

### ***Greetings everyone!***

*With the recent beautiful weather, I think we are all ready for a great summer. Here is another' end of the year' newsletter for you to look over. Please note that this will be the last newsletter until September. Also we want to remind you that all homeschool receipts need to be in to us by June 15<sup>th</sup>.*

*Regarding notification forms, we like to have them all in by the end of June if possible, but you have until the end of September to register and still be able to receive funding for your child/children.*

*We wish you all a great summer, filled with outdoor adventures and great family times as you create memories and learn and grow and enjoy the freedom of unscheduled times!*

*Blessings, Kathy ☺*

## **Activities:**

### **Art Display**

This is a last call to invite all homeschool children and families to create a wonderful piece of art for the display at the local Red Deer hospital. This display is being presented by Families Learning Together and using that theme for the artwork. So.... please consider within the next week to ten days to submit a piece of artwork for this display. You could bring it to the next art day or express post it to us or drop it off at Kathy's house or Corinne's house. If you are interested just let us know your plan. We are looking for a great variety of pictures of how families learn together!

### **Archery Field Day**

Please contact Kathy if you are interested in the outdoor archery field day on June 12<sup>th</sup>. We need one more person to have enough to go ahead with this activity and I'm sure there must be one more archer out there that would love to participate! (It can also be more than one, but just that we need one more minimum).

### **Red Deer Park Days**

There are two more Park days in **June on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup>**, from 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Rosedale Community Shelter and green area.

### **Outdoor Pool Swim Days**

For the month of June, if you would like to enjoy swimming in the outdoor pool at the Rec. Centre and see other Home School families, then come out on **Thursdays**. The outdoor pool opens at 3:30 and is open until 8 p.m. The plan for most seems to be to meet at 3:30. You can call the Rec. center for prices. Have fun!

### **Beach Party**

We want to remind you to try and come to our beach day on **Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>** at Sylvan Lake. We plan to meet in the area right across from the Big Moo which is located on main street looking out on to the lake. You don't need to call ahead and in the event of rain or poor weather we will plan to meet the following Tuesday instead (June 23<sup>rd</sup>).

However we will count on ( and pray for) a beautiful sunny day and plan to meet at 11:30 a.m. Bring your lunch and spend time on the beach and in the water throughout the afternoon. Bring water and sand toys, frisbees etc.

Teens we will also plan to meet at the beach volleyball courts at 2 p.m. (this is further down the beach on the left from the original meeting spot). Here we will enjoy some games of beach volleyball and then perhaps go to the Big Moo after that.

If you are wondering about the weather that day, you could call Kathy or Lorraine to see whether or not it has been postponed to the next week.

### **Tour of Parkland Nursery**

**Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>** at 1 p.m. sharp you have the opportunity to have an informative tour of Parkland Nursery which is located on the north east end of town. The tour will take about 40 minutes and there is no cost. It is suitable for children 6 – 12 years old. You will walk through the garden center, greenhouses, perennial area and tree area. Each

child will also be given an opportunity to pot a bedding plant and take it home with them. Please contact the Sniders if you would like to sign up to take part in this tour ([k.d.snider@shaw.ca](mailto:k.d.snider@shaw.ca) or 403.348.0723).

### **Scandanavian Dancing**

**Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>** is a popular day! From 2:15 – 3:15 on this day you have the opportunity to learn some Scandanavian folk dances on an outdoor dance area down by the Luft Hus (or on the east side of the outdoor pool at the downtown rec center). We have a lady who is coming with her music to teach the folk dances to us. Shoes with slippery soles (and not flip flops) are best for dancing here. The cost will be \$2 per child participating and is suitable for ages 6 to 16 to adult! Again please be sure to let Kathy know if you want to come. And this is so close to the outdoor pool that after this is done you can make it in time to swim at the outdoor pool!

### **Recital**

For all those music students that have pieces all perfected because it's the end of the year for lessons, please call Kathy Snider at 348-0723 and sign up for our year end recital which will be held **Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.** at the Piper Creek Lodge (4820-33<sup>rd</sup> Street). It doesn't have to be music only and if some of you who memorized poems for the poetry recital would like to come and say your poem - that would be great too! Once again we encourage you to share your talents and bring joy to others at the same time. Thanks!

