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Hollenbeck middle school magnet

The first, biggest battle when he becomes the parent of a middle school child is this: wrapping your mind around the fact that your child (emphasis on baby) will soon be thrown to the wolves – or at least the sour bunch that seem to populate your child's future school. Since when did sixth-graders grow whiskers? Ok. Stop breathing into the paper bag. Your baby's going to be fine-it's you you're worried about. We know that as a parent it can be difficult to watch your child grow up and become his or her own person. Watch them pile on the pressures of a new school, peers, sports and homework, and that's enough to make you want to turn back the clock to simpler days – the ones that involved cajoling an intrepid toddler to eat broccoli. But that, my friend, is your first mistake. It's time to get your mental game going. If your child's foray into middle school is going to be OK (and that is), then you need to get your head in the game. And that means making sure your child grows up and charting a strategy to deal with it before the first day of school arrives. Survival Strategy Two: Independence Day Sweet Freedom. Middle-schoolers crave it but can't handle too much of it, and you may not be ready to start letting go. The key is to find a balance that is healthy for both of you. One way to do this is by fulfilling your child's desire for freedom (which is a natural developmental event, by the way) by allowing him or her to participate in a variety of approved activities. Playing on the basketball team, for example, offers your child an outlet for many things: camaraderie, physical activity and even peer pressure. Yes, peer pressure can have a good side. Just ask which tween has flunked the pre-algebra, been benched by the coach and let down his teammates. It won't happen again. Better yet, organized leisure activities offer your child a (supervised) chance to get away from your watchful eyes. But you still get to participate by cheering the games, applauding a two-act game or attending an art exhibition. Whatever the interests of your child, give him or her a way to explore it. Your role is to offer limits, limitations and support. One way you get to practice your role is when it's time for homework. The School Psychologists Association says that homework teaches children how to handle time, make choices and solve problems. Help your child create a system – a place and time to study with all the necessary resources – let him or her address the challenges of middle school homework without your hovering presence. Stay in touch with teachers, even if your child assures you this is the most uncool thing you've ever done. That's why some smart person invented email – use it to send the occasional question about your child's in-class performance. Survival Strategy Three: Oh, the drama it's hard to be a tween bent on teen-hood. Not There is increased self-awareness (thanks, puberty), but there are also a host of new relational situations to encounter. When the school turns into a fashion show or popularity contest, all this drama becomes a bit awkward. That's because it's hard for parents to know when to go in and when to let their son or daughter sort things out alone. We happen to agree with Joe Bruzzese, author of Parents' Guide to Middle School Years, which advises parents to play a supporting role as peer relationships form and dissolve. Sure, we've been guilty of beating the nasty girl's mother and have our say, but we learned the hard way that it usually doesn't help. Avoid the daily friend drama, but be willing to step in if you feel your child is being bullied. Another minefield to avoid? Fashion. Set some clear limits, like hemline length or a waistband stop point, but be willing to let your child have a say in what he or she is wearing. While tweens are clamoring for friendship in middle school melee, they are likely to try out a variety of styles. Personally, we don't start to worry until talk of tattoos and multiple piercings comes into play. As you guide your middle school child, remember: Your role is not one of perfection. Shake off some nagging doubts about your self-esteem that can bubble up to the surface the first time you clutter up a middle school dance. (Hey, it's happening!) The key is to be involved, even when you allow your tween more independence. According to a report by Johns Hopkins University researchers, when you are clued in the middle school scene, your child is more likely to have better grades, attendance and homework skills. Plus they will be prepped to succeed in high school. Hyperventilate again? It's all right. You can put that paper bag down. We're leaving our high school discussion for another day. Page 2 Back-to-school time involves stocking up on pens, loaves and other traditional necessities that generations of children have stowed away in desks, cubbies and lockers. In elementary and middle school, teachers typically provide lists of specific items to retrieve; and even in high school, many instructors require certain types of notebook