



Sergeant Bluff Luton CSD

Monthly Newsletter

April 2017

From the desk of Dr. Rod Earleywine

District Advisory Committee

The District Advisory Committee (DAC) will meet on Wed. April 5, 2017 in the lecture hall of the high school from 4:30 – 5:45. If you would like to be involved with this committee please feel free to come to the meeting, as we are always looking for additional teachers, parents or community members to join us. This committee meets four times per year and makes recommendations to the board of education on important items.

2017-2018 School Calendar

The first day of school is scheduled for Wednesday, August 23, 2017. The board approved school calendar for the 2017-2018 school year is posted on our district web site.

Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Hearing

There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, April 4 beginning at 6:00 AM in which I will present the proposed budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. Iowa law also mandates the certification of school budgets by April 15 of each year. To comply with Iowa law a public hearing must be held to allow community patrons a chance to view, ask questions and comment on next year's budget and tax rates. All interested community members are welcome to attend this meeting.



SB-L Elementary Newsletter

April 2017

From the Desk of Mrs. McCrory

Where has the time gone!! With only 2 months left of school we have lots to get done. We are on WIN rotation #5. We will begin the fifth and final rotation on April 18 when we return from Spring Break. In preparation for next year, School Supply Kit order forms will be coming out soon. Watch for them in your student's take home folders. This options saves you time and money when back to school time rolls around.

PBIS Corner:

PBIS has been a wonderful addition to our school environment this year. I hope you continue to hear great things from your child as they earn tickets and rewards. The students passed 50,000 ticket points so a *Minute to Win It* assembly was held on March 23. We hope to have a few more assemblies to recognize ticket milestones before the end of the year. The monthly grade level challenges are keeping the students motivated as well. Fun activities will continue through the end of the school year.

PTO Information

April 10 – Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
April 25 – PTO Meeting in Primary Art Room @ 7:00

Reading Saves the Day

We made it through the 3rd quarter and are on to the final quarter of the year! Students will have until around May 19 (date not yet set) to make their 4th quarter AR goal. You can check your child's AR progress on [AR Home Connect](#), found on each grade level's webpage. Use your child's username and password to log in.

3rd Quarter Goals:

3rd grade: 8 points
4th grade: 12 points
5th grade: 12 points

We have a very exciting 4th quarter activity planned, so we hope every student works hard to make their goal.

Elementary Schedule

Breakfast: 7:50-8:20
Bell Rings: 8:20
School Begins: 8:25 (Students tardy after 8:25)
Lunch Guests: Call by 9:00 to reserve a lunch (\$3.50 - correct change needed)
5th Lunch: 11:00-11:30
4th Lunch: 11:45-12:15
3rd Lunch: 12:35-1:05
Bus Dismissal: 3:20
Walker & Pick-up Dismissal: 3:25
Wednesday Bus Dismissal: 2:40
Wednesday Walker & Pick-up Dismissal: 2:45

Dates to Remember

April 3-7 – CMN Penny Drive
April 4 – School Board Meeting @ 6AM – ES Art Room
April 5 – District Advisory Committee Meeting @ 4:30
April 7 – 1st Grade Concert @ 2:00
April 13 – 17 – Spring Break – No School
April 27 – 5-12 Band Concert @ 7:00 – ES Gym
3rd Grade to Pioneer School in Homer:
Mrs. McKelvey- Monday, April 24
Mr. Vickery- Tuesday, April 25
Mrs. Ping- Wednesday, April 26
Mrs. Gotch- Thursday, April 27
Mrs. Reynolds- Friday, April 28



To 5th grade Parents:

What: D.A.R.E. Graduation

When: May 12, 2:15 P.M.

Where: SB-L Elementary Gym

We would like to invite you to **D.A.R.E. graduation** on May 12th. The ceremony begins at **2:15 p.m.** at SB-L Elementary. At this time, students will be awarded their certificates by Officer Hutzell of the Sergeant Bluff Police

Department. After the ceremony, your son or daughter may leave with you.

To celebrate, on Monday, May 15th, we will be going to Ponca State Park. Students will rotate through archery, kayaking, tomahawk throwing, and fishing. Everyone will need to bring a sack lunch. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather—DARE t-shirt and tennis shoes (no flip-flops).

Thanks for your support of this program. We hope to see you on the 12th.

