

Dear Home School Families,

What great fall weather we have been able to enjoy! Each warm day we can be grateful that our children are able to have flexible schedules and can enjoy various outdoor activities. For those of you who were able to attend such things as the Corn Maze, the airplane rides, the park day and more, I just want to tell you how much fun we had watching all the happy smiling faces!

*We want to remind you that next **Friday, Oct. 7th** we'd love to see you at the **Michael Mitchell Concert** and potluck and games time. The other thing to note that our next Collicutt Activity day which is our popular **Penny Carnival** will be held on **Thursday, November 3rd**. So mark your calendars and be sure to come on that date and not a week earlier! You can read about these things and more below in the Activities section of this newsletter!*

*One more highlight to mark early on your calendars is our '**Holy Moses**' musical performance. We will be performing at various schools but our main performance for all of our friends and families will take place on **Monday, November 21st at Crossroads Church at 7 p.m.** So we hope you will support all these hard working homeschool children and parents and come and cheer them on! For those of you far away, we are excited to tell you that you can watch it live through the 'live streaming' on the Crossroads website that night. Our Intermediate/ Senior Band combo will be playing for you that evening as well.*

OK..... back to the present. Just a reminder that funding cheques for the first half of the funding, will start to be sent out October 10th. However, that is not a deadline, as receipts can be submitted any time of the year up until June. Some of you who use funding for field trip deductions only submit at the end of the year when you know how much is left after deductions. This works well and just remember if you only submit towards the end of the year, you still get all your funding for both halves. An update on the funding amount this year is that it will be \$812.50 per child. Also there have been questions about using funding for field trips and various activities and having the amount deducted from your family's funding. This works well but just so you know there is no funding for kindergarten students and so you can't use funding if your child is in K (and has no older registered siblings). Also you can only use funding deductions if you haven't already used all your funding for the first half. So.... if you submit receipts and then want to use funding for skiing for example, you can't do that as there is no funding there to be used until May. So, I hope all of this makes sense to you and if it doesn't you are welcome to ask us to clarify.

Happy Homeschooling! Kathy ☺

Activities:

BASICS fitness Youth A.R.M.Y. (All Recruits Must be Youths) Boot Camp

School's in and we are excited to be offering our Youth A.R.M.Y. outdoor fitness boot camp for kids ages 6-12 just in time for the great fall weather. Join us Monday afternoons for a one hour fitness boot camp specifically designed for kids ages 6-12. This fun, team based boot camp will have your kids exercising with out them even realizing it! Teamwork, discipline, leadership and FUN are emphasized in this fitness camp for youth. A minimum of 5 registrants are required for boot camp to run. ARMY camp is limited to 15 participants, register early to avoid disappointment! ARMY cadets must be prepared to train in all weather conditions as the boot camp is held outdoors. No class Oct 10, 2011.

Location: Clearview Community Hall **Mo Oct 3-31** 1:00-2:00pm \$35.00

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Location: Clearview Community Hall **Mo Dec 5-19** 1:00-2:00pm \$26.25

Contact Craig Douthwaite - BASICS fitness 403.550.0023 craig.douthwaite@basicsfitness.ca

Red Deer Swim Lessons

Here is a last reminder that swim lessons start next week and all registrations need to be in by this Friday at the latest for you to get a spot and to have enough people for lessons to go ahead as planned. The swim lessons are booked for our group starting next week on **Tuesdays: October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1 and 8 from 2 – 3:30 at the Recreation Centre.** The cost will be \$55. To register you contact the city directly and pay them and you don't need to contact us. If you already have an account with them and know your pin number, you can call 403.309.8555 and register by using the course codes given below. If you don't know your pin number or if you don't have an account, you can call 403.309.8411 and get your pin and/or set up an account or you have the option of going right into the Rec. Centre and registering and paying in person for your child/children.

Course Codes, Levels and Times: 2 – 2:40 p.m. : Sea Otter – 50579, Sunfish – 50582, Swim Kids 3 – 50585, Swim Kids 5/6 – 50587, Swim Kids 9/10 – 50589 2:40 – 3:10 p.m. : Salamander – 50581, Crocodile/Whale- 50583, Swim Kids 1/2 – 50584, Swim Kids 4 – 50586, Swim Kids 7/8 – 50588.

