“Family Fun Nights: Ways to Get Families Involved in School”

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Getting Started

- Dates
  - How many events to do a year
  - When is a good time to do events

- Planning
  - Know early what events you want to do so that there is plenty of time to get things together
  - Keep it simple to start
Family Movie Night

- Indoors/Outdoors
  - Weather, sound, equipment
- Theme – Needs educational purpose or needs movie-viewing license
  - Ideas: Character Education (Cars/Herbie), Environmental Education (Wall-E), Music (High School Musical)
- Decide on food and make arrangements – “If you feed them, they will come”
- Advertise
- PTO Today Family Movie Night Pack

This screen can be found online at Walmart, Home Depot, Target and Amazon. Website above is for Target and cost is $169.99 with free shipping.
Outdoor Movie Theater

This “theater” created by using an all in one projector and a sheet.

This projector sells for 999.00 plus 24.99 shipping on Amazon. There are refurbished and used ones for less out there. You can get the same effect from a projector and a computer.
Family Math and Science Night

- Look through your “basement”
- Use/Reuse
- Choose activities that span all grade levels.
- Take home items are a hit
- Most popular this year was the design your own experiment

Video
Resources for Math and Science Night

- **Family Math** by Stenmark, Thompson, and Cossey
- Local scientists – astronomy, engineers, lab technicians
- Internet
  - [www.jason.org](http://www.jason.org)
- **COSI**
  - [http://cosi.org/educators/classroom-activities](http://cosi.org/educators/classroom-activities)
  - COSI in Classrooms
    - [http://cosi.org/educators/outreach/cic](http://cosi.org/educators/outreach/cic)
      - Please note these programs are currently available only in Ohio’s Franklin, Union, Delaware, Madison, Pickaway, Fairfield, & Licking Counties.
Let’s Make a Deal Family Picnic

- Great end of year activity
- Can provide food or have a bring your own
- Costumed students have priority
- Indoors/Outdoors
- Sound system if needed
- All bags/boxes need to be opened on stage so crowd can participate.
- Zonks are fun!

**Prizes**
- My Coke Rewards (flip camera, cd system, giant inflatable bowling)
- Campbell’s Labels
- Great Drive Forward (Amazon points to use on anything)
- Clean out (left over incentives)
- Free coffee from McDonalds (collect stickers)
- Certificates from end of year for free items
- Fundraiser incentives
- Conference tote bags
Rounds for Let’s Make a Deal

- Two Bag Challenge – Two numbered bags, contestant gets to pick one. Then is given the chance to keep or trade for what is in the other bag.

- Three Envelopes – Two envelopes with money, one that is not money. Contestant chooses one of the money envelopes. Then can trade the money for the not money envelope. ($.25, $1, and gift card)

- Two Rooms – Two bags, each one labeled with a room or area (game room, backyard). Contestant picks one bag.

- Six Prize Challenge – Six contestants and six bags. First contestant picks bag and can open it. They then can keep or give the prize to the next contestant. If they keep it, they sit down. If they pass it off, they can pick another bag and have to keep it. Any contestant that does not get to pick (meaning they were given a prize versus getting to open a prize) stays standing until all prizes are distributed. Then they have the opportunity to keep what they have or choose from pockets on the host.
Rounds for Let’s Make a Deal

- 8 Bookbag Challenge – Items are in tote bags and 8 contestants are picked. The contestants “run” to the bags and get to keep the one that they pick.

- 4 Contestant Pick or Pass – 4 contestants in order are given the opportunity to pick prize one or pass it up. If the 1st person passes, the second person can pass on prize one or take it. The 4th person has to take it if all others pass. Round ends after all prizes are given out.

- Two Hints – Two bags, each labeled with a hint. Contestant gets to pick one. (Trip, Food)

- Big Deal Challenge (optional) - All “big” winners from previous rounds come up and can trade their prizes for what’s in the boxes. They can also choose to keep their own prize to avoid a Zonk.
Sock Hop

- Day of event – Wear 50s garb to school
- Keep it short! No longer than an hour and a half.
- Root Beer Floats
- Itunes to create a playlist
- Have special dances planned such as limbo and hokey pokey
- Dance lessons of the monkey, mashed potato, etc. (See You Tube)
- Games
  - One Eyed One Horned Flying Purple People Eater: Envelopes with pictures in them of monsters. Only one has One Eyed One Horned Flying Purple People Eater in it. The student that finds it wins a prize.
  - Floor Bingo: Numbers on the floor and while music is on dancers have to make it to a number. When the music stops they have to be on a number. Roll the dice and the people at that number are eliminated. Keep playing until only one or two are left and they win a prize.
Monster Mash
Deck the Halls

- Annual Event that coincides with our Secret Santa Shop
- 11 stations – students receive a stamp at every station and then turn it in at check out for a prize
- Resources for activities: Oriental Trading, JoAnn Etc., Michael’s, internet
- Prizes: Candy canes, holiday erasers (12 for a dollar at Dollar Tree), holiday pencils (12 for a dollar at Target Dollar Spot), Oriental Trading
- Pictures with Santa – Take and print later
- Need two hours
Deck the Halls

Rudolph’s Reindeer Games
- Pin the Nose on Rudolph
- Toss Rudolph’s Nose in the gift box

Dasher’s Decorations
- Decorate the school

Dancer’s Dazzlers
- Wooden Tree Project
- Foamie Scene
- Beaded Ornaments – candy cane, wreath, snowflake

Prancer’s Presents
- Cake Walk with Presents

Vixen’s Vittles
- Cookies and hot chocolate
- Sponsored dinner
- Make “reindeer” food snack mix

Comet’s Craft
- Foam ornament, gingerbread boy, or tree
- Shrinky Dinks

Cupid’s Candy Cane Tree

Donner’s Decoration
- Scratch off ornament
- Button book mark

Blitzen’s Baubles
- Candy Cane Reindeer
- Recycled Tin Punch ornament

Pictures with Santa

Secret Santa Shop
Cupid’s Candy Cane Tree

Made out of thin plywood and reused from year to year.
Pictures with Santa

My dad now owns his own Santa Suit!
Bingo Night

- PTO provided popcorn and drinks
- Bingo game from the "basement" (if you don’t have one, try local churches to borrow one)
- Used unpopped popcorn for markers
- Can only play one card at a time
- Games: line, X, four corners, postage stamp, whole card
- Prizes:
  - My Coke Rewards (make your own jump rope, soccer ball, football)
  - Fuzzy Monkeys (left over from fundraiser)
  - Gift cards (fundraiser incentive)
  - Speedy Rewards gas card using reward points
Author Night

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O Free family evening
O Will speak to students during the day and then will come at night with the parents
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Mystery Night

- The Case of the Missing Valentines
- Different stations set up throughout the building to solve the case
- See handouts
Family Reading Night

- Tie in with book fair or author visit
- Famous guest readers – OSU players, TV personalities, Blue Jackets
- Easy snacks such as juice and cookies or themed reading snacks such as Harry Potter magic wands (chocolate dipped pretzel rods) or gummy “book” worms
- Themed (Idita-Read)
- Storyteller
- Book/activity give away, Book Swap
- PTO Today Family Reading Night Pack
Other Ideas

- Family Arts and Crafts Night
- Family Game Night*
- Family Wii/Kinect Night*
- Family Fit Night*
- End of the Year Picnic with Dessert Buffet or Cake Auction
- PJ, Pizza, and Movie Night
- Sports Night
- Our School’s Got Talent
- Mad Hatter Tea Party
- Winter Fun
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