

Greetings,

It is with great pleasure that I complete this November newsletter! ☺ It's been fun to write and think over the great activities we've enjoyed so far and see the ones ahead yet before Christmas. We tend to plan activities with a 3 or 4 month span in mind and so things that we planned for have either happened or will be finishing up this month.

The next newsletter will be coming out November 24th at the next Collicutt activity day and will be for December and January and will cover some events all the way to March, so as these activities are completed, you can look forward to more coming up. We did give you a sneak preview of some ski days and also the History Tellers/Canadian History workshop.

There is also a sneak preview of the bridal shower and fashion show coming on Dec. 7th for our daughter, Rhonda. So that kind of tells you about the exciting news in our household as a result of her recent engagement to our 'almost' new son-in-law, Jared Bourn! (Oh gosh, now I won't be able to tell Jim, our other son-in-law that he is our favourite-son-in-law! But they both can still tell me that I'm their favourite mother-in-law!) As you can see I shouldn't stay up so late or get up so early to finish the newsletter!!

Anyway.....Happy reading and as always: Happy Homeschooling! Kathy S. ☺

Holy Moses Main Performance

Here is your last reminder to mark your calendars for this year's musical performance that we have been spending weeks preparing for! Monday evening, **November 21st at 7 p.m. at Crossroads Church**, we will be performing our 2011 Musical entitled : Holy Moses. You will enjoy this 45 minute presentation where you will hear about the life of Moses and how we can apply it to our lives! You won't want to miss this presentation filled with delightful songs, drama and actions. Be sure to invite your Grandparents, friends and neighbours and you can tell them that you will cover the cost of their tickets which is nothing!

Activities:

National Novel Writing Month

November is national novel writing month! With NaNoWriMo you are challenged to write a novel in one month, starting November 1st, and ending December 1st at midnight. To join go to ywp.nanowrimo.org and sign up. To join FLT's Virtual Classroom that allows you to chat with other FLT students and monitor our overall word count, e-mail your username (or your children's usernames) to dramaqueen7077@gmail.com and Amy C. will add you to the group. All ages can enjoy noveling all lengths of novels!

Holy Moses Musical News:

Good job everyone involved in Holy Moses! We are getting down to the end of it all and so we encourage you to 'keep on, keeping on' for just two more practises, followed by 5 performances. So... have your child keep singing along with the CD and getting their words memorized perfectly! Also a reminder that everyone in the choir needs to wear: black pants, black socks and black (or dark) shoes for the dress rehearsal on Nov. 16th and for the performances. Our matching t-shirts will be worn along with this. Following are the dates and times of the rehearsals and performances in November:

Wednesday, Nov 9th – 2nd last practise. Everyone involved, needs to be there at 9:29 a.m. to be ready to practise until noon. **Wednesday, Nov 16th** is our final Dress Rehearsal and again starting at 9:29 and going until 12 noon. For both these days we are asking families to bring fruit snacks only (to be sure that we have no peanuts or peanut products), with last names starting from A-M bringing their fruit snacks to share on Nov. 9th and N – Z bringing fruit snacks on Nov. 16th. Your child should bring a bottle of water as well because the water at Balmoral doesn't have a very good taste.

Performances: Friday, Nov. 18th, we will be performing in both the morning and the afternoon in Red Deer schools. We will let you know exact locations and times soon.

Monday, November 21st we will have two performances. The first one will be in the afternoon at **Gateway Christian School at 2 p.m.** at their central campus located at 5205-48 Avenue. Cast and set up crew should be there at 1 p.m. and choir members should arrive at 1:30 p.m.

Crossroads Church Performance at 7 p.m. – This is the performance that you need to invite your grandparents, neighbours and all family and friends to come to. There is lots of room and a great stage to perform on. This is the highlight of our performances. Choir members should be there at 6:20 p.m. and Cast at 6:20 p.m. Set up crew and cast will plan to go right after the afternoon performance at Gateway to set up and get the sound system ready for the evening.

