



Sergeant Bluff-Luton CSD

Monthly Newsletter

May 2017

From the desk of Dr. Rod Earleywine

Dear Editor:

The Sergeant Bluff-Luton Community School District will join public education systems throughout the state to salute their local school board members and celebrate public education during Iowa's annual School Board Recognition Month in May.

The commemorative month is designed to recognize the contributions made by Iowa's nearly 1,900 local school board, community college and AEA board members, including the members of the Sergeant Bluff-Luton CSD Board of Education, who are charged with governing public education under state law.

Iowa school board members are chosen by their communities through election to manage local schools. They oversee an annual budget of \$23 million, 1,689 students, 290 employees and 4 buildings.

These volunteer leaders also are responsible for formulating school system policy, approving curricula, maintaining school facilities and adhering to state and federal education law. Legal concerns and the complexities of school finance, including budgeting and taxation, require them to spend many hours in board training programs and personal study to enhance their understanding of these issues.

We don't always recognize the dedication and hard work of these public servants elected to represent us and the interest of our children. Invite them out for coffee. Ask how you might help support your local community schools. Drop off cookies at May's board meeting. Write your school board members a thank you note. Let them know you appreciate what they do for your kids in the Sergeant Bluff-Luton CSD.

Please join us by saying "thanks" to our school board members during the Iowa School Board Association's School Board Member Recognition Month in May.

The men and women serving the Sergeant Bluff-Luton CSD and their years of service are: President Jeff Wright (2 years), Vice-president Tammy Matthey (13 years), Director Amiee Krogh (6 years), Director Mike Laughlin (4 years), and Director Dave Schaar (11 years).

Congratulations Class of 2017

I would like to congratulate the Class of 2017 and their families. Graduating from high school is a great accomplishment and something to be proud of. High school graduation should be recognized as the

beginning of future opportunities for our students. The success of our graduates is a direct reflection on our school district. As these seniors leave our school system I want to wish all of them the best of luck. I would like to thank Terry Pomerence and Connie Nelson for their years of service to the Sergeant Bluff-Luton Community School District and wish them the best of luck in retirement. A special thank you to all of the parents who donated their valuable time to help with the prom and after prom party activities. The After Prom Party (APP) activities help to ensure that our students enjoy a fun and safe prom experience.

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.

School Start and Ending Times for 2017-2018

Primary and Elementary school starting times will change from 8:25 to 8:20 beginning with the 2017-2018 school year

<u>Primary and Elementary</u>	8:20 – 3:20 (busses load at 3:20) Mon-Tues-Thur-Fri
	8:20 – 2:40 (busses load at 2:40) Every Wednesday
<u>Middle and High School</u>	8:15 – 3:20 Mon-Tues-Thur-Fri
	8:15 – 2:40 Every Wednesday

The last day of school for the current school year will be Friday, May 26 with a 1:00 pm dismissal time.

Drug Take Back Day

The Sergeant Bluff Police Department is partnering with Sergeant Bluff Pharmacy for the National Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 10 AM until 2 PM. Spring is a great time to clean out your medications and dispose of what you are no longer using, including any expired medications you may have around the house. You can bring in all medications regardless of whether they are controlled substances, prescriptions, or non-prescription. No questions will be asked and they will be disposed of properly and securely. All items will be collected at Sergeant Bluff Pharmacy. If you have questions please call the pharmacy at 712-943-1494.



SB-L Elementary Newsletter

May 2017

From the Desk of Mrs. McCrory

We have come to the end of the year. Thank you for sharing your child(ren) with us every day for the past nine months. It has been a pleasure working with them and watching them grow. Be sure to take advantage of the summer library program. Mrs. Torgerson has a great program lined up. Libraries will be open Tuesday (Elementary) and Thursday (Primary) mornings (opposite Summer Adventure Camp) so we should see lots of students in the library this summer! Bike to school day is May 10th.
Open House – Monday, August 21
First Day of School – Wednesday, August 23

Reading Saves the Day

We are excited to be wrapping up the reading theme for this year. 5th grade students designed t-shirts and all students voted for their top design. Students who made all 4 quarter AR goals will be given a shirt at the end of the year. Students will have until around May 19 (date not yet set) to make their 4th quarter AR goal. We have a very exciting 4th quarter activity planned, so we hope every student works hard to make their goal. More details will be shared as the reward gets closer.