Gymnastics

Just to update you, our two Tuesday gymnastics time are full but for those of you signed up, this is a reminder that classes start next **Tuesday, October 4th** in the gymnastics centre at the Collicutt. We also have another gymnastics time which isn't full and that will take place on Wednesdays from 11:30 – 12:30 a.m. Please contact the Sniders if you would like your child to participate in that class. We are trying to change that to an hour later but we will see how that goes.

Gymnastics for Ages 12 and up – the gymnastics class for this age group will take place on Thursdays, from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Some of you have signed up for this class but now that you know the date and time, please confirm with Kathy that you will be attending or if you haven't contacted us, there is room in the class still and you are welcome to sign up. We have more than we have had in the past which will make it fun for everyone participating! So come and join the fun. This will start next Thursday, October 6th.

Playground Time at Bower Ponds

For those of you who had lots of fun at the Bower Ponds playground last month, here's another chance for you to get together and enjoy time there again this month! Or if you didn't make it before, make sure you go now! We have set the date for : **Thursday, October 6** at 2:30 p.m. to approx. 4 p.m. You don't need to call anyone ahead of time, but just arrive and enjoy yourselves. Lots of the children had fun playing and meeting new homeschool friends. This event of course is dependent on the weather but you can just decide for yourselves if the weather suits you! We'll trust it will be a warm sunny fall day again!

Archery

Here is the update on the archery times. Both sessions consisting of 3 weekly classes are now full. The October session begins next Thursday, October 6th at 1:30 p.m. so be sure you have it marked down to go. If there is a week you can't go please let the Sniders know since there is a waiting list.

For the second session in November, if you are signed up for this one, please note that it will start as we said on Thursday, November 17th. However with the next week being the Collicutt day, we have cancelled this archery day and added on an extra Thursday. So therefore, the dates will be Thursdays, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, and Dec. 8th.

We are also booking another session of 3 classes to take place in either February or March. We have some of you on that interest list but there is still room for more so contact the Sniders if you are interested. We will give you the exact dates in a future newsletter.

Canadian Kid's Singer – Michael Mitchell Concert

One more week and then we will be kind of celebrating 'Canada Day' early!! Remember that on **Friday, October 7th at 11 a.m.** sharp, the popular Canadian Kid's Singer Michael Mitchell (www.michael-mitchell.ca) will be coming to do a concert for us at Balmoral Bible Chapel (where we have band which is at the intersection of Rutherford Dr. and 55th Street or Hwy 11 East). Please don't miss this opportunity to learn not only some great Canadian songs but also Canadian history and stories that go along with the song that will help you travel across this great land of ours! This cost of this concert has been donated to us and so you don't need to pay to attend but can save your money and buy one or two of his CD's instead the day of the concert!

If you haven't signed up for this, it's not too late as there is still room and it's fun for all ages! You are encouraged to dress in red but don't let that stop you from coming if you don't have red clothing! Please arrive 10 or 15 minutes early to be seated in time for us to start right at 11.

The concert will be followed by a pot luck dinner (12 – 12:45) and that will be followed by some 'Canadian games' (til approx 2 p.m.). We are hoping to play the voyageur 'stump' game. So if any of you have some large stumps we can use to stand on to play this game, please let the Sniders know. It is a ton of fun! There will be also red balloon popping games and we are hoping to have a game of 'Lacrosse' for the older children if the weather is fine for us to play that outdoors. If you have any questions, come and ask us there or email the Sniders.

Please note that for the Potluck lunch, we must be sure to have NO PEANUTS or anything that may contain nuts. There are people with allergies and so we need to be very careful with this. Thanks!

HS Parent Meeting - Making Learning REAL

We are inviting all homeschool parents – Moms and Dads- and Grandparents are invited too – to a parent meeting on the topic of "Making Learning Real". Daryl and Kathy Snider will be the guest speakers! We shared on this subject at the AHEA Home School Convention a few years ago and it is a topic that we are passionate about. We will be sharing how homeschooling traditionally gives us the freedom to make learning real and therefore motivating and practical for a lifetime for our children. We encourage parents to come no matter what their children's ages are as we will be referring to practical ideas for all ages. We hope that this will be an encouragement to you as parents to see your children enjoy learning and have the time to follow their passions and use their gifts and abilities that God has given to each of them. This will take place **Tuesday evening, October 11** at 7 p.m. in Red Deer at **the Dawe recreational facility in Meeting room #1**. If you come in the southeast door and go down the hall toward the gym, you will see the meeting room on the right hand side of the hallway. Please let us know if you are coming (k.d.snider@shaw.ca or call 403.348.0723)! This evening will also be a good opportunity for Dads to see what their important contributions are in their children's education in a way they can enjoy. We look forward to seeing you there!