Wednesday, Nov. 23 we are excited to be performing at Millwoods Christian School in Edmonton. Their address is: 8710 Millwoods Road. We will be performing there at 11 a.m. sharp and therefore cast and set up crew need to be there at 10 a.m. and choir members at 10:30. This will be our last performance and one that you can also invite your Edmonton relatives to join in on. If you want to see a map of where the school is located, here is their website: <http://www.millwoodschristianschool.com/contact-us/>

Band News:

We've enjoyed a very good fall of band this year and we want to update you on some of the dates for performances. Recorder Band will perform for the Beginner Band on the last day for them which will be Wednesday, November 16th at the end of their class.

Please note that there will be **NO BAND** practises for any band on **Wednesday, Nov. 23rd** due to the musical performance that day in Edmonton. So, **Wednesday, Nov 16th**, we will have our last band practise for the fall and the times are the same as usual.

Band Performance Dates: Please note that the Beginner Band will perform on Wednesday, November 30th at the Mitchener Extencicare centre. The other performances listed are for Intermediate and Senior bands only.

Monday, November 21st at Crossroads Church. Meet at 6:15pm and be ready to play by 6:30pm. This is at the Holy Moses Performance. We will be playing from approximately 6:30pm to 7:15pm. We are hoping that most of you will be able to stay and support the musical performance with your enthusiastic applause etc. ☺

Saturday, November 26th at the Westerner –**Festival of Trees** - Meet at 6:20 pm inside the Performer's entrance. This is the Festival of Trees performance that we have enjoyed playing at for many years. Our performance starts at 7pm so tell your friends and family who are checking out the displays to come by and listen to us then!

Wednesday, November 30th at the **Golden Circle** - Meet at 11:25am and after our performance they are feeding us lunch! We will then go to the **Mitchener Extencicare Centre** and perform for them in the afternoon at 2 p.m. along with the Beginner Band.

We are looking forward to all the performances and please remember to wear ``black and black`` (in other words black on the top and bottom). You can also wear a red accessory if you would like to make yourself look a little more festive!

Needle Felting Workshop

Explore texture, colour and design in a whole new way through the art of needle felting. Piper's World is hosting Needle Felting Workshops. The Beginners Needle Felting Workshop (ages 6-11 years) is on **Monday, November 7** from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. The Intermediate Needle Felting Workshop (ages 12-18 years) is on **Monday, November 14** from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

In these classes, the students will learn the basics of needle felting on a Christmas project. The beginning students will acquire a comprehensive set of skills needed for the foundation of learning how to needle felt. The intermediate students will learn all the basic beginning skills plus additional more complex and creative artist skills for their project.

The workshop is \$30 per child (includes all materials). To register, please contact Lisa Hildebrandt (Piper's World), at info@pipersworld.ca or 403.357.4785 (space is limited, so book early). Workshop address: 31 - Lees Street, Red Deer.

Safety City

Last call for this field trip at Safety City. It will take place on **Tuesday, November 15th from 1 – 3 p.m.** and it is Fire and Home Safety Program. This field trip is for children ages 6 – 10 years only. Students learn about the three components of fire; how to eliminate fire hazards from the home; how to create and implement a home escape plan. The program takes place indoors and lasts two hours. The cost is \$4 per student and you can pay that day with cash or cheque. Check their website for their location and any other information: www.safetycity.ca. To participate, you need to book your spot with Lorraine Parker (mlparker@xplornet.com or 403.784.3078).

Activity Day at the Collicutt Centre in Red Deer – Thursday, November 24th

Thursday, November 24th is our last activity day at the Collicutt in 2011! ☺ From 1 – 1:45 we are planning to play board games, so be sure to bring along a favourite board game to share. As well your children will have a chance to try some new ones out with others. If your children are quite young and not able to play board games for 45 minutes, you can come part way through or just to the gym games time from 1:45 – 2:45 p.m. See you there!

RDC Performance of: TOAD OF TOAD HALL

There are still tickets available for the Toad of Toad Hall performance at Red Deer College on **Friday, November 25th**. Tickets are \$11 each and you can book them with Rhonda Snider and make arrangements to make payment with her (either by cash, cheque, funding or participating in the Toad of Toad Hall project). Contact her at : rhondasnider20@gmail.com or 403.348.0723.

It is recommended for ages 7 and up. It starts at noon but that means the doors are closed then and so please plan to be there at least 15 minutes earlier to get your seating assignments and get settled in and ready to enjoy the performance. Again for your information, this play is adapted from the Wind in the Willows classic by Kenneth Grahame.