Sincerely,

Miss Hovland
Character Education

Officer Hutzell
SB-L Resource Officer

5th grade parents: The DARE Essay is a requirement of the DARE Program. Later this month, your child will be writing an essay. It will be introduced in class, but will involve time outside of class. I expect thoughtful effort. There is no minimum word count but, there are paragraph suggestions to follow. It can be handwritten or typed. Officer Hutzell will use the essays to pick students who will participate in the Pioneer Valley Days parade.

ESSAY DUE DATE: week of April 24 (on Character Ed day)

THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!!!! This is the graduation requirement for the DARE program.

How to format the Essay:

Please put Title, Name, and Teacher at TOP of PAGE

Paragraph one: Introduction.

Here you want to introduce DARE. Tell what DARE stands for. Why do you think the DARE program is important?

Paragraph Two:

What did DARE mean to you? What did you think when you first heard an officer was going to come teach your class? What do you think about an officer coming now? Did you learn anything from the program?

Paragraph Three:

Why is it important for young people to not abuse drugs, and to resist violence? Here I would like to hear some evidence from the information in your book or videos we have watched. Be specific. What did you learn tobacco, drugs, and alcohol does to you and your body? USE YOUR BOOK.

Paragraph Four:

What did you learn from DARE that will help you stay away from drug abuse and remain violence free? Why is it important? What techniques did you learn? When will you use them? How will they help you? How would you use them to help others stay away from drug abuse and violence?

Paragraph Five:

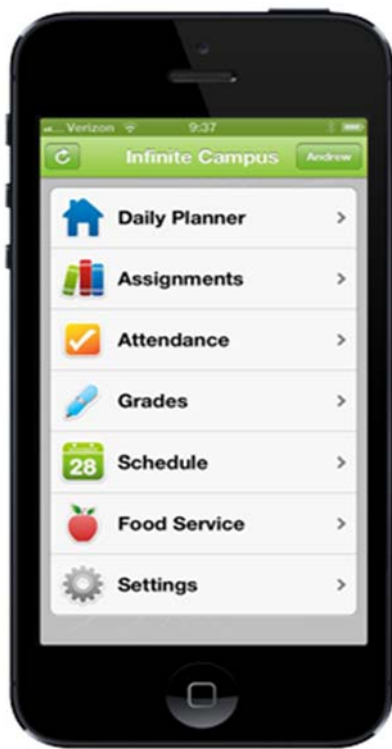
Conclusion. Wrap things up. How was DARE a positive experience? What would you suggest for other students?

Did You know???

You can log into Infinite Campus on any computer and see your fees- paid and unpaid, and make payments for fees and lunch service- all through one system.

They also have a mobile app for your phone. The Campus Mobile Portal has been designed from the ground up to intelligently interact with the information stored in the district's Infinite Campus database.

The new Campus Mobile Portal is available for free from the Apple iTunes App Store. The Android APP is also available and can be downloaded from the Android Market Store. Once the app has been installed on an Apple® iOS device (iPod Touch®, iPhone®, iPad®, or Android), parents and students can access fees, household setup, grades, attendance and schedule information virtually anywhere.



**One Touch.
Tons of Info.**

Tools within the Infinite Campus Mobile APP:

Assignments provides detailed information about what students are, were, or will be expected to do in each class.

Attendance provides both summary and detail information about absences and tardies.

Grades provides immediate access to the important metrics of success and allows parents and students to “drill down” to the assignments that make up a particular grade.

Notifications allow subscribers to receive notifications regarding changes to assignments, grades, attendance changes as well as emergency / weather related notifications according to their individual notification preferences. In addition to email, you can set up to receive phone calls and / or text messages.

1. Download the app
2. Launch the Campus App
 - a. After installing the APP, users must enter settings.
 - b. Enter the Sergeant Bluff Luton District ID: **RZJJHW**
3. Enter your username/userID and password and select Log In / Sign In

If you have not requested the activation key to create an Infinite Campus account, please go to sblschools.com/campus and complete the Parent Access & Acceptable Use Form and send to the curriculum by emailing hammadaw@sblschools.com, faxing to 712-943-4326 or mailing to Attn: Dawn Hamman @ 201 Port Neal Road, Sergeant Bluff, IA 51054

From The Office of Mr. McKelvey Middle School News and Notes

Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences: Thank you all that were able to attend the conferences. As a building we say just over 84% of our parents during the conferences. Thank you!