4th Quarter Goals:

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

PBIS Corner:

We are at the end of year 1 with implementing PBIS. It has been a terrific first year. The PBIS team will be working throughout the summer to update, make changes and incorporate new parts into The Warrior Way for next school year. We have only skimmed the surface of PBIS. *The Warrior Way* encompasses lifelong skills so as parents you can keep it in front of your children throughout the summer and remind them that even though they are not in school, they still need to be *The Warrior Way*. If you have any feedback about PBIS please email Mrs. McCrory at mccrojen@sblschools.com. The team would like to hear parent feedback about how it looked through your eyes. **“Our learning community will be RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE and SAFE! It’s THE WARRIOR WAY!”**

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

May 1-5 – Staff Appreciation Week
May 4 – Board Meeting @ 6AM
May 3 – 4th Grade Dairy Farm Tour
May 9 – 5-12 Choir Concert
May 10- Bike to School Day
May 12 – RIF Book Handout from PTO
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May 15 – 5th Grade to Ponca State Park
May 19 – Last day for AR
May 24 – Hot Dog BBQ
May 24 – All library books returned
May 25 – Field Day
May 26 – Last Day of School 1:00 Dismissal

PTO Information

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the parents who helped in some way to help the PTO have a successful year and give back to the 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: **RZJHJW**
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

TAP Program Summer Opportunities 2017

What is TAP?

The Transition Alliance Program (TAP) is a partnership between Sergeant Bluff-Luton Schools and Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services (IVRS) that provides assistance to eligible high school students who require additional supports as they begin to transition to adulthood.

TAP participants may receive assistance with vocational, educational, and life skills services. TAP provides support and links participants with necessary services in order to be successful, productive citizens. The TAP program works with participants to help develop positive work skills in order to find, apply for and maintain employment.

This summer, TAP will have two opportunities for students:

- TAP summer program

Session 1: May 30-June 13: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays (9am-12pm)
Another session can be added depending upon interest.

We are excited to inform students of more services that TAP can provide this summer. TAP students and potentially eligible TAP students have the opportunity to enroll in a community resource/employment training class this summer at **no cost**. Skills will be taught to prepare students for transitioning from high school to secondary education and/or the workforce. Students will have the opportunity to learn a variety of skills that will enable them to become successful, independent citizens. Some of the skills they will learn include the following: employment, job seeking, self-advocacy, budgeting, post-secondary planning, and social skills. We will also have guest speakers to introduce them to helpful services and life skills concepts. Additionally, we will go out into the community some days to participate in community-based activities or tours. We will begin and end each day at Sergeant Bluff-Luton High School. Those students still in high school will receive an elective credit towards graduation for attending the entire session. The program will be run by the Sergeant Bluff-Luton TAP Coordinator Tiffnee Perron and Vocational Rehabilitation counselor Sandra Solis.

- STEM'S (Science Technology Engineering Math) Career Camp AT WITCC:

Week 1: Monday, July 17 through Thursday, July 20 (10am-2pm)
Week 2: Monday, August 7 through Thursday, August 10 (10am-2pm)

Each morning begins at Western Iowa Tech. Students will explore one career pathway. This will include: meeting an employer, discussing their employment needs, skills needed to do the job, ways to prepare for work in this field and ways to obtain experience needed for the job. Someone from each career area will talk about what they look for in employees and job seeking skills will be taught.

Each afternoon, we will tour the company and job shadow various positions discussed earlier in the day. Interested students may pick up applications and apply for the jobs. **Noon lunch will be provided. If your child has dietary restrictions, please bring a sack lunch.**

Please note: students must be registered to attend either session. If transportation is required, this must also be reported ASAP.

If you're interested in registration or have any questions about eligibility or the TAP program and other opportunities available, please call Mrs. Perron (712)490-4664.

