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Topic: Mixed Parenting

mculturalfam LIVE NOW! Biweekly Tweetchat: #Mixed #Parenting {Sept 12} <http://t.co/7t1bJ8L> via #mculturalfam -8:04 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam Some difficulty logging in to chat tonight, but I made it! ;) #mculturalfam -8:04 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam Tonight we're talking about #mixed parenting! :) #mculturalfam -8:05 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam @soniapeoples We're live talking about #mixed parenting! :) #mculturalfam -8:08 PM Sep 12th, 2011

NewLatina Hi Chantilly! good to be here :) #mculturalfam #mculturalfam -8:08 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam @NewLatina Hey! Great to see you too! =) #mculturalfam -8:09 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam Q1: What has been your greatest parenting challenge in raising mixed children? #mculturalfam -8:10 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam A1: For me it has been the expectations of others & many opinions on how I should raise my daughter... #mculturalfam -8:11 PM Sep 12th, 2011

NewLatina Q1: By far, trying to raise them bilingual...#mculturalfam #mculturalfam -8:11 PM Sep 12th, 2011

sylvieinmexico A.1 Respecting my partners cultural differences and finding a middle ground in how we deal with issues one by one. #mculturalfam -8:12 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam This is such a hard one too! RT @NewLatina: Q1: By far, trying to raise them bilingual...#mculturalfam #mculturalfam -8:13 PM Sep 12th, 2011

NewLatina Today, my 5 yr old told me that she introduced herself as "Latina" to her kindergarten class! So proud #mculturalfam #mculturalfam -8:13 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam MT @sylvieinmexico: Respecting my partners cultural differences & finding a middle ground in how we deal with issues 1 by 1. #mculturalfam -8:14 PM Sep 12th, 2011

sylvieinmexico Difficult but so necessary. Best gift ever! RT @NewLatina: Q1: By far, trying to raise them

bilingual...#miculturalfam #miculturalfam -8:14 PM Sep 12th, 2011

miculturalfam @sylvieinmexico Definitely! Compromising can be so difficult if you are raised with two different ideals... #miculturalfam -8:14 PM Sep 12th, 2011

miculturalfam Wow! =) RT @NewLatina: Today, my 5 yr old told me that she introduced herself as "Latina" to her kindergarten class! So proud! #miculturalfam -8:15 PM Sep 12th, 2011

miculturalfam @NewLatina That is so adorable!! I would be proud too! :) #miculturalfam -8:15 PM Sep 12th, 2011

NewLatina A1. And feeling like they're disconnected to our cultural heritage b/c they are a generation removed. #miculturalfam #miculturalfam -8:15 PM Sep 12th, 2011

sylvieinmexico @miculturalfam @sylvieinmexico Very much so. Every decision becomes a cultural analysis and comparison. Enriching though ;) #miculturalfam -8:15 PM Sep 12th, 2011

miculturalfam RT @NewLatina: A1. And feeling like theyre disconnected to our cultural heritage b/c they are a generation removed. #miculturalfam -8:16 PM Sep 12th, 2011

jenmardunc Hello all! just got home from hip hop class w/my youngest. Thanks for the tweet reminder, Chantilly :-) #miculturalfam -8:16 PM Sep 12th, 2011

miculturalfam @NewLatina I know what you mean. It hurts that my husband has been so far removed & makes greater challenges for our daughter. #miculturalfam -8:17 PM Sep 12th, 2011

miculturalfam Definitely! RT @sylvieinmexico Very much so. Every decision becomes a cultural analysis and comparison. Enriching though ;) #miculturalfam -8:17 PM Sep 12th, 2011

miculturalfam @jenmardunc Hey Jen!! So glad you made it! Hip hop? I can wait to sign my daughter up, she loves dancing..and martial arts! ;) #miculturalfam -8:18 PM Sep 12th, 2011

miculturalfam @jenmardunc Here's Q1: What has been your greatest parenting challenge in raising mixed children? #miculturalfam -8:19 PM Sep 12th, 2011

miculturalfam Q2: How do you combine culture & traditions in your home? Do you feel they are equally celebrated? #miculturalfam -8:20 PM Sep 12th, 2011

jenmardunc A1: One of the hardest things is seeing other people judge my children by the color of their skin. #miculturalfam -8:20 PM Sep 12th, 2011