Eighth Grade Recognition Ceremony: The annual Eighth Grade Recognition Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 26th, 2017 at 12:00/NOON. The ceremony is NOT a graduation ceremony but an opportunity to recognize various student accomplishments in academics and extra-curricular activities. There is no reason or expectations for students to purchase new dress clothes, dresses, etc. We simply ask that students dress appropriately and abide by all established dress code rules. The ceremony is scheduled to last approximately forty-five minutes and we anticipate a large crowd. No assigned or reserved seating is available or allowed. We just ask everyone to be courteous of all guests. Due to our lunch schedules, parents/guests will not be allowed into the school until 11:45. Parents and guests arriving before 11:45 are required to wait outside. *Please be sure to NOT park on the main road that runs between the high school and middle school as that is a fire lane as well as our primary bus lane for loading students after school.* Parking anywhere along a red curb is a violation and could lead to your vehicle being towed.

Summer School: Please remember that summer school is a requirement for anyone that has failed the same class both semesters and/or has failed more than one class in the second semester. Parents are not allowed to “place” their child(ren) into summer school. Students must qualify based on the above criteria and be directed to attend by a school official. Summer school, for those who qualify, runs through the month of June and your child, if assigned, would attend summer school for 2-3 hours per morning, each week, until the work that is provided is completed at a proficiency rate of at least 70% (unless otherwise noted). Failure to attend and successfully complete the program may result in retention. If your child is in jeopardy of possibly attending summer school, you will likely begin to receive informational letters in the coming weeks about their grades/progress and periodically after that until final placement decisions are made at the end of the semester (late May). Your child’s situation is what determines if or the frequency of such letters being mailed. Please see the handbook for full explanation.

Athletics Note—Track and Soccer: The spring athletic seasons will be upon us shortly. I, along with the coaches and the districts are doing all we can to encourage and support students that want to participate in track **and** soccer this spring as there is an overlap in the two seasons. Student-athletes that choose to both, will attend one practice a day and the **A.D. and coaches will decide** which of the practices the student needs to attend (if out for both). This will keep the student from having to choose or avoiding one or the other and will allow the coaches to have the students they need as they approach meets or games. *That being said, it must be understood that any student participating in track and soccer must agree to this guideline and understand that they may not be able to “choose” which activity they do.* If your seventh or eighth grade student is planning to participate in track and/or soccer, please be sure they have a current physical and concussion form on file in the middle school office BEFORE practice begins. (Always check the ONLINE schedules at www.sblschools.com for the latest updates! Weather causes many changes in the spring!!)

Band Concert: The annual 5th-12th grade band concert will be held on Thursday, April 27th at 7:00p.m. This event will be held at the 3-5 gym. We hope to see as many guests as possible on this night as our Fine Arts students have one last night of the school year to show you their talents and they are talented!!

SBL Middle School Track Meet: If you are knowledgeable of track and/or willing to learn, we will be needing 8-10 additional volunteers to help serve as timers at our upcoming MS meet on Monday, April 24. The meet starts at

3:45pm. If interested in helping for a few hours or for the entire meet (ends by 7:45pm traditionally), please contact the MS or email Mr. McKelvey at mckelbil@sbschools.com

6th Graders Compete at Regional Math Bee

The Northwest AEA's annual 6th grade math bee took place on Wednesday, March 29, 2017. We were able to take three teams made up of fifteen individual competitors. Each individual took five tests that morning. The lowest individual score from the individual tests is thrown out and the rest are added to the team test score for the final score for that team.

The three teams were as follows:

Team A: Rachel Solberg, Judd Marchand, Thyan Wessendorf, Regan Herbst and Cori Griebel.

Team B: Ty Koedam, Brayden Kennedy, Payton Bowman, Hannah Lee and Derek Moore.

Team C: Cristina Harlan, Chloe Buss, Maddox Muston, Tylar Lutgen and Lillie Zaber.

Regan Herbst finished 4th out of 144 students. **Team A** above finished 10th out of 36 teams.

All members worked very hard completing 62 math questions in 65 minutes. Congratulations to everyone!