		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017	May 6-19, 2017

****CLASS OF 2017****

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

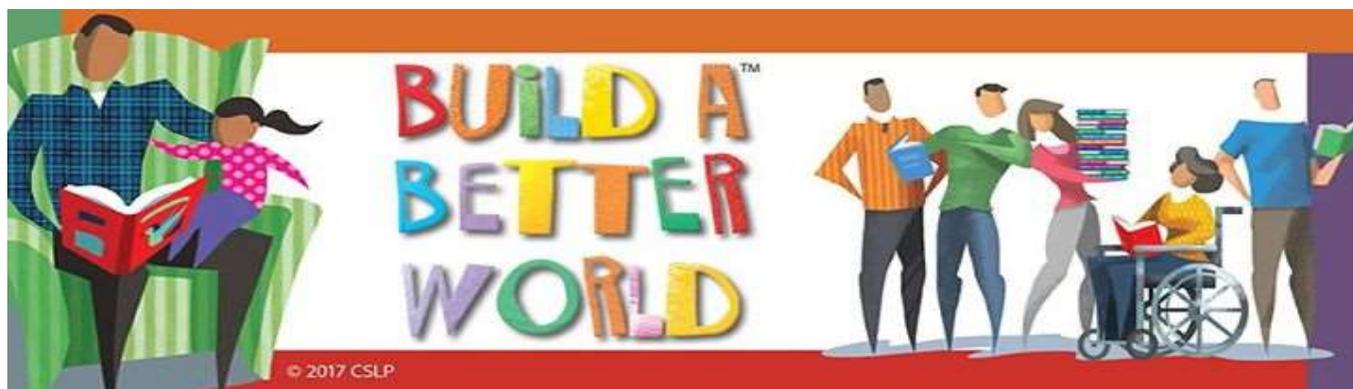
****SENIORS LAST DAY MAY 19**

****Graduation Practice May 19 at 9am**

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

HS Music Activities

Tuesday, May 2	Show Choir Pizza Ranch Tip Night 4:15-8:15 p.m. Sgt. Bluff Pizza Ranch.
Friday, May 5	State Large Group Festival in LeMars for the High School Mixed Choir, Women's Ensemble and Band. The Women's Ensemble performs at 5:42 p.m. The Mixed Choir performs at 6:52 pm. The Band performs at 8:22 p.m.
Tuesday, May 9	5-12 Spring Vocal Concert at 7 p.m. in the Elementary Gym. The senior choir members will receive recognition.
May 12-13	The Band will participate in the Worlds of Fun Music Festival
Monday, May 15	Music Awards Night at 7 p.m. (note the time change) for the Band & Choir members
Sunday, May 21	Graduation. The Band performs. Ali Gaul will sing a solo.
Monday, May 22	Show Choir Auditions for the 2017-2018 school year. 7 p.m. in the HS Auditorium.
Tuesday, May 23	Music Booster Meeting at 6 p.m. in the HS Band room
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day. The Band performs at two locations.



Plan Now to Join Us

THE SGT. BLUFF CITY LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM

June 3, 2017 to August 5, 2017

Stop at the City Library and sign up.

**Primary and Elementary- Open Saturdays from 9am until
11:30am**

(June 3 to August 5)

Tuesday 9am - 1pm at the Elementary

Thursday 9am - 1pm at the Primary

Talk to your librarian to register.

Earn Prizes While You Read For Enjoyment!

IT'S FREE, FREE, FREE!

Sponsors include: Sgt. Bluff Parks and Recreation, Eddie's Tavern, Buchheit Law, McRobert's Trucking, Sgt. Bluff Dental, Day's Door Company, Sgt. Bluff Dairy Queen, Little Lambs Daycare

BUILD A BETTERTM WORLD

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THE SGT. BLUFF CITY LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING TEEN PROGRAM

June 3, 2017 to August 5, 2017

Be Part of a BOOK CLUB

Meeting even numbered Fridays in June and July from 10am-noon at the old Flex Center

This summer reading Neil Gaiman's *Norse Mythology*

**odd numbered Fridays in June and July 9am-1pm Middle School
Patrons will meet at the ELEMENTARY LIBRARY
Talk to your librarian to register.**

Calendars available

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May

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.