FLT HomeSchool Mom's Supper in Calgary

Monday, October 17th we are planning to have our 3rd annual homeschool Mom's supper in Calgary and we want all you Moms in Calgary and area to come and visit each other and have fun! We will plan to meet at 6:15 p.m. and visit and share some ideas/ plans after that. Please contact Kathy or Rhonda to tell us you are coming (rhondasnider20@gmail.com or k.d.snider@shaw.ca or 403.348.0723). We plan to meet at the same place we did last year which is as follows for those not there then: New Dynasty Restaurant at #201-150 Crowfoot Crescent NW – back room. The cost for the buffet is 13.95 plus tax per person or people can order off of the menu if preferred. We're looking forward to the evening!

CYT Production of "Annie"

Contact the Sniders to book your tickets to this fall's Christian Youth Theatre's production of Annie. We have a great opportunity once again to enjoy one of their productions for the economical price of \$2 ticket. The show will take place on **Monday, October 31st** starting at 12:30 p.m. Everyone needs to arrive at least 15 minutes early in order that everyone is

seated for the start time. Christian Youth Theatre does an excellent job of their productions and so you won't want to miss this.

Annie will take place at the First Church of Nazarene - 2 McVicar St (the same place as the last 2 productions).

Standard First Aid Course

Here's a chance for older teens and/or parents to take your Standard First Aid with CPR level C training. This will take place **October 29/30**, from 8:00 am-4:30 pm both days. The cost is \$120 per person. You need to be 16 years of age or older. Contact Instructor and Home School Mom, Lois Lidstone (403) 352-1379 or by email at lois_lidstone@hotmail.com for more information. This course is a great thing to have both for the health of yourself and your own family and friends, as well as needed for a variety of jobs or at least great to have on the resume too!

Penny Carnival at the next Activity Day at the Collicutt Centre

The next activity day at the Collicutt will be **Thursday, November 3rd**. On this day, we are planning our annual **Penny Carnival**, which will take place from **1 – 2:15 p.m.** (followed by our regular **gym time** from **2:15 – 3:15 p.m.**) Our Penny Carnival is probably almost everyone's favorite activity day and we are planning some great activities to make it another exciting one! So save up your pennies and come and spend them playing games and competing at a variety of activities, such as knocking over cans, throwing magnetic darts or getting a tattoo. We'll also have balloon animals and face painting. As usual, we are looking for teens and parents to help run or set up their own unique booth! The more the merrier, so consider volunteering this year as well! ☺ Also we want you to know ahead of time that candies will be given out for prizes so if your child has any allergies or you don't want them to have candy, please keep this in mind. We do our best to have peanut free treats but parents would certainly need to check as well. We are looking forward to this event!

Safety City

Tuesday, November 15th from 1 – 3 p.m. we are booked for the Fire and Home Safety Program at Safety City here in Red Deer. 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).

Musical and Band Updates:

Good job everyone with the musical and bands! We've had a great start to our musical fall! ☺ Please note the following dates and times of performances as we know them so far.

Holy Moses Musical: Our Main Performance – Monday, November 21st at Crossroads Church at 7 p.m. This will also be live streamed for those dotting relatives who live far away! Other performances are planned for Friday, Nov. 18th and Monday afternoon, Nov. 21 (as well as the evening performance that night at Crossroads) and Wednesday, Nov. 23rd. Dress rehearsal will be on Wed. Nov. 16th. So you can mark those down for now and more details will be given as we confirm the exact locations.