Submitted by:

Mrs. Huju (6th Grade Math Teacher)

8th Grade Math Bee

Each year the 8th grade students have the opportunity to attend a math bee and compete against area schools at Morningside College in Sioux City. Students attending the math bee are given five individual tests. The individual tests are Number Sense and Estimation, Patterns and Functions, Geometry and Measurement, Statistics and Probability, and Ratios, Proportion, and Percent. They are also given one team test on problem solving. Students interested in the math bee competition prepare throughout the year by completing practice problems.



On March 9th, four 8th grade students attended the math bee in Sioux City. They competed against 35 teams from the area. Congratulations to Hannah Meehan, Zach Morrison, Jenna Ryan, and Brady Schaap for their work at the math bee this year!



Summer Drivers Education

High school students planning to take Summer Drivers Education can sign up in the high school office starting **Tuesday April 4, 2017**. To sign up you must have a valid Iowa permit that must be displayed to Mrs. Kruse in the high school office. Cost of the class is \$360 for students attending SBL and must be paid at the time of sign up.

Middle school students and non-district students planning to take Summer Drivers Education can sign up starting **Wednesday April 26, 2017**. To sign up you must have a valid Iowa permit that must be displayed to Mrs. Kruse in the high school office. Cost of the class is \$360 for students attending SBL and \$460 for those not attending SBL and must be paid at the time of sign up.

Two classes will be offered this year with **tentative** dates as follows. Session one will run May 10, 2017 through June 16, 2017. Session two will run June 16, 2017 through July 14, 2017. Some classes will be held on Saturdays. These classes **will not** work for boys participating in Freshman baseball.

A mandatory parent and student meeting will be **Wednesday May 10, 2017** in the high school commons at 5:30 pm. Class will follow the parent meeting until 8:30 pm for all students in **BOTH** summer sessions. Those not attending the parent/student meeting will be dropped from the class. Questions can be directed to Mr. Hardy at the high school. hardyjoe@sblschools.com or by phone 943-8884





Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017	March 4-17, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017	May 6-19, 2017

WIT College Course Registration

Registration For Fall 2017 WIT Courses Takes Place Next Week:

WHEN: April 3-7

WHERE: In the Guidance Office

College Reps. Visiting In April...

April 11: Mount Marty @ 10:00 a.m.
Briar Cliff @ 10:30 a.m.

CLASS OF 2017

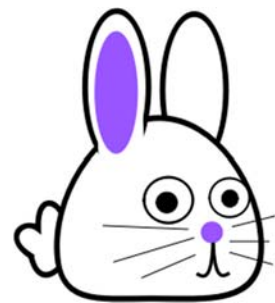
**Senior Awards Night May 17 at 7pm at the High School

**SENIORS LAST DAY MAY 19

**Graduation Practice May 19 at 9am

**Graduation May 21 at 2pm at the Elementary School

April



Public Library Calendar

The Elementary & Primary Libraries are open to the public on alternating Saturdays 9:00 am - 11:30 am.

The Middle School library is open Noon-2 pm.

April 1st- Primary

April 8th – Elementary/ Middle

April 15th – Primary

April 22nd-Elementary/ Middle

April 29th- Primary

The High School/Adult Library is open to the public on Thursday evenings 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm and on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am - 11:30 am.

Public Library Card Applications are available at these libraries and at Sergeant Bluff City Hall. Public Library Cards are FREE and may also be used at all Sioux City Public Libraries.

Stop by and check us out!

