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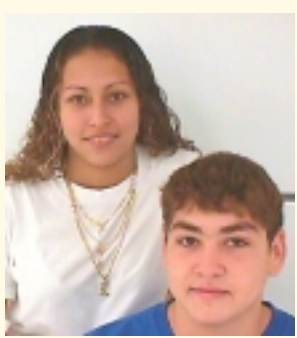
Does throwing a party throw you into a panic?

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Future family & community leaders

By Leslie Rowe

Harlee Middle School students Brian Hukalowicz and Adriana Dues started out small in Family and Consumer Science (FACS) class. First, they created a simple pillow. Now, they use computerized technology to print embroidered designs on T-shirts. Early on, they learned to follow a simple recipe. Now, Adriana helps her grandmother cook for 15 people! All the FACS students are learning new skills, discovering careers, and working on service projects.



Adriana & Brian FACS. "Do you read well enough to follow a recipe? How good is your math?" she asked.

"This is the best class that I've had," Adriana said. Adriana is learning leadership skills as Vice President of the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) club. When asked what she likes most about her school, she replied, "...that teachers really care to give students their education." Good job, Harlee and FACS!

"I like the hands-on part, not the book work," Brian explained. In FACS, Brian may begin a unit with a book, but ends with a hands-on project. His teacher Colleen Keip emphasized the total learning concept in

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This is not your mother's Home Ec class!

By Leslie Rowe

In 30 years of teaching, Colleen Keip of Harlee Middle School has learned a lot. About teaching—if you make it fun and interesting, then learning comes naturally. About Family and Consumer Science (FACS)—this is not your mother's Home Economics class! Colleen incorporates math, science, nutrition, computer technology, and community service into her classes. Many years ago, Home Ec was for girls. Today, boys too are learning sewing, computerized embroidery, cooking, childcare, nutrition, and event planning. In fact, planning and hosting a party is one of the highlights. The boys keep signing up for more FACS classes, so they must be having fun!

Colleen leads the school's Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) club, a national organization with themes of "The Ultimate Leadership Experience" and "Building Skills for Life." Club members and students have been busy helping others. Using donated fabric, they're sewing Christmas stockings for the HOPE Foundation, a shelter; and kidney-shaped pillows for patients receiving lengthy treatments at the Palmetto Artificial Kidney Center. By the way, if you have extra fabric and notions, Colleen Keip's students will enjoy the donations!



Colleen Keip

Does throwing a party throw you into a Panic?

By Julie Gillies

So, you'd like to invite your friends over for more than just a tired old Monopoly game. You're thinking that with the holidays approaching, a cool get-together would be fun, but you really don't know where to begin. After all, your idea of planning ahead is phoning your pals while you set up the game board. If the notion of planning a party seems overwhelming to you, relax. A little forethought can go a long way toward making your party an awesome success that both you and your friends will enjoy!

First of all, there are different types of parties; casual parties, formal parties, pot-luck parties, and themed parties. Decide which category you'd enjoy the most. This will help you figure out the next question: where to hold your party.

You probably wouldn't hold a formal party out in the back yard, but a casual barbeque would be great there. If cost is an issue, ask everyone to bring something. Remember to be specific so that you don't end up with half a dozen green bean casseroles!

One friend who wasn't specific had a backyard picnic with the basketball team.

Nine people brought pasta salad! As each new guest arrived, the other guests exploded in laughter as they presented their pasta.

Now tackle the guest list. With your parent's help, figure out exactly how many people you can comfortably entertain. Invitations can be just a phone call, preferably a week to ten days in advance. Another option is hand delivered or mailed invitations, which let your guests know that something special is in the works. Try to send out your invitations two weeks prior to your party, which allows busy friends to fit your party into their schedule.

The food you serve at a party doesn't have to be expensive or fancy. You can set out snack-type foods, such as veggies, chips and dip, and crackers with cheese. Or you can serve a buffet style meal. Sit down meals are more costly and involve a lot more preparation, but work nicely for a smaller group. Drinks can range from iced tea and lemonade to individual soda cans. Consider your budget, cooking skills, and whether or not you have help available. The whole point of planning is so that you won't be a frazzled, stressed-out host.

Finally, remember that there is no reason to panic! The main reason for having a party is to have fun with your friends. So smile, relax and focus on the people you've invited. Your guests will take their cues from you, and if you're having a fun time, so will they.

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Are you ready to party?!? The first thing to do when planning a party is to get your parent's permission. If you aren't quite ready to throw your own party, maybe you can help plan your family's holiday festivities. Learning to plan and organize a party is a talent you can always use! Now, get out a pen and paper, and start making your lists.

1. WHERE? Will this party be at home? Indoors or outdoors? A pool party? A cozy fireside game night? At a local park? Will you be using the clubhouse?
2. WHEN? Choose your date and set a time. Sometimes it's best to include a time-limit. For example, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
3. THEME: State your party theme clearly. Dressy? Casual? A 70's party? A mystery dinner party? A cookie exchange party? Remember to set a realistic budget that reflects the type of party you'd like and the number of people who will be there.
4. GUEST LIST: Will this be a large gathering of 25+ friends, or just your closest half dozen pals? You can either hand deliver or mail your invitations. To make things easier, consider using the RSVP for Regrets Only. This means that the only calls you'll get are from those who won't be attending.
5. PLAN your games or other activities. Hoopa-Hoop contest, anyone? Organize your games and activities, but remember to leave time for eating and talking!
6. FOOD: Will this be a sit-down meal or just appetizers? Will you include dessert?
7. HELP: Will you be preparing the food yourself? If so, ask a friend or your parents for help. Use simple recipes you can make ahead of time. Consider purchasing party-ready trays. The library has party planning books which can be a great help in figuring out how much food you'll need for your guests.
8. PLACE some disposable cameras on your tables for your friends to use. They're a great way to loosen things up, and it's fun to share the photos later!
9. SMILE, take a deep breath, relax and have fun! Remember, a party is no time to panic!

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