May 6th – Elementary/ Middle

May 13th – Primary

May 20th-Elementary/ Middle

May 27th- 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 May Menu

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Cereal, tst, frt jce	1	Pan on stk, frt, jce	2	Omelet, tst,,frt, jce	3	Muff, yog, frt, jce	4	Cereal,tst, frt jce	5
Nacho Beef w/ chips Green Beans 4oz Baby Carrots Mandarin Oranges 4oz Ice Cream Sand		Citrus Chicken Frozen Broccoli 4oz Corn 2oz Slushie		Corndog Baked Beans 4oz Canned Carrots 4oz Pineapple 4oz Ketchup 1oz		Cheese Pizza Lettuce 1 Cup/Ranch Peas 2oz Peaches 3oz Jonny Pop		Hamburger Fries 3oz/Pickle Slice Broccoli Normandy 4oz Mixed Fruit 4oz Ketchup 2oz	
Cereal, tst,Frnt jce	8	Bkfst Pizza, Frt, Jce	9	Saus, Egg Bisq, frt, jce	10	Omelet, Tst ,Frt jce	11	Cereal, tst,Frnt jce	12
Omelet Tri tatar Sausage Patty Baby Carrots 2oz ½ Orange		Pepperoni & Saus Calzone Green Beans 4oz Frozen Broccoli 4oz Slushie		Taco on soft shell Lettuce/Cheese Refried Beans 4oz Corn 4oz Applesauce Cup Ice Cream		Pork Tenderloin Sand Sunchips Canned Carrots 4oz Green Beans 2oz Pineapple 4oz Ketchup 1oz		Popcorn Chicken Fries 3oz Peas 2oz Pears 4oz Ketchup 2oz	
Cereal, tst,Frnt jce	15	Pan on stk, frt, jce	16	Cer. Bar, Yog, Frt, Jce	17	Omelet, Tst ,Frt jce	18	Cereal, tst,Frnt jce	19
Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes 3oz Gravy 2oz Corn 2oz Slushie Ketchup 1oz		Crispito Wedges 3oz Baked Beans 4oz Pineapple 4oz Ketchup 1oz		Turkey & Cheese Sand Sunchips Broccoli & Cheese 4oz Green Beans 4oz Peaches 4oz		Pepperoni Pizza Canned Carrots 4oz Lettuce 1 Cup/Ranch Mixed Fruit 4oz Ice Cream		Chicken Patty Green Beans 4oz Baby Carrots & Ranch ½ Apple Ketchup 2oz	
Cereal, tst,Frnt jce	22	Bkfst Pizza, Frt, Jce	23	Cooks Choice	24	Cooks Choice	25	Cooks Choice	26
Chicken Strips Fries 4oz Corn 2oz Pears 4oz Ketchup 1oz		Chicken Quesadilla Frozen Broccoli 4oz Canned Carrots 4oz Peaches 4oz		Hot Dog on Bun Baked Beans 4oz Green Beans 2oz Fruit Ketchup 1oz Ice Cream		Ham & Cheese Sand Cheetos Baby Carrots Applesauce Cup Cookie		French Brd Pizza Corn 4oz Veggie 2oz Fruit 4oz	
No School	29		30		31				
Have a great summer!!									

Notes:
Milk is offered Every day.
Menu is subject to change.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

High School YEARS

Working Together for Lifelong Success



Short Clips

Spring fever

As the weather warms up, help your teen stay motivated by showing interest in her schoolwork. For example, if she's reading books by Edgar Allan Poe, watch a movie based on one of his short stories with her. Then, compare the movie with the story. How are they alike? Different?

Stepfamily fun

While it may take time for blended families to form comfortable bonds, stepparents can use special activities to make connections. Find out what your stepchild enjoys (tennis, puzzles), and spend time together. *Tip:* Frame pictures of the two of you together to show you're proud to be with him.

Humbly speaking

Being humble will make your high schooler more open to learning from others and help her get along with people. To foster this trait, encourage her to see herself as important, but not better than others. Suggest that she look for people's strengths, such as friendliness or a sense of humor, and avoid putting anyone down.

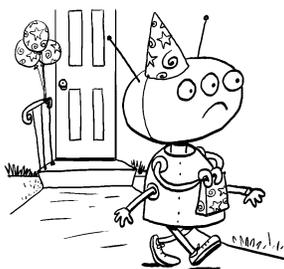
Worth quoting

"They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself." *Andy Warhol*

Just for fun

Q: Why did the alien want to leave the party?

A: The atmosphere wasn't right.



How to spend summer break

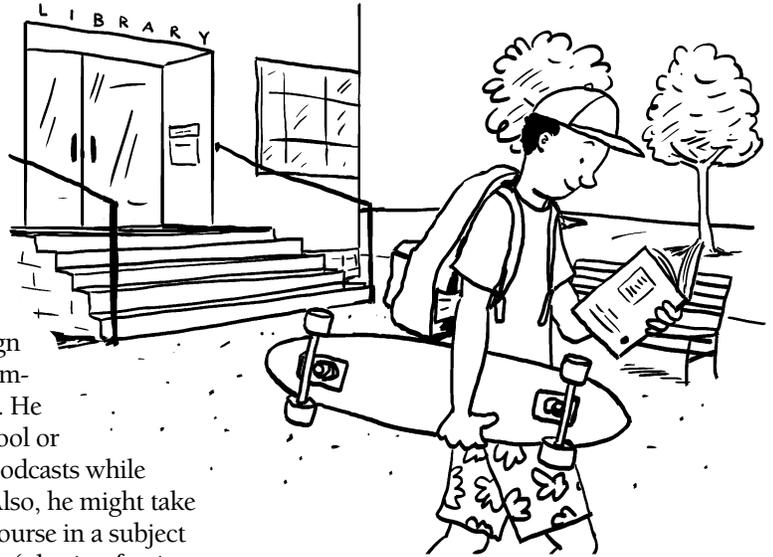
The long days of summer don't have to be lazy ones. Help your teen make the most of his school break with these ideas.

