economic difficulties. This course gives you an idea about the severity of impact on families, and strategies to assist the children and parents by creating an understanding of the military requirements of deployment.

The military is the largest employer in the country, and is therefore a very large organization. This course covers a very small portion, and is only a very brief orientation for educators pertaining to the effect on military school-age children in your schools.

Workshop Number CS110610-K01

Questions or Comments? Please registration@esc20.net or 210-370-5671



Calling all JBSA Homeschoolers!

2011-2012 Support Groups & Classes Are Now Forming

Contact your School Liaison Office or Youth Programs to find out about more opportunities for you!

Call Lackland Youth Programs at 671-2510



Calling all JBSA Homeschoolers!!

On 17 Aug 2011 @ 10:30-12:00 p.m. in the Airman & Family Readiness Center Classroom, Bldg 1249 we will be having a meeting for anyone interested in helping to get our Homeschool Group up and running for the school year.

The Youth Programs staff and Library will be on hand as well to discuss opportunities for homeschoolers.

Please join us if you are ready to start the school year and have a great support group! Anyone is welcomed to attend!

Have a student that is having problems adapting to a parent being deployed? - Military & Family Life Consultant Program

The Child & Youth Behavioral Military & Family Life Consultants are Masters or Ph.D. level, licensed professionals specializing in child and youth behavioral issues. They are available at no cost to assist children & youth, parents, family members and staff. • **School adjustment** • **Deployment and separation** • **Reunion adjustment** • **Sibling and parent-child communication** • **Behavioral concerns** • **Fear, grief and loss** • **Daily life issues** The services they provide are FREE and ANONYMOUS except when state, federal and military reporting requirements dictate otherwise for protection of personnel. **NO RECORDS ARE KEPT** To find out more about MFLCs please contact: Lackland AFB: 792-7141, 792-6031, Fort Sam Houston: 916-7322, Randolph AFB: 652-5321

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Alamo City Military Education Coalition

Working Together to Meet the Needs of San Antonio Military Youth

Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) is surrounded by 23 School Districts hosting more than 20,000 federally connected students. Alamo City Military Education, a joint-base coalition was established to help provide the best education possible for San Antonio military youth. ACME consists of JBSA Leadership and School Liaisons, representatives from Education Service Center - Region 20, counselors, teachers and administrators from the 23 school districts. All of these professionals have one goal in mind – to provide quality educational opportunities for military youth. The committee allows representatives from each installation to meet with educators (counselors, teachers, administrators, etc.) to discuss challenges and processes with transitioning families or issues with already assigned personnel. It allows educators the opportunity to understand military specific issues and network with leadership to address the unique needs of military youth. The committee works to identify barriers to academic success and develop solutions; promotes parental involvement in their children's education; develops and coordinates partnerships in education; provides parents with the tools they need to overcome obstacles to education that stem from the military lifestyle. The committee meets quarterly and is a necessity for the San Antonio military community. “This committee is the cornerstone to Joint Base San Antonio military education” said Lori Phipps, School Liaison. “It allows us to pool resources, and provide a greater understanding of our military culture. Knowledge is power – and for everyone to be on the same page, is a win-win for all of our youth.”

“The meetings are open for everyone that wants to learn more about military child education” states Cindy Ybanez, School Liaison Officer. The meetings are hosted 3 times during the school year and are held at Region 20 Education Service Center.

Next Meeting: Sept 15, 2011 2:00 p.m.

Guest Presenter:

Ms. Tori Austin, Coordinator III, Educational Specialist, Curriculum Support Services at Education Services Center, Region 20 will present on the new STAAR testing program.

The State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness or (STAAR) replacing the TAKS testing program will be used starting spring 2012. The STAAR program at grades 3-8 will assess the same subjects that are already assessed on the TAKS. However, at high school grade specific assessments will be replaced with 12 end-of-course assessments.

Location: Education Service Center, Region 20
1314 Hines Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78208-1899



JUST BEING YOURSELF CAN CHANGE A FUTURE

Applications for mentors are now being accepted for on-base and off-base schools for the 2011-2012 school year

Please contact your School Liaison Office for more information

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Trainings

Coping With Deployment

September 21, 2011

1:00.p. m. -4 p.m.

Workshop #CC110921-K23

Fee: No Cost; Location: Conference room 112

Offers elementary counselors and other school personnel strategies on how to provide “psychological first aid” (individual and group counseling) to military families prior to, during, and after deployments.

Coping With Deployment

September 28, 2011

1:00.p. m. -4 p.m.

Workshop #CC110928-K23

Fee: No Cost; Location: Conference room 112

Offers middle and high school counselors and other school personnel strategies on how to provide “psychological first aid” (individual and group counseling) to military families prior to, during, and after deployments.

HERO ON DUTY

September 21, 2011


8:30-11:30 a.m.

Steele High School, Schertz-Cibolo ISD
Cibolo, TX

This is a BRAC presentation by Aric Bostick, Motivational Speaker for Steele HS students

All classes are held at Education Service Center, Region 20

registration@esc20.net or 210-370-5671



*A part of you
has grown in
me. And so you
see, it's you and
me together
forever and
never apart,
maybe in
distance, but
never in
heart. ~Author
Unknown*

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Grab Bag News You Can Use

Tutor.com – FREE Online Help for Military Students

The U.S. Department of Defense has launched a new service, Tutor.com, an unlimited service with private tutoring and Live Homework Help, for all active duty military service members, reservists, National Guard personnel on active duty in a deployed status, and DoD civilians in a deployed status. Military service members and their dependents around the world can work with a certified, professional tutor online 24/7 to get help with homework, studying, test prep, resume writing, and more. Students of any age, from kindergartners to high school seniors, as well as adult learners, may use the service to connect to an expert tutor for one-to-one help in math, science, social studies and English, as well as assistance with resume writing and interview preparation. Online homework help and career assistance are available at all military installation libraries and from any computer with Internet access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by visiting www.tutor.com/military. For more information about the Tutor.com service contact your installation library or e-mail militarysupport@tutor.com. Also check out the Web site at www.tutor.com/military. **Students not eligible for the “military” affiliation can use this service through the San Antonio Public Library.**

Tutor.com will be hosting various briefings to learn more about the program at JBSA in Sept!

Texas Virtual Academy - Comes to JBSA

At Texas Virtual Academy, your child can thrive in school. This tuition-free online public school for students in third through eleventh grade offers the award-winning K12 curriculum to families across the state. Families also receive ongoing support from Texas-certified teachers, an active school community, and a range of extracurricular activities. K12 is the nation's leader in online education for grades K-12, and surveys consistently show a 96% satisfaction rating among parents." Enrollment Questions: 866-360-0162 or go to the website www.k12.com/txva

TVA will be hosting a information session at JBSA soon!



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