Girls Stamp Advent Calendar Craft

Monday, November 28th, 12 - 2 pm Location: at the Tonne's house in Red Deer

This is for approximately Grades 3 - 7 girls and we will be making a unique Advent Calendar project using Stampin Up stamps & embellishments, a mini muffin tin and an Advent Journal. A Stampin Up Consultant (Jacqui Fletcher) will be teaching us how to make it.

Cost per child is \$25 (includes all supplies). RSVP & Payment (cash or cheque) must be in to Natalie by Nov 18. Call/Email: iloveepicure@yahoo.ca 403-348-5813. They will need to bring scissors and adhesive. I can email out a picture of the project if you would like as well as details about where to send/drop off payment. There is a minimum of 6 children needed to run this event. The Advent Calendar will be reusable for years to come!

Bridal Shower and Bridal Fashion Show

Wednesday, December 7th, we are planning a bridal shower for Rhonda Snider at Balmoral Bible Chapel at 2 p.m. It will be lots of fun to celebrate with Rhonda and also reflect on everyone's past marriages to share with her! So the plan is that any Mommy that still has her wedding dress should let us know and either she can wear it in the fashion show or her daughter or else another teen girl that we have already had volunteer to model dresses for us. Also if you have in your possession, a bridesmaid dress or a flower girl dress, again please let us know and you can have a daughter wear it or another home school girl would be delighted to have that honour! There will be lovely music throughout the afternoon and fashion show and snacks will be provided.

If any boys were ring bearers and have their suits for that, they would also be welcome. And of course if they don't fit, we can find someone that would wear them.

So, dress up in your finery as it will be fun to have a dress-up tea party and think about weddings!

Please contact Natalie Cote (pianocrazy.natalie@gmail.com or 403.346.9406) if you would like to attend. We need to know numbers to help arrange the fashion show and also to know how many tables to set up! Your 'presence' will be a 'present' to Rhonda but for those of you who want to 'present' her with a gift of some sort, then you may do that and if you are looking for ideas, please check with Natalie.

Lazer Tag

Here's a reminder for those signed up and those wanting to sign up, to come and play lazer tag on **Friday, December 9th at 1:30 p.m.** Lazer Force is located at #3 – 5239 – 53 Ave (next to A & B Sound just to the north of Superstore) and is a great spot to play. This is suitable for ages approx. 8 years old and up and Moms and Dads you'll have a great time playing as well. The cost is \$17 for three games which takes approx. 1 hour to play. 20 – 22 players play at once and they divide into two teams. We can also bring snacks and teams can take turns playing and if we have about 40 people we will be done at about 3 – 3:30. There is also a viewing area upstairs where those waiting to play can watch. Contact Rhonda (rhondasnider20@gmail.com) or Kathy (k.d.snider@shaw.ca) or 403.348.0723 to book your spot.

The Gifts of the Magi – at Rosebud Theatre

There are still some tickets for this event on **Saturday, December 10th**. Tickets include a very nice lunch before the play where some of the actors are also the servers and music is also a nice addition as they come by the various tables and entertain. The cost of the tickets is approx.\$30 for children and \$45 for adults (exact figures will be given later). Children under 4 years of age cannot attend. Contact Kathy if you would like to come - k.d.snider@shaw.ca or 403.348.0723.

Skiing at Canyon Ski Hill

We are happy to say that once again we will be having our ski days every Tuesday in the months of January and February 2012. These take place from 1 – 5 p.m. and you need to arrive about 20 – 25 minutes early if you are renting equipment and about 10 – 15 minutes early if you have your own equipment. Thank you to Mac and Lorraine Parker in advance as they are planning to be there once again to greet you, collect money and give you

your passes. You will see their cheery faces downstairs in the rental area. More details and prices will be given in the next newsletter but we wanted to let you start planning.

History Tellers

Wednesday, January 25th we are pleased to announce that Deb Kobza, author of the Canadian History program entitled "History Tellers" is going to do a workshop for our homeschool group. If you've never come before make sure you don't miss this opportunity. She has presented to our group in the past and she does this about every 3 or 4 years and so I encourage you all to come. If you've come before I know you'll want to come again! Deb also has materials available to sell and you can learn more about the workshop by checking out her website located at: <http://historytellers.com/index.html>. This workshop is suitable for all ages but younger children and families may wish to stay for only part of the sessions (it will be broken down for ages and length) as there will be a total of 4 hours of information as Deb takes you through the 48 Important Historic events of the Canadian Historic Time Line. The best part is that it is an active workshop where everyone learns an active hand sign to match those 48 events or important people.

