Dear Partners,

The Colorado Department of Education, in collaboration with the State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education, is pleased to share that November is Family and School Partnership in Education Month. About 60 years of research highlight the important role that family, school and community partnerships play for positive student academic and behavioral outcomes. [Free resources and support are available on the FSCP webpage.](https://www.cde.state.co.us/familyengagement) Below are a few examples of how districts are engaging with their communities:

* In Bennett, the elementary school hosted a flow in the dark math and literacy night for families to gain accessible ideas to replicate academic learning at home.
* Platte Valley Middle School hosts an annual Family Night for staff and families to just have fun! Participants eat dinner together, play BINGO, have a cake walk, and take pictures in a photo booth.
* James Madison STEAM Academy in Greeley hosts quarterly Principal Chats with families to build relationships and community.

[These examples and many more are available in the 2023 edition of Promising Partnership Practices.](https://www.cde.state.co.us/familyengagement/2023ppps)

Research indicates that family, school and community partnerships lead to improved students’ attendance, higher graduation rates and a deeper sense of belonging (Mapp et al., 2022). How are you planning to celebrate Family and School Partnership in Education Month? Reach out to *[insert local district FSCP contact]* or Dr. Darcy Hutchins, director of Family, School and Community Partnerships at the Colorado Department of Education, to share your ideas or ask questions.

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