

Exceptional Children Information for Parents

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November is Family Engagement Month

If you haven't downloaded your Family Engagement Activity calendar, you're not too late! [Find the calendar](#) right for your family and complete the activities.

Fun with Literacy

There are many reading celebration days: January 23 is National Reading Day, September 8 is International Literacy Day, April 23 is World Book Day, and the list goes on. Instead of waiting until a certain day to celebrate reading, let's celebrate everyday by reading with these two great resources!

[Day by Day Ohio Project](#)

The State Library of Ohio, in collaboration with Ohio Ready to Read, is pleased to offer the Day By Day Ohio Family Literacy calendar, and all the resources on this site, to promote family literacy and family engagement across Ohio. The calendar has a monthly theme and unique daily entries that encompass books, songs, activities, and family health and wellness information. Families, caregivers, educators and librarians can use Day by Day Ohio at home and in the library and classroom to further develop early literacy skills that help young children become prepared for and succeed in school. Children will enjoy fun, positive learning experiences that support school success and, ultimately, lifelong learning.

[International Children's Digital Library](#)

Language barriers have never been more pronounced. Whether in an urban area of a modern country or the rural areas of a less developed country, differences in language are making it harder and harder for educational initiatives to bring about success. The International Children's Digital Library Foundation's goal is to build a collection of books that represents outstanding historical and contemporary books from throughout the world. Ultimately, the Foundation aspires to have every culture and language represented so that every child can know and appreciate the riches of children's literature from the world community.



Check out previous newsletters for other resources.

<https://ec.ncpublicschools.gov/parent-resources/parent-newsletter-2020>



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Important Links

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education](#)
- [N.C. Department of Health & Human Services](#)
 - [Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit \(K-12\)](#)
- [N.C. Department of Public Instruction](#)
 - [Lighting Our Way Forward \(Summary\)](#)
- [No Kid Hungry](#)
- [NCDPI-COVID-19 Responses & Resources](#)

Matthew C. Graziadei Award

The Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC) is proud to offer the Matthew C. Graziadei Achievement Scholarship Award to a NC high school senior with a disability. This award includes \$1,500 scholarship, to be used for any post high school learning experience/training or for equipment/technology needed for employment.

ALL NC students with disabilities are eligible for nomination. Including students enrolled in the Occupational Course of Study, students who will be receiving a Graduate Certificate and students enrolled in the Future Read Course of Study.

For more information about selection criteria, the application process & requirements, deadline, and the application, please visit the [ECAC's webpage](#).

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