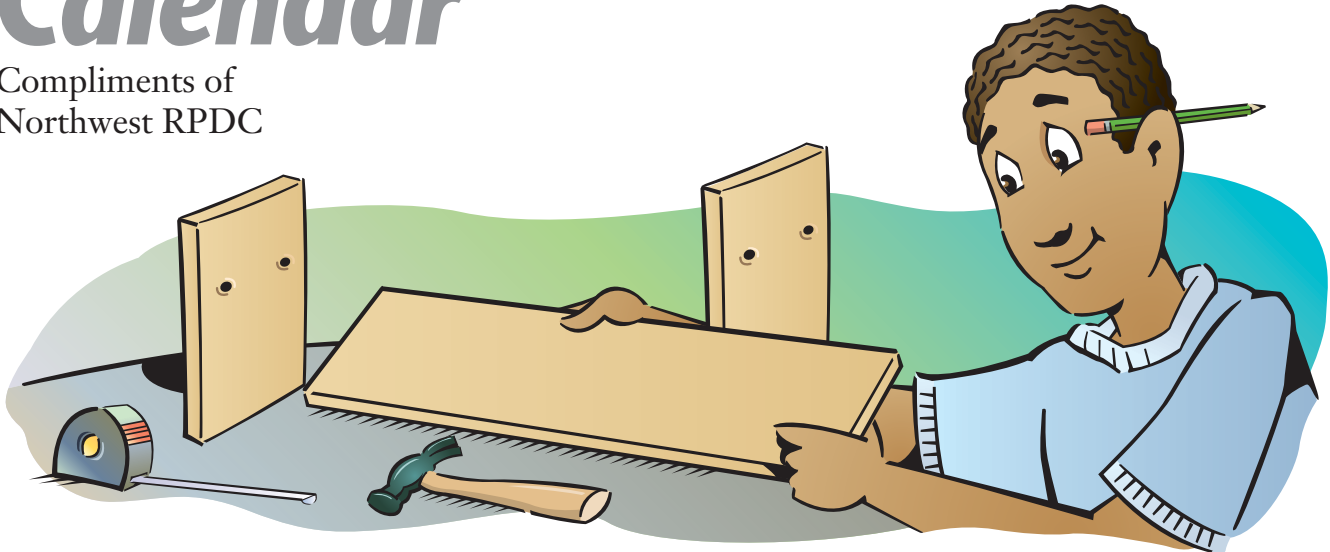


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 This month, make plans to attend a community or school board meeting with your teen.	2 Help your teen draw up a résumé, even if she's young. List awards, jobs and volunteer service.	3 Have your teen research how and when he can register to vote.	4 Do your "homework" alongside your teen—pay bills, write letters or read.	5 Don't wait for your teen to raise the subject of AIDS. Look for a TV show or news story to open the topic.	6 Is your teen a visual learner? Have her make posters or flash cards to help with memorizing.	7 Is your teen an auditory learner? Have him tape record key ideas, then listen to them as he studies.
8 Look for a new skill or hobby to learn with your teen. It's a great way to get to know your teen on a new level.	9 One night this week, sit down and watch your teen's favorite TV show with her. Then talk about it afterward.	10 Before engaging in conflict, ask, "Is this really an issue that is worth a major battle? Or is compromise possible?"	11 Help your teen set priorities. Homework and chores come before work, TV and spending time with friends.	12 It's the birthday of suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Talk about how women's roles are changing.	13 Lots of homework? Your teen should tackle the toughest assignment first.	14 If your teen doesn't already do his own laundry, teach him.
15 Look for a volunteer activity you can do as a family.	16 This is American Education Week. Try to visit your teen's school this week.	17 It's Geography Awareness Week. Quiz each other on state, province and world capitals at dinner tonight.	18 When you're at the library, get the URL of the library's home page. Encourage your teen to check it out.	19 Ask to see your teen's homework. Talk about the useful knowledge she is acquiring for life.	20 Have your teen practice estimation. How long to finish this assignment? How far can I go on a tank of gas?	21 Cut out an article or comic strip your teen will enjoy. Leave it by her place at breakfast.
22 Give your teen a camera and ask her to record "A day in the life of our family."	23 If your teen comes home with a bad report card, try not to get angry. Instead, help him set clear goals.	24 Does your teen want a car? Have him do a cost analysis. Be sure to include insurance and maintenance.	25 Let your teen study with two colors of highlighters. One for important principles, the other specific facts.	26 Make it a "No TV" night tonight. Read as a family instead.	27 Is there a college nearby? Make plans to visit it with your teen.	28 Most teens have their first drinks at home. If you use alcohol, lock it up when you aren't around.
29 Invite your teen to bring a friend along to the movies, and allow them to sit separately. Discuss it afterwards.	30 It's Mark Twain's birthday. Check out one of his books. Take turns reading it aloud with your teen.	<h1>November 2009</h1>				