

Ty Ankrom's Here's What I Think ...

According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, in 2016, more than one of every five students reported being bullied.



But only a third of students bullied report it to an adult.



October is Bullying Prevention Awareness Month and in observance of that, the Ohio Department of Education has created a Web page that educators can use and refer parents to if they have questions

about dealing with bullying.

The Department reported in its EdConnection brief that visitors can access the new Web page with resources for parents. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/y7h4vy4f> for the link to the resource page.

Among the tips on the resource page are steps to take if your child is being affected by bullying; learning about bullying and talking to your child about it.

Another resource for teachers is through PACER.

PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center was created in 2006 in an effort to delegitimize bullying as a childhood rite of passage. Since then, PACER has worked to provide resources for students, parents and educators.

The organization provides free resources for educators at www.pacer.org/bullying/classroom/.

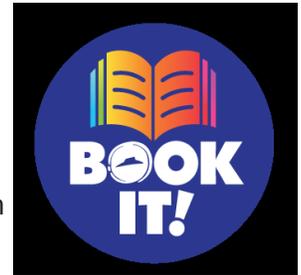
Family Literacy Month

November is Family Literacy Month and National Young Readers Week is Nov. 6-10.

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This observance was co-founded by Pizza Hut and the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress in 1984 to raise awareness about the importance of reading.

At www.bookitprogram.com, there are resources for teachers, such as free printables for activities and games, book reviews, designed paper for children to write their own stories, reading logs and reading contracts.



Each year, the organization challenges school principals to "read their heart out all day long." Get details on the challenge at <http://www.bookitprogram.com/nyrw/default.asp>.

Another page on the site provides age-appropriate mystery book recommendations (www.bookitprogram.com/shelfhelp/default.asp).

According to the page, "research shows that reading age-appropriate mysteries helps children develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, all while having fun and gaining confidence as they demonstrate their deductive reasoning prowess."

The site also has a section for parents that includes tips on how they can get involved encouraging their children to read.

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