Stay sharp

Encourage your high schooler to sign up for a library's summer book program. He could read at the pool or beach or listen to podcasts while doing yard work. Also, he might take a summer school course in a subject that's tough for him (physics, foreign language). That way, he can concentrate on just one class. Or he could enroll in a study skills or time management class at a community college.

Build skills

Does your teenager like swimming, nature, or acting? Have him look for programs at pools, parks, zoos, and local theaters to attend (or work at, depending on his age). *Idea:* Suggest that he set a "stretch goal" to achieve over the



summer. He might learn to dive or get a role in a play.

Take on special projects

Let your high schooler be the family photographer and create a "Summer 2017" scrapbook. He might even take a photo a day for the entire summer and make a digital album. Or ask him to clear out your household clutter and organize a garage sale. Then, consider allowing him to keep a portion of the proceeds. 👍

Know where your teen is

Keep your teenager safe by making a plan for staying connected over the summer. Use these suggestions:

- Ask your teen to write her daily plans on a calendar or a whiteboard in the kitchen. Add your work schedule and events so she knows how to find you, too.

- Explain that she needs to answer her phone or text back when you contact her. Save her friends' numbers in your phone, and let her know you'll call them if you can't get ahold of her. You could also exchange numbers with her friends' parents as a backup. 👍



Preserve your online reputation

Does your high schooler's online reputation match how she wants others to view her? Share this advice.

Keep it positive. Online posts are fair game for viewing by college admissions officers and future employers. Suggest that your teen post items that paint her in a good light, such as links to interesting (and noncontroversial) news articles, photos of her volunteer work, videos of her sports performances, or inspiring quotes.

Keep it professional. Encourage your teenager to use an appropriate email address. Using a silly or provocative one



will not make a good first impression. *Tip:* If she has an email address from when she was younger, now is a good time to update it.

Keep it clean. The standard advice still holds: "Don't post anything you wouldn't want your grandmother to see."

Make it clear that your child should not post any words or pictures that are sexual or inappropriate in any way. Remind her that the instant she posts something online, it could be there forever. Even if she's on a private page or deletes her post, someone can take a screenshot and forward it.

Idea: Have your teen Google herself from time to time—she'll see herself as others see her online. 👍

Parent to Parent Reviewing the final report card

When my daughter's final report card arrives, school will be over, and her mind will be on summer. I wasn't sure how to handle a discussion, so I asked her school counselor for advice.

Mrs. Grant said that while it will be too late to change anything for this year, discussing Jasmine's



report card can help her get off on the right foot for the fall. She suggested that I begin by praising my daughter for high grades and ones that improved, as well as other positives like good behavior and regular attendance.

If any grades are low, I should ask Jasmine questions, she said. Were assignments turned in on time? How could you have studied harder? Did you understand the material? Then, we can talk about ways to adjust her workload or homework routine for next year. 👍



Q&A

Pitch in at home

Q My son helps around the house—but only when asked. How can I get him to do chores without nagging him?

A Together, create a checklist of chores he is expected to do. Explain that these items aren't a "maybe"—they are his responsibility as a member of your family.

Then, have him devise a reminder system that works for him. He might set alerts in his phone or put sticky notes on his bedroom wall. Also, lay out consequences for not doing his chores, perhaps losing car privileges or not being able to go out with friends.

Finally, make chores more pleasant for everyone by setting aside time to do them together. Put on music, and use the time to enjoy each other's company as you get the jobs done. 👍



Get started on college essays

Summer is the time to get a head start on college essays. Here are strategies to help your teen write ones that will make his applications stand out.

1. Consider the question. Perhaps the admissions committee wants to know his greatest moment or why their college is right for him.

2. Brainstorm answers.

Have him make a list of his strengths or any life-changing events. *Hint:* His essay should reveal something that's not obvious from his application.

3. Add examples. Maybe volunteering at a homeless shelter taught him that every person has value, or visiting a civil rights landmark inspired him to think about a public service career.

4. Write and edit. He should use words that show rather than tell. Instead of "I learned a lot as club president," he might try "As club president, I was able to involve more students in school activities." *Tip:* Be sure he proofreads carefully. Even the smallest errors show a lack of concern for his work. 👍



OUR PURPOSE

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

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