papiblogger RT @NewLatina: Today, my 5 yr old told me that she introduced herself as "Latina" to her kindergarten class! #miculturalfam -8:20 PM Sep 12th, 2011

sylvieinmexico A.1 Also balancing all 3 cultures we want to have present in her life. Mom's, dad's & the country she was born in. #miculturalfam -8:21 PM Sep 12th, 2011

miculturalfam @jenmardunc That is hard. :(Even w/ explaining it, it's still hard to take that hurt away. <3 #miculturalfam -8:21 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam RT @jenmardunc: A1: One of the hardest things is seeing other people judge my children by the color of their skin. #mculturalfam -8:21 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam @papiblogger Thanks for jumping in & the RT! :) @NewLatina #mculturalfam -8:22 PM Sep 12th, 2011

Leslie_Limon @mculturalfam I'M HERE!!! :) (Sorry I'm late!) #mculturalfam -8:22 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam MT @sylvieinmexico: Balancing all 3 cultures we want to have present in her life. Moms, dads & the country she was born in. #mculturalfam -8:23 PM Sep 12th, 2011

jenmardunc A1: The other thing is that each of my kids so far identifies differently: 1 black, 1 mixed, 1 white (stress on "so far") #mculturalfam -8:23 PM Sep 12th, 2011

jenmardunc @Leslie_Limon Hi Leslie! #mculturalfam -8:23 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam @sylvieinmexico For balance, what are your best tools? Do you split up holidays or include many tradition in each holiday? #mculturalfam -8:24 PM Sep 12th, 2011

sylvieinmexico Just answered Q.2 with A.1 I think. Hard to balance. Important 2 b as enthusiastic about what's not your own tradition per say #mculturalfam -8:24 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam Hi Leslie!!! =) Glad to see you amiga! RT @Leslie_Limon: @mculturalfam IM HERE!!! :) (Sorry Im late!) #mculturalfam -8:24 PM Sep 12th, 2011

jenmardunc @sylvieinmexico I can't imagine. I have enough trouble balancing when both parents are american-born. Must be hard! #mculturalfam -8:24 PM Sep 12th, 2011

aquamommy Hi Familia, sorry I'm late. #mculturalfam -8:24 PM Sep 12th, 2011

Leslie_Limon So true! :) RT @sylvieinmexico: Hard to balance. Important 2 b as enthusiastic about whats not your own tradition #mculturalfam -8:25 PM Sep 12th, 2011

Leslie_Limon Hi @jenmardunc! #mculturalfam -8:25 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam Hi!! Glad you made it! ;) RT @aquamommy: Hi Familia, sorry Im late. #mculturalfam -8:25 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam LOL! RT @jenmardunc: @sylvieinmexico I cant imagine. I have enough trouble balancing when both parents are american-born. #mculturalfam -8:26 PM Sep 12th, 2011

Leslie_Limon We try to include both of our traditions in every holiday. Not always easy, but well worth the effort. #mculturalfam -8:26 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam @sylvieinmexico Agreed! I think having enthusiasm for each other's cultures makes a huge difference! #mculturalfam -8:27 PM Sep 12th, 2011

sylvieinmexico @mculturalfam We've found balance in mixing traditions when holidays collide. Creates new

traditions unique 2 our family. #mcultralfam -8:27 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam RT @Leslie_Limon: We try to include both of our traditions in every holiday. Not always easy, but well worth the effort. #mcultralfam -8:27 PM Sep 12th, 2011

jenmardunc @Leslie_Limon I am thinking of your blogs and know that the cross-cultural food must be amazing! #mcultralfam -8:28 PM Sep 12th, 2011

sylvieinmexico @jenmardunc @sylvieinmexico It is. But at the same so rich. We get to celebrate more than anyone else ;) #mcultralfam -8:28 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam @Leslie_Limon For us, that's been the best method too. Sometimes we'll just go traditional one way or the other too... #mcultralfam -8:28 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam RT @sylvieinmexico: Weve found balance in mixing traditions when holidays collide. Creates new traditions unique 2 our family. #mcultralfam -8:28 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam @sylvieinmexico That is awesome! I think that makes holidays even more special, they are your own unique brand! ;) #mcultralfam -8:29 PM Sep 12th, 2011

