

Party!

A Year of Special School Events

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go to http://www.education-world.com/a_admin/admin/admin327.shtml and click on the underlined links to access event ideas and additional information.

Getting parents involved is no easy task. But Education World's "Principal Files" team offers some great ideas for school-wide events that are sure to draw parents in large numbers. Included: More than 30 events to add to your school calendar!

Any day of the school year is a great day for a special event!

There are BINGO Nights and Spaghetti Suppers and Field Days and Book Sales...

The list of super-special events is a mile long. That's why we asked our [Principal Files team](#) to share with us some of the events they hold each year that get kids involved and parents interested. The calendar below offers a couple dozen great ideas they shared plus links to many additional ideas from the Education World archive. Any one of these events is sure to result in great parent turnout, and many provide fun events for entire families.

August	September	October
Boo-Hoo Breakfast	Open House	Harvest Fest
More Opening Day Activities	Parents and Pastries	Student-Led Conferences
	Grandparents' BBQ	Drug Awareness Pancake Breakfast
November	December	January
Native American Museum Night	Holiday Spectacular	International Day
Literature Day (and Night)		Spaghetti Supper
American Education Week		
February	March	April
RAH! (Reading At Home) Night	Arts Celebration	Math Night
A Night at the Movies	Parents in Kids' Sneakers Day	Rhyme Time: A Night of Poetry
	BINGO Night	"Coming to Kindergarten" Events
May	June	July
Fishing Tournament	Learning Fest	Twenty-Five More "Anytime" Events
Field Day	Sleepover Night	
Teacher Appreciation Week	Graduation Day	

Website Links for Parent Involvement

- **Arizona State PIRC – www.azpirc.com**
 - Parent Information Resource Center – provides technical assistance and materials to help schools and families work together to increase student achievement.
- **National Network of Partnership Schools – www.csos.jhu.edu**
 - NNPS provides inservice education and ongoing professional development for school, district, and state leaders, and teams of educators, parents, and others to improve their programs of family involvement and community connections.
- **National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education -www.ncpie.org**
 - NCPPIE advocates the involvement of parents and families in their children's education, and to foster relationships between home, school, and community to enhance the education of all our nation's young people.
- **Project Appleseed – www.projectappleseed.com**
 - Project Appleseed is a major educational resource and advocate for parents and families engaged in the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness in America's public schools.
- **PTO Today – www.ptotoday.com**
 - Great Parent Group Events - Ideas and planning tips to help your PTO or PTA organize one successful activity after another.
- **National PTA- www.pta.org/parentinvolvement**
 - As the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the nation, Parent Teacher Association works in cooperation with many national education, health, safety, and child advocacy groups and federal agencies. The national PTA organization collaborates on projects that benefit children.
- **Education World – www.education-world.com**
 - Education World®. The Educator's Best Friend. The surfing is over. Here you will find the best education links and original content the Net has to offer.
- **Parenting Resources – www.parenting-resources.com**
 - Parenting Resources is dedicated to providing schools, programs, parenting educators, and teachers with the most complete collection of materials to help them in instructing and involving parents.
- **Family Education – www.familyeducation.com**
 - an online consumer network of the world's best learning and information resources, personalized to help parents, teachers, and students of all ages take control of their learning and make it part of their everyday lives.
- **Parent Institute – www.parent-institute.com**
 - The mission of The Parent Institute is to encourage parent involvement in the education of their children. The Parent Institute publishes a variety of materials including newsletters, booklets, audio CDs, brochures, videos and presentation kits.
- **Harvard Family Research Project – www.hfrp.org**
 - Develop and evaluate strategies to promote the well-being of children, families and their communities.