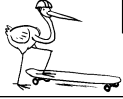
Primary School April Menu

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Cereal, tst, frt jce	3	Pan on stk, frt, jce	4	Oatmeal, tst, frt, jce	5	Muff, yog, frt, jce	6	Cereal, tst, frt jce	7
Popcorn Chicken Wedges 3oz Green Beans 4oz ½ Orange Ketchup 2oz		Mr Rib Baked Beans 4oz Baby Carrots/Ranch Mixed Fruit 4oz		Goulash Garlic Toast Frozen Broccoli 4oz Canned Carrots 2oz Pineapple 4oz		Turkey and Cheese Sand Sunchips Corn 4oz Lettuce/Ranch Peaches 4oz		Cheese Calzone Green Beans 4oz Peas 4oz Mandarin Oranges 4oz	
Cereal, tst, frt jce	10	Bkfst pizza, frt, jce	11	Cereal bar, gog, frt, jce	12	No School	13	No School	14
Chicken Strips Green Beans 4oz Canned Carrots 4oz ½ Apple Ketchup 1oz		Fiestada Pizza Broccoli Normandy 4oz Corn 2oz Mandarin Oranges 4oz Chocolate Chip Cookie		Pepperoni Sub Cheetos Frozen Broccoli 4oz Baby Carrots 2oz Slushie		Spring Break		Spring Break	
No School	17	Cereal, tst, frt jce	18	Egg&Chse Bisc, frt, jce	19	Muff, Gog, frt, jce	20	Cereal, tst, frt jce	21
Spring Break		Chicken Nuggets Mash Potato 3oz/Gravy Frozen Broccoli 4oz Pears 4oz B&B Ketchup 1oz		Ham & Cheese Sand Cheetos Peas 2oz Canned Carrots 4oz Slushie		Shrimp Poppers Fries Baked Beans 4oz Baby Carrots 2oz Peaches 4oz Ketchup 2oz		Sausage Pizza Green Beans 4oz Corn 4oz Pineapple	
Cereal, tst, frt jce	24	Cinn Roll, gog, frt jce	25	Fr Tst Stk, saus frt, jce	26	Omelet, tst, frt, jce	27	Cereal, tst, frt jce	28
BBQ Pork Sand Broccoli Normandy 4oz Peas 2oz Peaches 4oz		Crispito Tatar Tots 3oz Frozen Broccoli 4oz Pears 4oz Ketchup 1oz		Chicken Alfredo Garlic Breadstick Green Beans 4oz Canned Carrots 4oz Banana		Hot Dog Sunchips Baked Beans 4oz Baby Carrots Applesauce Ketchup 1oz		French Bread Pizza Lettuce 1Cup/Ranch Corn 4oz Pineapple 4oz Fudge Bar	

Notes:
Milk is offered Everyday.
Menu is subject to change.
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

High School YEARS

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Short Clips

Positive body image

Does your teen feel that his body doesn't "measure up"? Kids this age are often self-conscious about their appearance. Encourage your child to see himself as more than his body shape. He could focus on how strong and healthy his body is, the things he can do, and what's unique and interesting about him.

World aware

Help your high schooler stay on top of local, national, and world events. Try reading a daily newspaper or watching the nightly news together. Or ask your teenager about news she's read online. You'll give her a larger view of the world—and may spur her to get involved in issues she cares about.

Excellent explanations

Clearly explaining things is a communication skill that will serve your teen well in school and at work. He might practice by giving his grandparents step-by-step directions for downloading and opening phone apps. Or he could describe the best bicycle route for a new neighbor to take to the park.

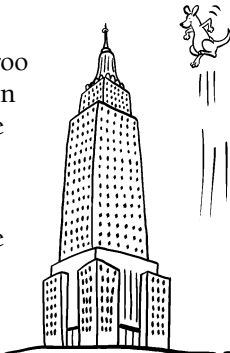
Worth quoting

"The two most important days in your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why." *Mark Twain*

Just for fun

Q: Can a kangaroo jump higher than the Empire State Building?

A: Of course—the Empire State Building can't jump!



Summer job search

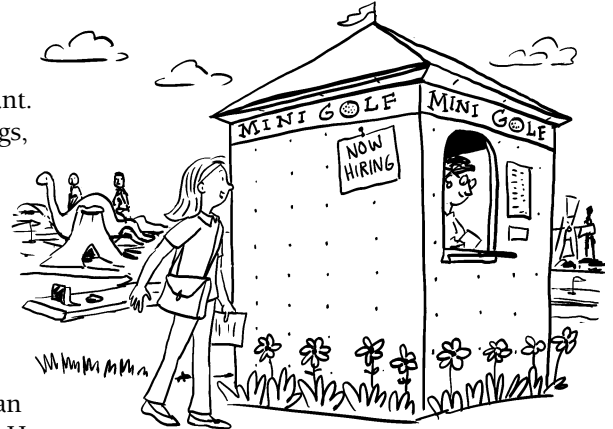
As the school year winds down, encourage your teen to gear up for her summer job hunt. It can take time to find openings, complete applications, and go through the interview process. Share these ways to get started.

Work at it

Suggest that your high schooler treat the search itself like a job. She might set aside an hour each day for job hunting. Have her look online, as well as make calls to relatives, friends' parents, neighbors, coaches, and former employers and coworkers to see if they know of any prospects. She could also go store to store in shopping centers to see who's hiring or to fill out applications at department store kiosks.