Leslie_Limon @jenmardunc Cross cultural food is the best part!!! :) #mcultralfam -8:29 PM Sep 12th, 2011

sylvieinmexico So true! RT @Leslie_Limon: @jenmardunc Cross cultural food is the best part!!! :) #mcultralfam -8:29 PM Sep 12th, 2011

jenmardunc Do your kids have a preference for one culture's food over another? #mcultralfam -8:30 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam Ditto! RT @sylvieinmexico: So true! RT @Leslie_Limon: @jenmardunc Cross cultural food is the best part!!! :) #mcultralfam -8:30 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam My daughter prefers Italian, go figure! ;) RT @jenmardunc: Do your kids have a preference for one cultures food over another? #mcultralfam -8:31 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam RT @jenmardunc: Do your kids have a preference for one cultures food over another? #mcultralfam -8:31 PM Sep 12th, 2011

aquamommy Reading along as I cook dinner. #mcultralfam -8:32 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam Q3: How did you pick your children's name? Are they a cultural mix? Do you think names play a part in identity? #mcultralfam -8:32 PM Sep 12th, 2011

NewLatina @Jenmardunc My kids always complain about my rice & beans...LOL #mcultralfam #mcultralfam -8:32 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam What are we cooking tonight? :D RT @aquamommy: Reading along as I cook dinner. #mcultralfam -8:33 PM Sep 12th, 2011

sylvieinmexico My daughter is too young to tell but she seems to prefer Colombian cuisine to Canadian. Who

wouldn't ;) Our 3rd is Mexican :-) #mcultralfam -8:33 PM Sep 12th, 2011

divinebabyprdts RT @mcultralfam: Q3: How did you pick your children's name? Are they a cultural mix? Do you think names play a part in identity? #mcultralfam -8:33 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam LOL! Kids! RT @NewLatina: @Jenmardunc My kids always complain about my rice & beans...LOL #mcultralfam #mcultralfam -8:33 PM Sep 12th, 2011

jenmardunc @NewLatina LOL... isn't that funny! I identify though. My mother is German & I always hated sauerkraut as a kid :-P #mcultralfam -8:34 PM Sep 12th, 2011

Leslie_Limon @jenmardunc My kids love foods from both cultures: pizza, burgers, hotdogs (wrapped in bacon, of course), tacos, menudo... #mcultralfam -8:34 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam @sylvieinmexico Right! lol You guys are making me hungry! #mcultralfam -8:34 PM Sep 12th, 2011

sylvieinmexico A.3 I dreamt my daughter's name 3 yrs prior to conceiving. It stuck & works because it's easy to pronounce in our 3 languages. #mcultralfam -8:34 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam RT @jenmardunc: @NewLatina LOL. isnt that funny! I identify though. My mother is German & I always hated sauerkraut as a kid :P #mcultralfam -8:34 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam RT @Leslie_Limon: My kids love foods from both cultures: pizza, burgers, hotdogs (wrapped in bacon, of course), tacos, menudo. #mcultralfam -8:35 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam @Leslie_Limon Wrapped in Bacon!? Of course!! LOL @jenmardunc #mcultralfam -8:35 PM Sep 12th, 2011

jenmardunc @sylvieinmexico That's awesome! I love it when dreams come true like that #mcultralfam -8:35 PM Sep 12th, 2011

aquamommy Q3, I named my girls and hubby named our boy. I chose their names based on the meanings and he went for a jr. #mcultralfam -8:36 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam @sylvieinmexico Wow! What a story! It was meant to be! <3 #mcultralfam -8:36 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam Same here! RT @jenmardunc: @sylvieinmexico Thats awesome! I love it when dreams come true like that #mcultralfam -8:36 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam RT @aquamommy: Q3, I named my girls and hubby named our boy. I chose their names based on the meanings and he went for a jr. #mcultralfam -8:36 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam @aquamommy That's interesting. What kinds of meanings did you choose? Spiritual? Historical? #mcultralfam -8:37 PM Sep 12th, 2011

sylvieinmexico @mcultralfam @jenmardunc Absolutely. It was fate. Every time someone asks her name I get to

tell it :-) #mcultralfam -8:37 PM Sep 12th, 2011

paolaelis hello, sorry I think I'm a bit late but I wanted to read you guys about this topic :) #mcultralfam -8:38 PM Sep 12th, 2011