Band Performances: Senior/Intermediate Band will be performing Monday, Nov. 21st at Crossroads Church before the Holy Moses musical at 7 p.m. as well as once again at the Festival of Trees on Sat. November 26th. Then on Wednesday, Nov. 30 we will play at the Golden Circle and then at the Extencicare at Mitchener Centre. Beginner Band will perform on Nov. 30th as well at Extencicare Mitchener Centre.

Tour and Flight Program at the Aero Space Museum in Calgary

After many of us enjoying our airplane rides with Sky Wings, we decided to check out the Aero Space Museum in Calgary. We were able to book a tour for **Friday, November 4th** and this will be from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. The cost of the tour is \$5 per student and is suitable for ages - approx. 5 – 13 years (interested older children are welcome as well). This Museum is located close to the Calgary airport and the address is: 4629 McCall Way (off of McKnight). You can also read more about them on their website: www.asmac.ab.ca.

Here is their description of their program: School Tour - Theory of Flight - In this program, students learn how an aircraft flies. They study forces of flight, Bernoulli's Principle, Newton's Laws of Motion, and the control surfaces of aircraft. This tour is a great way for students to experience real-life application of abstract concepts. They are able to discover the secrets of flight using real aircraft.

If you would like to take part in this activity, please contact Kathy at: k.d.snider@shaw.ca or 403.348.0723.

RDC Performance of: TOAD OF TOAD HALL

Friday, November 25th, we have tickets booked for this play at Red Deer College. 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 described below). 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.

Here is their description of the play to help you decide if you would like to attend!

Toad of Toad Hall by Philip Goulding

Adapted from the Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

Toad-ally charm your pants off!

Down by the River Bank, where you can hear the wind in the willows, live four best friends – Rat, Mole, Badger and the irrepressible and irresponsible Toad. Follow the madcap adventures of the wealthy Mr. Toad from his arrest for stealing a motorcar, to his trial, imprisonment and his ultimate escape. Now, with a little help from his friends, Toad begins a daring campaign to battle the weasels and regain Toad Hall. Audiences of all ages will enjoy this delightful retelling of a family classic.

Toad of Toad Hall Project:

We have an opportunity for you. Miss Rhonda has a project to promote the ‘Arts’ within our homeschooling group again this year. If you write to her and tell her how attending this play will help you learn more about drama or music or about writing a play or perhaps you want to write a little play, then you and your family can qualify for free tickets to this play! There are other possibilities, you may decide to write and tell her that you have read the book or have read it as a read- aloud for your family and what your favorite parts are that you are looking forward to seeing. Another thing may be that you would like to draw one or more pictures to send her of Mr. Toad or any characters or scenes of the story. One person in your family can do this to win tickets for all in the family or each child or parent can do something – it’s your choice. There is one stipulation - you are not allowed to write her and ask her questions about what you can do, because anything is allowed (that your parents approve of!) and we want a variety of responses to show just how creative and varied we homeschoolers are. You must have this in to her by November 15 or really the earlier the better.

You can either give it to her when you see her (either at the musical or maybe your visit) or by emailing her at rhondasnider20@gmail.com. Have fun with it! Please note: if this ambiguous description of what you are to do frustrates you, you can simply pay for your tickets and not worry about it! 😊

The Gifts of the Magi – at Rosebud Theatre

This **December 10th** we have booked tickets for the Christmas musical entitled ‘The Gifts of the Magi’ at Rosebud Theatre in the town of Rosebud (which is near Drumheller). It is a popular Christmas classical and one that all ages can enjoy. We have booked it for the Saturday matinee so that Dads can come along with their families as well. 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 must be at least 4 years of age to attend. Contact Kathy if you would like to come (k.d.snider@shaw.ca or by calling 403.348.0723).

OVER THE EDGE – Teen News and Activities

As a homeschool graduate myself, I can appreciate some of the jokes made by comedian and former homeschooler Kristin Weber. These are two out of her ten signs that you may be homeschooled:

1) You never quite know what grade you're in.

“I was homeschooled from the very beginning, and as a young child I thought my age was my grade. When people asked me my grade I'd respond, “I'm seven.” As a result, people never thought I was very smart. Smart kids know what grade they're in.

2) You're asked at least a dozen times a month, “But how do you get socialized?”