The cost for the workshop will be \$8 - \$10 per student depending on attendance at the full workshop or half. Also family prices can be arranged if there are multiple students in the same family.

Even if you live far away, be sure to make the effort to come and make Canadian History come alive! Check out the website and see how you can learn to summarize Canadian History in 90 seconds!!

Location for the workshop in Red Deer will be confirmed in the next newsletter. As well, those staying for all four hours should bring a lunch. If you already know you are coming, you can contact Lorraine Parker to tell her now (mlparker@xplornet.com or 403.784.3078)!

OVER THE EDGE – Teen News and Activities - A reminder of the events still to come:

Indoor Rock Climbing - On **Monday, November 7th** from 6:30pm to 9pm at **Best Body Fitness** (#5 Beju Industrial Drive) in **Sylvan Lake**.

Operation Christmas Child – Volunteer in Calgary - **Monday, November 28th** – if you have already signed up for this you can expect an information e-mail from me soon. We only have room for a couple more people and so talk to Rhonda ASAP if you are interested.

Christmas Banquet - We have decided to cancel the Christmas Banquet for this year. To replace this event read the information below in regards to our Loaves and Fishes evening.

Loaves and Fishes : On **Monday, December 5th** at 4:40pm to 6:40pm we are planning on once again volunteering at Loaves and Fishes. They were very grateful to have us in October and they mentioned that they always need more help around Christmas time. Therefore, instead of us spending money on a fancy banquet, we are going to help give back to the community! If you would like, they provide us with supper that evening and so you can plan on eating there. After we help serve and clean up the meal we are going to head over to the Cote's house (#11 Hall Crescent) for some games, hot chocolate and gingerbread! Let Rhonda know if you are coming rhondasnider20@gmail.com or (403) 348-0723.

Frontier Lodge:

We have confirmed our dates for our trip to Frontier Lodge! From **Monday, May 21st** to **Wednesday, May 23rd**. For those of you dads who would like to join us and have to book time off of work, here are the dates so that you

can do that! The cost will be \$178.00 plus GST (total = \$186.90). This will include hiking, rock climbing, rappelling and possibly mountain biking, white-water canoeing and/or caving – depending on the numbers that sign up. ☺

Sharing Bulletin

A Storytelling Adventure: You and your family are invited to a one hour “Storytelling Adventure” at the Word of Life Centre on Monday, November 14th at 1:30pm. Using simple costumes and props, author and professional storyteller, Dian Layton, will do a highly entertaining presentation of the upcoming musical production, “In Search of Wanderer.”

The story is an allegory about Seeker and his friends crossing the Sea of Sadness to rescue Wanderer from the Island of Despair and the "Dragon Wrap." Strong life lessons are creatively woven through the story such as: "keep on keeping on" and "overcome obstacles with opposites." Children and adults alike will learn that when life brings trouble and problems and brokenness, we don't have to be broken on the inside.

SEEKER: You'll laugh, you'll cry, and you'll hold your family a little closer. Admission free. Everyone welcome. **Please RSVP Iris Reimer at tworeimers@gmail.com** asap. For more information about Dian Layton and SEEKER please visit www.facebook.com/seekerplay

The Search of the Wanderer Performance: The Seeker team is inviting homeschoolers and school groups to a free matinee performance of The Search of the Wanderer. **December 9th** from 1:15-2:30 pm at WORD OF LIFE church on New England Way in Red Deer.

This is a first class performance directed by Award Winning Dian Layton that is well worth the time to come and see. Please RSVP Iris Reimer at tworeimers@gmail.com before November 25th if you would like to come.

There are other performances on December 7-11th that have a minimal admission fee if those times work better.