Leslie_Limon That's such a cool story! RT @sylvieinmexico: Absolutely. It was fate. Every time someone asks her name I get to tell it :-) #mcultralfam -8:38 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam @divinebabyprdts Of course, that's my fav too! Not many people can resist good Mexican food! @jenmardunc #mcultralfam -8:38 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam @paolaelis No problem! Feel free to join in the conversation! :) #mcultralfam -8:39 PM Sep 12th, 2011

jenmardunc #mcultralfam Twitter difficulties :(-8:39 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam Love it!! RT @sylvieinmexico: Absolutely. It was fate. Every time someone asks her name I get to tell it :-) #mcultralfam -8:39 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam For my daughter I picked an all Spanish name, but also one that had spiritual significance. She has both our last names. :) #mcultralfam -8:40 PM Sep 12th, 2011

paolaelis my husband asked me If we should put a religious name to our child but he is the one who does that in his culture #mcultralfam -8:40 PM Sep 12th, 2011

sylvieinmexico Oh no! Have to run. Great meeting everyone. Will be back soon. Thanks for letting me in ;) Buenas noches #mcultralfam -8:40 PM Sep 12th, 2011

paolaelis I actually prefer a nice sound than a nice meaning or religious meaning for the name .. ^^ #mcultralfam -8:40 PM Sep 12th, 2011

Leslie_Limon Hubby and I both chose our children's names. My older 2 kiddies are named Nicole and Nick after Hubby's grandfather. #mcultralfam -8:40 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam Q4: How do you instill confidence in your children about their mixed heritage? How do you empower them against naysayers? #mcultralfam -8:41 PM Sep 12th, 2011

aquamommy Spiritual, as well as traits I hoped they'd inherit from the names. The oldest=sweet honey in Swahili Persian, #mcultralfam -8:41 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam @paolaelis Lol...I know what you mean! I also picked something that sounds nice in either language. :) #mcultralfam -8:41 PM Sep 12th, 2011

aquamommy Youngest= bliss in Sanskrit. Dad couldn't really argue against either. #mcultralfam -8:42 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam RT @aquamommy: Spiritual, as well as traits I hoped theyd inherit from the names. The oldest=sweet honey in Swahili Persian, #mcultralfam -8:42 PM Sep 12th, 2011

Leslie_Limon A4: Not to sound like Hannah Montana, but I tell my kiddies that they have the best of both worlds. :) #mcultralfam -8:42 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam @aquamommy That is beautiful Laila. <3 =) #mcultralfam -8:42 PM Sep 12th, 2011
mcultralfam Haha! RT @Leslie_Limon: A4: Not to sound like Hannah Montana, but I tell my kiddies they have the best of both worlds. :) #mcultralfam -8:42 PM Sep 12th, 2011

jenmardunc @aquamommy beautiful meanings. I love the amount of thought you put into the names. Do their personalities reflect? #mcultralfam -8:43 PM Sep 12th, 2011

aquamommy RT @Leslie_Limon:A4:Not to sound like HannahMontana, but I tell my kiddies that they have the best of both worlds. :)Love that #mcultralfam -8:44 PM Sep 12th, 2011

jenmardunc Our kids are all named after family ancestors. 1st name/middle name together represent both sides of our family #mcultralfam -8:44 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam You are so creative. <3 RT @aquamommy: Youngest= bliss in Sanskrit. Dad couldnt really argue against either. #mcultralfam -8:44 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam RT @jenmardunc: Our kids are all named after family ancestors.1st name/middle name together represent both sides of our family #mcultralfam -8:44 PM Sep 12th, 2011

aquamommy @jenmarduncan thanks! The oldest, absolutely, the youngest embodies her middle name, selected by dad. Valkyrie in honor of #mcultralfam -8:46 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam @sylvieinmexico Thanks for joining us and contributing your thoughts!! =) #mcultralfam -8:46 PM Sep 12th, 2011

jenmardunc @Leslie_Limon That's right! Best of both worlds, love it! #mcultralfam -8:46 PM Sep 12th, 2011

aquamommy His Norse roots, lol #mcultralfam -8:46 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam Last question, Q5: What is your best advice to newbie parents of mixed children? #mcultralfam -8:47 PM Sep 12th, 2011