“I'll be honest with you. As a former homeschooler, this question is one of my biggest pet-peeves. I have several responses for this absurd question. Use them carefully as they fall a little on the sarcastic side.

a) “Well, I'm talking to you, and according to the dictionary, this is considered socializing.

b) “We're homeschooled not “hermit-schooled”.

c) Giggle shyly and hide my head in my arm.

More jokes from her to come! Our first teen event was super fun and I look forward to seeing you all come out to the rest events that are yet to come. As a challenge to you teens, I would encourage you to look at the other events in the newsletter and see where you could possibly help out! That could be running a booth for our penny carnival or helping out at another activity. You can ask me for more info!

Rhonda

Bowling Shebang

Our next teen activity is at Heritage Lanes on **Monday, October 3rd** at **7pm** where we are planning on bowling a couple of games. Cost - \$2 shoe rental. Ages 16 and up is \$5 a game and 15 and under is \$4.50 a game. Let Rhonda know if you are coming (403) 348-0723 or rhondasnider20@gmail.com. Also, bring a favourite card game (like dutch blitz) as we might have some time after to play!

Loaves and Fishes – Volunteer in Red Deer

This event is full already but if there are more teens that would like to participate and haven't let me know already, contact me soon! We could still go on **Monday, October 24th** and help with their ‘make a lunch’ program during the day. Talk to Rhonda for more info on that. For those of you who have signed up for the evening meal, meet at the Loaves and Fishes building (6002, 54th Ave) at 4:40pm and we will be done by 7:15pm.

Indoor Rock Climbing

We are literally going to go ‘over the edge’ with this activity! On **Monday, November 7th** from 6:30pm to 9pm at **Best Body Fitness** (#5 Beju Industrial Drive) in **Sylvan Lake**. Whether you have rock climbed before or not you are welcome to join

us! Cost is \$8.50 per person and that includes the harness. You can either bring tight-fitting, indoor shoes to climb in (i.e. runners) or you can rent a pair of climbing shoes for \$5. Let Rhonda know if you are going to be there!

Operation Christmas Child – Volunteer in Calgary

This is your other opportunity to volunteer this fall with the teens from FLT! On **Monday, November 28th** we are sorting shoeboxes at the Operation Christmas Child centre. Times are from 9am to 3:30pm (with time for lunch). You must be 14 years old to participate in this event (not our rule but theirs). We will then head over to Peter's Drive-In for some supper! It would be great to have parents come and help with this event as well. Please let Rhonda know if you are planning on participating and if you would like to carpool.

Christmas Banquet

On **Monday, December 5th** at **6pm** at the Riverbend Golf Course we are planning to have our very first formal Christmas banquet. This will include a delicious supper, drinks and dessert, entertainment, games and Christmas fun! I encourage you to all come and enjoy the evening as both the girls and the boys will have a 'smashing good time' (☺). The cost is approx. \$26. Check with us if you have an older sibling that would like to accompany you as well (i.e. graduated teens and young adults)! Let Rhonda know if you are planning on coming!

Frontier Lodge – A Spring Adventure in 2012!

Check out the previous newsletter for an overview of what this trip will look like! We are planning on going in May, 2012 and will have the exact dates for you soon. FYI – I, Rhonda am super, super, super excited about this trip!!

SHARING BULLETIN

Volunteer Opportunities:

We believe volunteer opportunities are important and powerful in anyone's lives. So we encourage you to take a look at some of these opportunities below and consider how you and your children could get involved.

Golden Circle – volunteer opportunity

Each Wednesday, the Golden Circle serves lunch to seniors and they would love to have home school children and/or parents helping to serve the lunch. You would be needed from 11:15 – 1 p.m. and would be involved in checking with the seniors what they would like for lunch and then serving it to them. After helping to clear the tables would also be a task to be done. There is sometimes entertainment at these lunches and so it is interesting and likely a highlight of the week for many attending. You would also be able to purchase your lunch there for half price which would include having a hot meal for \$3.50 or soup for \$1.50. Sounds fun doesn't it? Contact Dianne Lester at 403.343.6074 or dlester@goldencircle.ca. These volunteer opportunity would be for students ages 12 and up and either with a parent or on their own, whichever works best for your family.

Red Deer Hospital – Pediatrics - Tour leaders for kindergarten tours of the Pediatrics ward.

