



Utah State Board of Education

Family & Community News



With so many things to be grateful for, this newsletter will highlight a few!

Family and Community Engagement Community of Practice

It was great meeting with a couple of you in October! I am looking forward to our remaining two Fall Community of Practice sessions. Click below for the registration link.

[Register for November 17 here.](#)

[Register for December 1 here.](#)



Have you met Milo and friends? Math Introduction and Learning Opportunities (MILO) and Friends is a research-based campaign to promote early math learning. Milo and friends live on the [STEM Action Center's website](#). Here you

All sessions will be hosted via Zoom from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

can find resources for parents including games, at-home activities incorporating daily tasks or chores, and more!

Resources for Schools

- A sample Family and Community Engagement Specialist job description has been crafted to help guide LEAs' work. You can find the document [here](#).
- We are in the process of planning our first Family and Community Engagement Summit for the Spring of 2024 with a **tentative** date of April 12, 2024, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Are you interested in providing feedback on the development of a Family and Community Engagement Rubric Tool? Complete [this interest form](#) by November 13, 2024.

Support Utah's students to read at grade level!



SB 127 Community Engagement
and Science of Reading



We invite you to participate in an upcoming information session to learn more about a special project with the USBE in partnership with MGT of America. This project focuses on engaging families and communities to ensure at least 70% of Utah's 3rd-grade students are reading at grade level by 2027. LEAs will participate in two-year cohorts beginning as early as January of 2024.

Program Highlights:

- Create a data-driven roadmap specific to your school to engage families and communities effectively in literacy development.
- Expand your skill set via three high-impact professional learning sessions designed to equip school-based community coordinators with the knowledge, skills, and resources to effectively engage families and school communities in literacy development efforts.

- Engage in Communities of Practice, small groups that bring participants together to share common goals and strategies, with other leaders across the state.
- Consult with community engagement and Science of Reading experts on your school's roadmap and identify the next steps to support and engage your school community.
- Learn how to implement regional literacy events that empower your school community.
- Elevate your school's literacy and engagement with a multitude of collaborative resources and toolkits.

How will families and students benefit?



School based Family and Community Engagement Specialists attend cohort activities over the course of two years. Schools strengthen family and community engagement in literacy development efforts.

If you couldn't attend a live information session, you can access a recording of the information session [here](#).

Community Celebration

We are recognizing Discover for their 5th annual Shop-a-Thon event in support of Granite School District students and families.



Discover sponsored 425 students from the Granite School District and brought in 225 Discover volunteers and 18 community partners to support student learning! Students received free meals, haircuts, and a shopping trip! Learn more about this event [here](#).

It's official! Registration is now open for the 2024 National Community Schools & Family Engagement Conference.

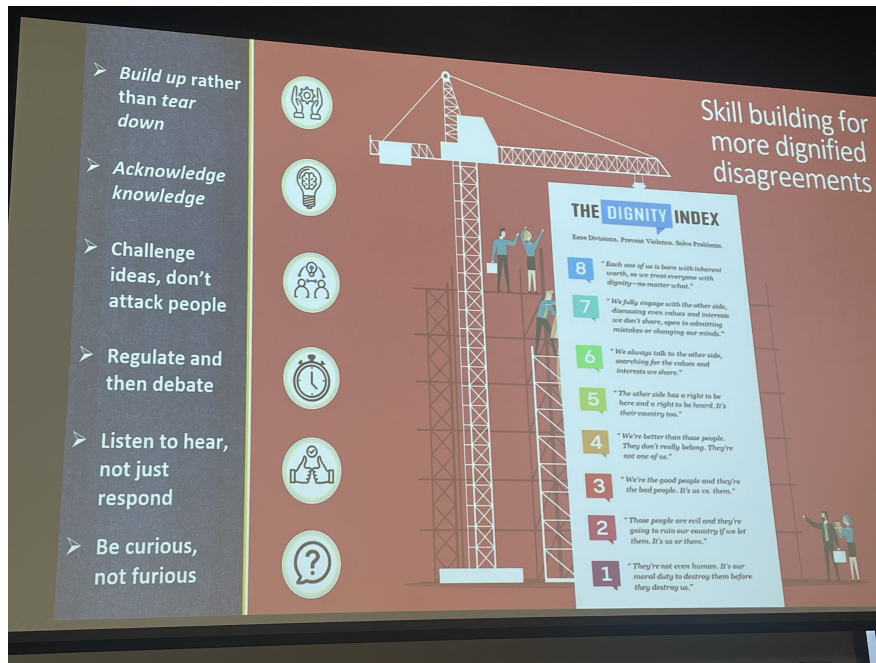


With a lot happening in the world and on news or social media outlets, here is a potential resource from Zero to Three for families on [how to talk to children about war](#). This resource is available in

Arabic, Hebrew, Ukrainian, and Russian on the webpage.

We hosted our second in-person Family and Community Engagement Back to Basics training!

- [Join us for our next in-person training, on January 19, 2024, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. by registering here.](#)



I want to extend a thank you to everyone who responded and was able to attend the Tim Shriver event at the University of Utah. It is an honorable recognition to have been specifically invited. I am hopeful that the messages regarding how to work with families from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences were valuable to the work you do.

Do you have something you want to celebrate?

Email: susie.estrada@schools.utah.gov

Include a description of your celebration and a picture of what would best represent your celebration. If the picture is of a person, a media release form is required and will be supplied upon request.