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# NEWS BRIEFS

## **Family Summit set for Nov. 5**

“Empowering Children with Healthy Lifestyles,” Comal ISD’s bi-annual Family Summit, will be Saturday, Nov. 5 at Canyon High School.

There are enough activities, workshops, benefits to fill several days for people of all ages. The biggest challenge will be for members of your family to select which sessions/activities to participate in. Admission is free and the community is invited.

In a partnership with Resolute Health, this year’s summit will offer free lunch and free child-care. Child-care activities (for children aged 3-10) include activities in the Sow Healthy garden, lunch with parents, potting activity and children’s yoga.

Some of the valuable sessions include: quick, easy nutritional meals; the importance of socialization; 10 tips for a successful parent/teacher conference; college application assistance; parent assistance with district technology (TxGradebook, StudyWiz); and developing character, integrity and morality in children. Middle and high

school students are encouraged to attend all sessions.

For more information, please contact your child's campus or Jamie Ezell, at 830-221-2169.

## **CHS to host, “Making it Count” for college financing**

Canyon High School has scheduled Making It Count's “Ultimate Money Skills: College Funding” program for parents of students who are in their freshmen through senior year of high school. Making It Count, an educational service provider for parents and students and a business unit of Monster Worldwide Inc., is teaming up with Bank of America to provide the free, one-hour presentation on Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 6:30 p.m., at Canyon High School Performing Arts Building.

“Ultimate Money Skills: College Funding” is designed to help parents gain an understanding of how the college financing process works, including options available to develop a college funding strategy, how to plan for and manage *all* college costs and different types of financial aid available. Parents will learn how to send their child to college without risking their financial future.

“A student's entry into higher education after high school is a key transitional period for both students and parents alike,” said JR Cifani, vice president and general manager of Making It Count. “Our goal with Ultimate Money Skills: College Funding is to assist the parents by providing sound financial options and solutions for the major investment that a college education demands.”

Last year, on average, parents rated the value of the ideas presented in the program a 9.4 and the effectiveness of the program a 9.6 on a 10-point scale.

More information about the presentation can be found online at [www.MakingItCount.com](http://www.MakingItCount.com).

## **College exam deadlines approaching**

College entrance exams, the SAT and ACT, are scheduled for November and December in Comal ISD. Students are required to register for the exams and may find more information through their high school's college and career counseling center.

The next SAT will be administered on Nov. 5 at Smithson Valley High School. Another SAT opportunity will be Dec. 3 and the registration deadline is Nov. 8. Full practice tests are available on this website, <http://sat.collegeboard.org/practice/sat-practice-test>.

The next ACT is Dec. 10 and will be at Canyon High School. Registration deadline is Nov. 4.

The PSAT/National Merit Qualifying Test will be administered to all 10<sup>th</sup> grade students at the three comprehensive high schools in Comal ISD on Wednesday, Oct. 12. Those freshmen and juniors who have registered for the test will also take it then. The PSAT provides valuable resources to help students prepare for the SAT and take important first steps toward college. It allows eligible juniors to enter scholarship and recognition

programs, and provides younger students with early feedback on academic skills they can work to improve.

The junior year is the only year that students' scores may qualify them for scholarship and award opportunities.

## **Clear Spring Elementary hosts SMART night**

Clear Spring Elementary School is hosting Science, Math and Reading Tools (SMART) Night on Tuesday Oct. 25, from 6-7:30 p.m.

Parents are invited to learn what their children are doing in math, reading, science and writing and what they can do to support them at home. Parents are encouraged to bring smart phones, iPhones, iPads or iTouches as the campus will provide applications that can be downloaded on these devices.

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