Scholastic - The last order should be in any day now, if you ordered, I will call you to set up a time for delivery. I will be away part of December so this month's order will be going in quite early, deadline is Nov 10th so that things can be delivered before we go away. If you missed the Activity day and would like to pick up this month's flyers, give me a call or email: iloveepicure@yahoo.ca 403-348-5813. Natalie Tonne

Attention all Artists: Here is a website one family has shared for you to check out and enjoy:

<http://pickanddraw.com/>

Sewing Lessons in Lacombe - January 2012 - Classes will begin **Monday January 2nd** and run for 4 weeks. There will be a Beginner Class as well as a class for past students. Call or email Bev for more information: 403.782.7770 florabjl@gmail.com .

Wanted: I'm looking for the Math U See Alpha and Delta programs if you'd like to sell them give Loretta a call at 346-9406 or email ldcote@telusplanet.net .

Wanted: "Before Five in A Row", "Five in A Row" Volume 2 and "Beyond Five in A Row" Volume 1 and 2. Contact Annelise van der Bank @ (403) 742-0237 (h) or email @ bankies@telus.net

EMPLOYMENT WANTED: Hardworking homeschooling father of 5 needs permanent full time employment in the Red Deer area. Work experience in Design, Sales, Customer Service and construction. Education in pastoral and theological studies, political science, and communications. Holds a variety of skills from previous employment and is always eager and willing to learn something new. Contact Mark at 403-986-6264 and please mention the FLT newsletter.

Yamaha Electric Piano for Sale, low back, black in color, easy to move: It is 10 yrs.old and in excellent condition. Features include: Weighted Keys/ear phone jack/piano/ a Song book of 50 Great (classical) Hits (all prerecorded on the piano as well). Paid \$1800, asking \$1000. Please contact Marie Peters at 403.314.9606.

Looking for a Guitar Teacher: For a second year student who is an 11 year old boy. Wants to learn more chords and some picking. Please call Julie at 403-754-5697.

Organic, Free-range eggs for Sale: Our free-ranging, non-medicated, no antibiotic hens have been raised on certified organic feed that has flax seed added. We live just 10 mins. east of Red Deer. We sell our eggs for \$4/doz. If you are interested, please phone Damian or Maggie LaGrange at 403-346-5466 or e-mail us at dmlagrangexplornet.com. We do meet Monday evenings in Red Deer for pick up.

PENHOLD GYM TIME FRIDAYS JAN 13 - FEB 17, 2012 - (from Lori D and the Central Alberta - Home School Activities Yahoo Group). 12 and under gym time for 45 minutes 1:30- 2:15 p.m. Teen gym time for 1 hour and 15 minutes 2:15-3:30 p.m. The cost for the full 6 weeks is:\$40.00 for a family of just teens; \$25.00 for a family of just 12 and under \$65.00 for a family with teens and a 12 and under.

The Penhold multiplex is a great facility as they have a beautiful library right next to the gym (it has a great area for littles and a fireplace to curl up in front of for Moms), it also has a concession, lounge, fitness facility, running track and ice (another possible activity). So lots of possibilities for families to hang out while waiting for gym time to start for their age group. We are open to suggestions for activities (basketball and volleyball have already been added to the teens list). If anyone is open to leading a group for the day or the whole session let me know otherwise it will be open to group that is there.

If you have any questions or to register contact me at lori.desrosiers@gmail.com I need registration Payment by **Dec 1, 2011** post dated checks accepted, please send payment to: Lori Desrosiers R.R.#1 Site 9 Box 5, Innisfail, AB T4G 1T6

Wanted: Dave Corry, one of our homeschool parents, is involved in retrofitting a small church in Red Deer for handicapped accessibility. Dave is looking for anyone involved in the excavation, concrete, materials supply, electrical, or heating businesses who may be interested in quoting on those portions of the project. You can contact Dave at 403-342-8501 or davecorry@mac.com .

Public Skating in Lacombe - (Back Ice) - Sponsored by the Lacombe Kinsmen Club, everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the fun of skating (no sticks or pucks allowed on the ice). This activity is FREE of cost and runs SUNDAYS beginning October 2nd from 12:45-2:45pm and FRIDAYS beginning October 7th from 6:45-8:15pm. Exceptions are Fridays Nov 11, Dec 2/9 and 30th, Jan 6/27 and Feb 10. Sundays - Dec 25 and Jan 1. Last Friday skate will be March 9, 2012 and LAST Sunday skate will be March 11, 2012. For more information on these activities, please call (403)782-1284.