paper, pens and the like. In addition to the classic supplies – crayons, notebooks, rulers – that constantly make these back-to-school lists, there are also a number of others to consider. Today's student has an arsenal of gear and gizmos to help him or her manage workloads and improve the learning experience. Whether it's a new spin on a classic or a newfangled gadget, these five cool school tools make the grade to get your son or daughter to study in style. Content Even pre-K students can get a head start on their computer know-how with learning laptops. For less than $50, these laptoplike gadgets can amplify the skills taught in the classroom with fun, educational games and In its short history, learning laptops now come in handheld sizes with more sophisticated graphics and an extensive range of software covering topics including reading, math, foreign languages and more. Children can navigate through many of these models using a keyboard, electronic pen or trackpad with an interface like a video game system. For middle and high school students who need word processing opportunities and Internet access, netbooks are a good option. Priced at a few hundred dollars, these mini-laptops have been grabbing tech headlines for their usability and affordability. In fact, some schools are starting to utilize netbooks in the classroom thanks to their budget-friendly assets. Ad Finding the perfect backpack is crucial for many schoolchildren. After all, they tote around with them every day and want it to make a cool impression. Parents are probably more concerned about the toll the packaging takes on the young backs. Thankfully there are options out there to please both parties. Unfortunately, you probably will need to spend more money in exchange for ergonomic quality. To protect the back and spine, watch out for packs with lots of padding. Padded straps and backs are good signs. Make sure that the straps are tight to the body, and that the backpack comes with a chest strap for extra support. When carrying the backpack, it should sit higher on the back rather than strenuous spine by hanging down on the hips. There are also rolling backpacks to choose from, but some schools no longer allow them. And they can detract from the crucial cool factor that your student requires. Ad It is important that schoolchildren learn to add, subtract and so on in the head - with occasional help from their fingers and toes. But when higher math rolls around in high school and onwards, it's time to pull out the big guns. Calculators have been a routine item in older children's backpacks for a while now, and they now offer more math and science help than ever before. Texas Instruments, one of the most common brands of calculator manufacturers, offers additional software, memory storage and pre-installed tutorial programs on some models. Students can also now choose from more aesthetically pleasing calculators, such as bubblegum pink graph editions and fire truck red beginner models. Ad Pen and Paper will never go out of style to take notes. But for techie students out there who want to get the most out of their notemaking skills, Smartpens are neat and relatively cheap at around $150. LiveScribes Pulse Smartpen writes on specialized paper that digitally records what you write and where on the page. At the same time, the pen can also pick up sound, which means that a student can take notes and record the lecture at the same time. When it comes to time to study, smartpen hooks in a computer to download all the notes in a source. This allows students to place the Smartpen on notes on the specialized paper to hear the corresponding sounds. If your student doesn't require as much technical magic, FLY Fusion Pentop Computer from Leap Frog also digitally records what a student writes. The writing device then converts the written notes into digital documents. Like the LiveScribe Smartpen, Pentop also requires specialized paper. Since Pentop doesn't save audio, there are many discrete mP3 recording devices and audio recording extensions for iPods that can fulfill the Ad Between Notes, Laptop Learning and Backpack Toting feature, kids need to do their homework. Whether it's solving a tough mathematical problem, researching a science fair project or creating a bibliography for an essay, the web has a wealth of educational resources. But tracking the best of these resources can be challenging, and parents may be reluctant to unleash their children on the Internet. Fortunately, some companies have developed robust homework helpers programs for students of all learning levels. DiscoveryEducation.com, for example, provides assistance to seven different disciplines, along with interactive games and student-tailored external web links for additional tutorials. For a monthly fee, Cosmeo by Discovery Education is a one-stop-shop for Discovery videos, scientific articles, step-by-step academic teaching, and more. By leveraging the breadth of valuable information online, kids can improve their learning experience and continue to do A+ grades. Ad ad

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