

Parents and Teachers GEAR UP!

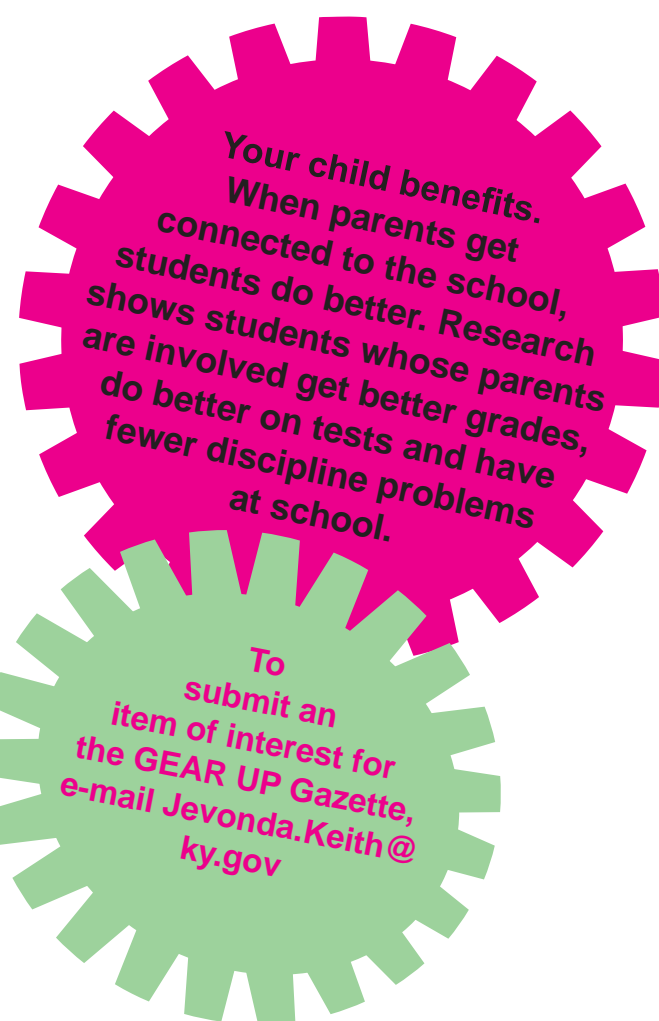
NCLB Toolkit for parents

The U.S. Department of Education has released a toolkit called "School Box" to empower and support parents to be involved in their children's education. This toolkit provides information on No Child Left Behind and tips parents can use to support learning at home



and in school. Posters, brochures and other tools are also available. For a free copy of the toolkit, call 877-4ED-PUBS or visit <http://www.ed.gov/parents/academic/involve/schoolbox/index.html>.

Source: Kentucky Department of Education, ParentInfo Newsletter, November



To submit an item of interest for the GEAR UP Gazette, e-mail Jevonda.Keith@ky.gov

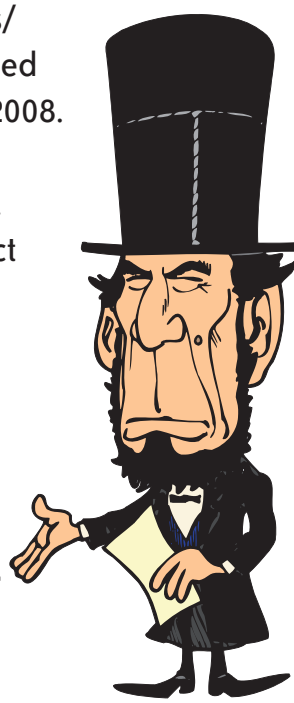
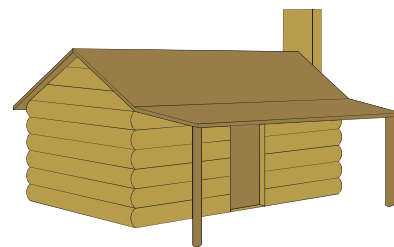
Do Your Students Volunteer?

The Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site seeks students/volunteers to assist with archeological work. Volunteers will be needed at the boyhood home at Knob Creek, near Hodgenville January 8-20, 2008.

Students will have the opportunity to use classroom skills in the field. On-site training will be provided. Volunteers interested in this project are asked to be available for at least five days.

For additional information about this project or to volunteer, please contact Sandy Brue, Chief of Interpretation and Resource Management, at Sandy_Brue@NPS.gov or 270-358-3137.

Source: EDU Postmaster, November 30, 2007



How can NIE help?

How could you use the GEAR UP Kentucky Newspaper in Education (NIE) program to help your students? Using information in the newspaper, you could encourage your students to:

- Generate questions about issues that affect them or topics about which they are curious.
- Read and write fluently.
- Show how science concepts can be interpreted through creative expression such as language arts and fine arts.
- Acquire information from multiple sources and then evaluate, organize and communicate it.

For more learning standards that are applicable to the NIE program, check out: www.nieonline.com.

Homework Tips for Parents

- Ask your children if they understand their homework. If they do not, work a few examples together.
- Ask your children to show you their homework after the teacher returns it to learn where they're having trouble and where they're doing well.
- Stay in touch with your children's teachers. Ask about their classes and what they are studying.
- Don't be afraid to get in touch with the teacher if you and your child don't understand an assignment or if your child is having a great deal of trouble.
- Assume that your child has studying to do every night.
- Don't do your children's work for them. Help them learn how to do it themselves.
- Show your children that you think homework is important. If you are at work during homework time, ask to see their work when you get home.
- Praise your children for doing well. Make praise a habit.
- Ask your school about tips or guides for helping your children develop good study habits.



Source: The National PTA, 330 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 2100 Chicago, IL 60611-3690

Crossword Puzzle Answers

Across: 5. Graduate 6. Friends 11. Quality 12. Counselor

Down: 1. Future 2. Homework 3. GoHigherKY
4. Procrastination 7. Search 8. Studying 9. KEES
10. Calendar

??Questions/Comments??

Do you have questions or comments about this issue of the GEAR UP Gazette? Would you like to submit your own story for publication in the next issue? If so, please contact:



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