



HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FUN

Christmas Break is rapidly approaching (students - and teachers - are counting the days)! For parents, that means needing to find fun ways to keep your kids busy for two weeks while they're at home. Here are a few activities that are fun and will keep your kids occupied long enough for presents to be wrapped:

1. Invention Box: Spark your kid's creativity by giving them a box of materials (glue, glitter, pop-sicle sticks, ribbon, googly eyes, pipe cleaners, etc.) and challenge them to create.
2. Story Time: Give a story-starter ("Today we walked into a cave and saw a huge _____.") and let your child fill in the blank. Sitting in a circle, take turns with providing the next sentence and filling in the blank.
3. Dinosaur Bones: Save some paper towel and toilet paper rolls. Then do some research on the kind of dinosaur skeleton your family wants to create using the cardboard rolls. For bonus points, have your child do some extra digging to learn about where the dinosaur lived, when it lived, what it ate, did it swim/fly/walk, etc.
4. Camping Trip: While the weather might be too frightful for a real camping trip, there's never a bad time for camping in the living room. Use blankets and pillows to create your camp space. Cook some hot dogs and maybe even make some s'mores. Take your camping trip to the next level by encouraging your child pretend to take a hike, go fishing, or maybe even go on a treasure hunt (treasure maps help with this!).
5. Puppet Show: Need a break from screens? Make sock puppets and use them to act out your favorite book, TV show, or movie. Show your child how to use funny voices for different characters. Let them record the show using a phone or tablet, and then it can keep them entertained for days!



We want to wish all of our ACE families a safe and happy holiday season! Enjoy the time you get to spend with friends and loved ones. And we can't wait to see what all the spring semester holds for the 21st Century ACE afterschool program!

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DECEMBER TIDBITS

- December 5th marks 120 years since Mickey Mouse first appeared in the Steamboat Willie cartoon. Hot diggity dog!
- The Bill of Rights, which includes the first ten amendments of the US Constitution, came into effect on December 15th, 1791.

ACE STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Name: Suzanne Broussard

Position: Site Coordinator at Texas City High School

Bio: I have been the Site Coordinator at TCHS's 21st Century ACE program since the fall of 2017. Coordinating the 21st Century ACE program at Texas City High School is the BEST of all worlds in the education business - it truly gives the ACE team the time necessary to get to know their students through engaging activities, exploring personal interests, and creating meaningful relationships with friends, families, and teachers. And I should know since I have over 34 years of experience in education!!! Since 1988 I have been working with the youth of Galveston County - anything from teaching, mentoring, tutoring, youth ministry, and camp counselor.



Fun Facts: I have two adult sons. Luke is a Marine. Noah is employed with the railroad. I live on the water. I have a rescue dog named Jane Doe. I like to cook, read, swim, walk, and write in my journal. I also like to hunt and travel.

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MEALS 2 GO

Family engagement during the past year and a half has been difficult due to COVID and the related restrictions on campus visitors. Last year we started a meal kit program that allowed families to receive a recipe card with all of the necessary ingredients to cook a healthy, delicious meal or snack at home together. The feedback we received was that families wanted seconds! So we've started the meal kits, this time called Meals 2 Go, once again.

A small group of our high school students has been helping with putting the meal kits together (seen below). We couldn't do it without them! Contact your student's Site Coordinator if interested in participating in Meals 2 Go.



WHAT'S GOING ON AT GUAJARDO?

If you're hoping for an update on the new building, you won't find that here. But you will find pictures of all the amazing things that are taking place during Guajardo's ACE program. From fencing to drumming and even glow sticks provided by our awesome bus driver Mr. Roberts to light up the ride home, Guajardo has got it going on!

To be sure that you don't miss out on any of Guajardo ACE's events, make sure you are on the Remind and also follow our Facebook page (@TCISD21stCenturyACE).



SERVICE LEARNING WITH TCHS

A big component of our ACE program at Texas City High School involves service learning opportunities. High school students all seem to need volunteer hours. And these opportunities provide both the needed volunteer hours as well as exposure to various college and career pathways. The warm fuzzies our students and staff get along the way are just a bonus!

Seen below are some of our students serving as the waitstaff for Independence Village's Annual Gala and also a few of our Pumpkin Patch volunteers showing off the shirts they received.



December 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| | | | 1 Gingerbread Pair 5:45-7:00 p.m. @ Blocker MS | 2 Fencing Tournament 6:30 p.m. @ Guajardo ES | 3 | 4 Service Learning Opp 10:00 am. - 12:00 p.m. @ The ARC |
| 5 | 6 | 7 STAAR Testing | 8 Immersive Art Show 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. @ Guajardo ES | 9 STAAR Testing | 10 STAAR Testing | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Early Release | 18 |
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| 19 | 20 Student Holiday No School | 21 Student Holiday No School | 22 Student Holiday No School | 23 Student Holiday No School | 24 Christmas Eve | 25 Christmas Day |
| 26 | 27 Student Holiday No School | 28 Student Holiday No School | 29 Student Holiday No School | 30 Student Holiday No School | 31 New Year's Eve | |

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