jenmardunc @aquamommy LOL warrior princess! That'll be great when she goes on dates ;) Dad planned things just right! #mcultralfam -8:48 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam LOL! RT @jenmardunc: @aquamommy LOL warrior princess! Thatll be great when she goes on dates ;) Dad planned things just right! #mcultralfam -8:48 PM Sep 12th, 2011

aquamommy @jenmardunc @aquamommy you know it, lol! #mcultralfam -8:48 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mcultralfam @jenmardunc LOL! Great point Jen!! That's why we're teaching our daughter martial arts! ;) @aquamommy #mcultralfam -8:49 PM Sep 12th, 2011

paolaelis @Leslie_Limon lol #mcultralfam -8:49 PM Sep 12th, 2011

jenmardunc A5: Advice to newbies: focus inward on your family, establish your traditions & routines, and then let them shine out! #mcultralfam -8:51 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam A5: I think my best advice is to be prepared, know your culture, do the race talks, be ready 2 answer more Q's than you'd like #mculturalfam -8:52 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam Great advice! RT @jenmardunc: A5: focus inward on your family, establish your traditions & routines & then let them shine out! #mculturalfam -8:52 PM Sep 12th, 2011

paolaelis I'm mother 4 1st time till 9th nov. so I don't have advice yet → #mculturalfam -8:52 PM Sep 12th, 2011

aquamommy A5:I would say allow yourself room to make mistakes, this is heavy stuff, don't be too hard on yourself if you slip up sometim #mculturalfam -8:53 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam MT @aquamommy: Allow yourself room to make mistakes, this is heavy stuff, dont be too hard on yourself if you slip up sometim #mculturalfam -8:53 PM Sep 12th, 2011

paolaelis when a child asks: where am I from? what do your children answer? #mculturalfam -8:54 PM Sep 12th, 2011

paolaelis @aquamommy nice :) #mculturalfam -8:54 PM Sep 12th, 2011

jenmardunc @aquamommy That's great advice. I need to forgive myself about my past ignorance re: my daughter's hair :-(#mculturalfam -8:54 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam @aquamommy Well said! This is hard dialog and tough decisions. #mculturalfam -8:54 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam :(RT @jenmardunc: @aquamommy Thats great advice. I need to forgive myself about my past ignorance re: my daughters hair :-(#mculturalfam -8:54 PM Sep 12th, 2011

jenmardunc @mculturalfam Absolutely. Kids ask a lot of questions and we need to be honest. #mculturalfam -8:55 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam @jenmardunc We're all learning and growing Jen. Definitely cut yourself some slack. You're an awesome mom! @aquamommy #mculturalfam -8:55 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam RT @jenmardunc: @mculturalfam Absolutely. Kids ask a lot of questions and we need to be honest. #mculturalfam -8:55 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam RT @paolaelis: when a child asks: where am I from? what do your children answer? #mculturalfam -8:55 PM Sep 12th, 2011

Leslie_Limon RT @aquamommy: Allow yourself room to make mistakes, this is heavy stuff, dont be too hard on yourself if you slip up sometime #mculturalfam -8:56 PM Sep 12th, 2011

jenmardunc @paolaelis Congratulations! Very exciting! #mculturalfam -8:57 PM Sep 12th, 2011

aquamommy RT@mculturalfam:@jenmarduncWere all learning and growing Jen.Definitely cut yourself some slack. Ur an awesome mom!@aquamommy #mculturalfam -8:57 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam Well, I guess we'll wrap it up for tonight! Thank you all so much for joining me & adding your voices to this conversation! :) #mculturalfam -8:59 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam A copy of this conversation will be available in our archives! :) <http://t.co/D9iT8qK>
#mculturalfam -9:00 PM Sep 12th, 2011

jenmardunc Yes! Thank you all! I fell like this familia helps me to be a better parent and I appreciate you all so much xoxox #mculturalfam -9:00 PM Sep 12th, 2011

paolaelis @jenmardunc @paolaelis yeahh :D #mculturalfam -9:00 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam @jenmardunc Thank you Jen! I've been missing our chats the past few weeks and I'm so glad we're back on schedule!! :) #mculturalfam -9:01 PM Sep 12th, 2011

mculturalfam Nighty-night familia!! ;) #mculturalfam -9:03 PM Sep 12th, 2011