This opportunity is available to home school students ages 16 & 17 years old (or up). They would be delighted to have interested homeschoolers of this age apply for this volunteer position. It would consist of being trained and then leading 1 tour per week (2 ½ hrs). Three tour leaders work together for each tour. You would need to apply to be a registered volunteer and the orientation for this positions takes place at the end of October. Then tours will be given in November, January, February, March and until mid-April. To apply or for more information contact Darci at .403.343.4715 ext.7 or darci.shave@albertahealthservices.ca.

Ten Thousand Villages – Contact Leslie at 403.341.1078 or at reddeer@villages.ca if you are interested in applying to be a volunteer at the Ten Thousand Villages store here on the south side of Red Deer. You need to be 16 years old and up and be willing to work two – 4 hour shifts each month. They are particularly busy in November and December and so extra shifts

are available during this time. Volunteers are trained during two – 4 hour shifts. I was also told to let you know that a volunteer would never be alone in the store. Again this is a great opportunity to learn so much about what goes on in the store, where their products come from etc.

Piano for Sale: Mason Reisch upright piano for sale. It has been appraised at \$1700.00 and professionally tuned annually. We are asking \$1500.00. Any inquiries can be directed to Cindy at either 403 342-1469 or cdklaudt@telus.net.

For Sale: Exploring Creation with Human Anatomy/Physiology Text book-NEW-\$25; 2 Exploring Creation with Human Anatomy/Physiology Notebook Journals-NEW-\$15/each; Donna Wards Canada My Country Textbook-\$15; Six storybooks from all across Canada that go with Canada My Country text-\$20/set; Donna Wards Canada's Natives Long Ago textbook-\$15; Seven Bobbie Kalman Native books that go with Natives Long ago text-\$40/set; Three Konos Curriculum books: Obedience, Attentiveness(NEW) and Orderliness-\$20 ea; Konos Compass book-FREE
Contact Jen Connolly @ (403)505-5035 or email @ jchubbs@telus.net

Wanted: 100 Easy Lessons Thanks to those who responded re: helping me to find a science book for our family. I am now looking for copies of the book 'Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons' for another family. If you have a copy that you are finished with just let me know, Lorraine at mlparker@xplornet.com It will be a blessing to others. Thanks.

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Childcare, Refreshments, Demonstrations, Samples, Door Prizes, Guest Speaker

We'd welcome the chance to talk with you about your situation, find out what you're looking for – health, freedom, or both – and see if this is right for you. For more information and to RSVP please contact Denise & Jonathan Elhard - dreamgreen.myshaklee.com - dreamgreen@shaw.ca - 403.598.6055

"Super Fruit" Mangosteen! Hi! My name is Pam and I am a homeschooling mom! I have enjoyed being at home with my kids and also enjoying being a Social Entrepreneur. My family has experienced some huge health benefits this year. I feel obligated to share with other homeschooling moms out there. These products are total body wellness from head to toe. I for one have had my eczema clear up, more energy less stress and feel all around fabulous. My kids are more attentive and we don't have to struggle with those pesky colds and flu's that hit each year. These are all natural products, toxin free. Using the whole Mangosteen fruit which is a natural anti-inflammatory. I am very very thankful that these products came into our lives. If you would like any information on what the products are or what I have seen them help here is my info.
Pam Hawboldt [780-352-0713](tel:780-352-0713) (Home) [780-362-1036](tel:780-362-1036) (cell)

For Sale: Day by Day Kids Bible, for ages 7-10, like new, \$10; How to Study your Bible, for kids, by Kay Arthur, like new, \$5; Art Program, 'I Can Do All Things' by Barry Stebbing, for ages 6 and up, normally costs about \$72. Good, fun art program. Like new \$30; Time Traveller by Usborne. Boys love this book! Good condition, \$5; Fun with Easy Origami by Dover Publications, - \$2; North To Freedom by Anne Holm - \$2; The Whipping Boy By Sid Fleischman - \$1; Justin Morgan Had a Horse By Marguerite Henry - \$2; Master Cornhill by Eloise Jarvis McGraw - \$3; Spurgeon Heir of the Puritans by Ernest W. Bacon,- new \$4; Miracles on Maple Hill by Virginia Sorensen, -\$2.
Please contact Barb Noonan @ (403)-342-6833.

