

Organizing Tips For Busy Families

(NAPS)—Today's families are faced with the challenge of keeping busy lives organized while time is at a premium. Children have various after school activities and parents face the challenge of balancing both work and family commitments. Keeping track of the diverse, and sometimes conflicting schedules, is daunting without assistance. Luckily, a home PC helps busy families keep the chore list, schedules, and daily meals organized. However, information needs to be shared with each family member and an inkjet printer can be an active family's link to keeping up to date. From printing out the ever-changing schedules to tracking a family budget, an inkjet's usefulness can not be beat.

Lexmark International's Consumer Printer Division offers timesaving ways an inkjet can be a busy family's best friend. All of these ideas can be printed from a quality inkjet printer to keep everyone on the same page.

Chore Chart—End the bickering over who is responsible for specific daily chores by clearly displaying the owner of each task on a colorful and organized chart. The chart also serves as a great incentive—when chores are completed, stars or fun stickers can be placed next to the child's name as a sign of great work. Children can have fun designing their chore chart with favorite colors, pictures or images from the Web—a great way to keep housework fun.

Schedules—Create a weekly or monthly schedule outlining family member's activities and important dates. The schedule will ensure birthdays and anniversaries are never missed again and can keep after-school activities, soccer practices, ballet classes and tutoring sessions in check. A great reference to be



placed on the fridge or in another high traffic area. As family schedules are ever changing, adding new activities and printing an updated copy takes just moments to keep everyone organized and on track.

Playroom Labels—Trouble getting kids to pick up those Lincoln Logs and Tinker Toys? Inspire them to pitch in and help by creating and labeling a special box, bin, or shelf for each group of toys. Labels with words for older children encourage word recognition and spelling. Add a photo or drawing on the box to help younger children identify what goes in them.

If you don't already own a color inkjet printer, consider the following tips when shopping. Look for a high-resolution printer featuring at least 1200 x 1200dpi to 2400 x 1200dpi to produce photo-quality prints. An advanced paper handling system like Lexmark's patented Accu-Feed system accommodates heavy-stock or specialty paper. Finally, ease-of-use features, such as one-click driver installation, will guarantee setting up your new inkjet is stress-free. Lexmark offers a range of consumer inkjets from \$50-\$180. For more information on printing tips, visit Lexmark International at www.lexmark.com.