Seek seasonal spots

Many types of businesses staff up for the summer. Possibilities include swimming pools, amusement parks, miniature golf courses, hotels, resorts, and tourist attractions. If your teen enjoys being with younger children, she might



ask neighborhood parents if they need summer babysitters. Or she can try for museum or park program positions. She'll earn money while teaching and learning new skills.

Boost chances

Preparation goes a long way toward impressing potential employers. To stand out from other applicants, your teenager should get to interviews early, dress neatly, and be ready to describe her strengths and weaknesses. In addition, suggest that she take a list of references (with correct phone numbers and email addresses). *Note:* She'll need to get permission from references ahead of time. 👍

Make science come alive

Drive home the real-world aspects of science class by helping your high schooler tie what he's learning to his everyday life.

Say he's studying the periodic table in chemistry class. He could print a copy and check off all the elements he identifies around the house. These might include aluminum in foil, titanium in a tennis racquet, lithium in batteries, or fluorine in toothpaste.

Or if he's taking physics, encourage him to find examples of it in the sports he plays. He can note that the force and direction of his baseball swing direct the ball's velocity and angle after it makes contact with the bat. Or in pole vaulting, he could observe that the faster he runs, the greater the kinetic energy that can be converted into a higher jump. 👍



How not to argue with your teen

If you find yourself arguing with your teenager, don't despair. It's a normal part of life with a teen. And the good news is that disagreements can be constructive ways to work out problems. The key is to keep them focused and under control. Here's how.

Stick to the issue. Say your high schooler wants to go on a beach weekend with friends. Talk about *only* that trip, and try not to bring up the past. Sticking to the request at hand will simplify the discussion and help you both remain calm.

Avoid criticism. Stay away from using "always" and "never" statements like "You *always* make bad decisions



when you're with this group" or "You *never* consider our feelings." These types of statements may make your teenager feel ashamed or hurt—and they don't solve the problem.

Tell your side. Try using "I" statements to put the focus on your feelings rather

than the blame on him. *Example:* "I get upset when I think you're ignoring the risks." Your honesty will make it easier for him to tell you his side. And open communication will help you reach a fair decision. 👍



Q & A Prepping for IEP meetings

Q My daughter's IEP meeting is coming up this month.

How should we prepare?

A Getting ready ahead of time will help you feel more comfortable, and you'll be in a better position to help draft the best possible Individualized Education Program for your daughter. Keep these ideas in mind:



- Gather documents like report cards, test results, and her current IEP. (Ask her counselor for a copy if you need it.) You also could request a copy of the proposed IEP to preview it.

- Sit down with your daughter to go over this year's IEP. Write down any questions or suggestions you each have. For instance, maybe she feels that she needs more time to take math tests.

- Let your teen practice advocating for herself. She may think an online writing program would help her meet a goal. Role-play so she feels at ease speaking up during the meeting. 👍

Reduce stress

The end of the school year can be a particularly stressful time for high schoolers. Help your child tame any stress with these coping strategies.

Be healthy

A good first step is having your teenager clear her schedule of unnecessary activities. She should also eat nutritious foods, get plenty of rest, and plan fun time on weekends to give herself a mental break. Feelings of all-around wellness ease anxiety.



Be positive

If your teen works herself up with high-pressure thoughts like "I have to ace my history final," suggest that she rephrase her worry. *Example:* "I'll do my best on the final by studying a little every night." Spreading out the study time will let her feel more on top of her schedule.

Be relaxed

Finally, encourage your teenager to try relaxation exercises. Have her start with her head and, working her way to her toes, tense her muscles, hold for several seconds, then release. 👍

Parent to Parent Why should I graduate?

My son, Joel, has dreams of starting his own lawn care business, which is great. The problem is that he wants to get started *now*—and doesn't think a high school diploma is important.

I told Joel that my own decision to drop out is one I regret, and it's one way I don't want to be a model for him. I explained that dropping out has limited my job

choices and my salary. If I had stayed in school, I might have a manager's job with benefits instead of working three part-time jobs. I also pointed out that the courses he takes in high school will give him skills to help him run a successful business one day.

In the meantime, talking to Joel gave me an idea. I realized that it's never too late, and I looked into getting my GED. Now Joel and I have made a pact: He's going to stay in school, and we're going to get our high school diplomas together! 👍



OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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