For Sale: Saxon Math 6/5 complete set with tests and answer keys \$40 and Saxon Math 8/7 complete set with tests and answer keys \$45. Contact Lois: 403.352.1379 or lois_lidstone@hotmail.com

From the Home School Minute:

Each week, I enjoy receiving the Home School Minute email. They talk about current topics pertaining to homeschoolers and they have regular authors writing about the same topic. That's fun because with each author you enjoy a different perspective. We've shared portions of this before and we are sharing from them here again in case you are interested in receiving this as well. To do that you can check out this link:

thehomeschoolmagazine.com/Homeschool_Minute.html . Either way we hope you enjoy these two authors as they share on the topic 'Seasons Change'. Blessings, Kathy ☺

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Seasons Change September 21, 2011

Dear Homeschoolers,

I just got off a plane from visiting my parents in New Mexico, we celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Fifty years of marriage sounds like an eternity for some of us, doesn't it? I in a few short days how quickly seasons changed for them and, consequently, for me also. I remembered growing up in my house, emerging into adulthood under their care, and then a home of my own. My own children came, and with them the conviction to keep them home under my nurture and care. And I have become acquainted personally with the fact that time marches onward with no compassion.



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Being intertwined in my own seasons now, I finally see the beauty in each one—some from the other side. Babyhood is so precious that its charm lasts a whole lifetime. The toddler season is the most curious, cute, and cantankerous season but passes in a flash. Those elementary years are longer but full of the realization of personalities and creativity and capacity. The teen years are fast and furious and full. And now, I am watching the advent into adulthood. Truly, seasons change, and just as I love the sights, sounds, and smells of spring, summer, winter, and fall, I also love every one of these seasons of homeschooling life.

The one thing that is constant is change. The change begins slowly but ups its pace dramatically as time elapses. And everything is beautiful in its time. The other thing that is constant is God. We must not let go of the fact that God is just as much in control of our seasons of life as He is in control of the seasons of nature. He guards, protects, provides, and sustains through each season of our homeschooling life. Ask, seek, and knock until you know this God fully.

Hold tightly to those children as you keep them Home Where They Belong, for they will not always be with you. Their time with us is short, but their time with or without God is eternal. Remember what is important. Be thankful for each day with your children and know that whatever season you are in, God will make everything beautiful in your life, your homeschooling, and your children's hearts in His time.

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. . . He hath made everything beautiful in his time."

Eccl. 3:1; 11

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The changing of seasons often brings rejoicing. Winter turns to spring, and new life seems to abound. Spirits are lifted, and all things seem possible. The boy who couldn't read now reads with ever-increasing volume and confidence, making the struggles of the past a faint memory. The frustrated toddler who couldn't communicate settles down with his new ability to use his words. The high schooler who seemed chaotic suddenly finds a purposeful path that was previously covered by the clutter of adolescent life. God is good, and hope is restored.

Sometimes the change of seasons leads us into a new place of trust. I know that when my youngest child graduated from high school, I began a new and, in some ways, more challenging journey. Just like all the years of trusting God for finances, direction, or provision in homeschooling or the healing of a sick child, the growth doesn't come until your feet hit the pavement. Walking it out is the only way to get to that next place of trust and confidence in God. So it would be with my walk after Ashley graduated. I had to rely on God, not only for purpose, but also for promise—the promise that the emptiness I felt would not be a permanent part of me.

Though I felt I went from a glorious fall, bursting with color and coziness, into the loneliness of winter, I could tell there was a challenge in this pain. I had given my heart freely to my children as a homeschooling mom. I could do it no other way. If this was the price for the 16 years of close daily partnership with my sweet children, then okay. It was worth it. I would say without hesitation that I wouldn't change a thing. I was blessed.

So where does that leave you? No matter what new season you enter, God has gone before you. He has made the rough places smooth, placed provision there for your arrival, and dispatched His angels to protect you. Whether you face a struggling reader, a newly arrived high schooler, or just the ongoing struggles of making ends meet, God has seen your path. He has prepared not only what you need, but also greater blessings than you could ask for or think of. He has gone before you and is now ready to take every step with you, or for you. How can I be so sure?

He let me see the next season of blessings that was waiting ahead.

~ Debbie