### **Apprenticeship/ Trades Information Meeting**

**Tuesday night, June 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7 p.m. we are happy to be able to meet at Red Deer College with Brian Larson to discuss options for our children in the trades and apprenticing areas that are home school friendly. Brian works at the College in the trades division and is also a home school Grandpa and therefore can relate to homeschooling families and their situations. In order to get an appropriate room for the meeting we need to know how many are coming and so please contact Kathy ([k.d.snider@shaw.ca](mailto:k.d.snider@shaw.ca) or 348.0723) with how many of your family will be attending. We are looking forward to hearing from Brian and also hearing about the possibility of our students working under a journeyman in a specific trade and being able to even do their first year of schooling at home through RDC. Be sure to come out!

### **Sylvan Lake Waterslides**

Please note that for the first time in years, we have cancelled this activity. Their policies have changed and really make it so that it doesn't work for us. Payment has to be made ahead of time without regard to the weather and other things that don't work well. So instead of this, we have booked Calaway Park just outside of Calgary for a year-end activity. Please check below for information about that.

### **Calaway Park**

This year we are excited to book a trip to Calaway Park on **Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**. We haven't heard the exact admission prices but will confirm that shortly. (Two years ago for children ages 3 and up it was \$14.31 with GST included. Children 2 and under and expecting mothers were free and parents were \$5.30 GST included, so it will likely be close to that amount.) You can pay at Guest Services at the park on arrival and payment can be made by cheque, cash, Interac or credit card. Gates open at 10 am. – so we are asking all our group to meet there by 9:45 by the guest services area on the right side of the regular entrance booths. Preregistration is required. We need to hear how many paying children and parents we will have by June 18<sup>th</sup>. You can register by contacting Lorraine Parker at [mlparker@yourlink.ca](mailto:mlparker@yourlink.ca) or 403.784.3078. Concessions are available on site but you are also welcome to bring a picnic lunch. It will be lots of fun!

### **Discovery Canyon**

**Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> - 11:30 – 3 p.m.** We've decided to pick a warm sunny day again this year to get together and enjoy time at Discovery Canyon (located at Riverside Golf course on the north-east side of Red Deer). For those of you who have never been there, there is a water slide to go down on a tube, water to play in and a sandy beach area as well. The only cost is to rent a tube and that is around \$3.50. The slide is suitable for ages approx. 12 and under (bigger people don't slide as well). It is a great spot. You can bring a picnic lunch and there is also a concession as

well. We will plan to meet on the west side of the water area. If it happens to be really bad weather, we will postpone it to the following Tuesday (the 21st). See you there!

### **Nixon Honey Farm Tour**

On **Wednesday, August 12**, Cindi L. has arranged for our group to have a tour of this honey farm. It is located east of Penhold about 15 minutes. You will have the chance to see how the honey is extracted from the hives and learn a lot about the whole interesting process. There are however, bees that will be there just so you know in case your child might be afraid of bees or if they have an allergy to bees, it wouldn't obviously be a good place to go! However if everyone is calm, cool and collected (as we all are!) it is great!

The tour will take approx. 30 minutes and then you will also have the opportunity to buy some honey and yummy honey sticks. You can also bring your own containers for the honey if you like and you get a cheaper rate. Please contact Cindi by August 9<sup>th</sup> at [cc.leighton@hotmail.com](mailto:cc.leighton@hotmail.com) or 403-342-4124.

### **Band and Choir News:**

We are pleased with our year of band and choir and now we are encouraging lots of you not to miss the fun next year and join with us to make music. We are planning on another choir/drama production in the fall led by Geneva Siemens. This will start **Wednesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 11 a.m. We hope many of you will participate again as the more the merrier for projects like this!

We will once again be having recorder band, beginner band, intermediate band and senior band as well as choir and drama for the musical, next year on **Wednesdays** at Balmoral Bible Chapel. We go for 10 weeks in the fall and the bands will go for another 10 weeks beginning in February 2008. Please let us know if you plan to participate as it helps us prepare the music etc for the new season. It is a great musical opportunity and we hope many of you take advantage of it. Also please check with us if you need an instrument as we do have some available and you can even have them over the summer if that helps.

Please note the times below for the various bands. We want to give these to you now so that you can plan your other lessons and activities around them. The cost is \$25/person for the bands and musical participation. For the musical there is an additional cost of approx. \$10 for the choir t-shirts and approx. \$10/family for the materials.

Senior Band: 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Intermediate Band: 12:30 – 2:00 Beginner Band: 12:30 - 1:30 Recorder Band 12:30 – 1:15 Choir 11 a.m. until noon (depending on the stage of the fall production).

### **Fall Mom's Brunch in Red Deer**

Once again we are planning to kick off our new homeschool year with a Mom's brunch on **Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**. This year we can enjoy beautiful scenery while we eat, as we have booked our lunch at **Riverbend Golf Course** once again. We plan to meet at 11:30 a.m. and will be done by 2:30 p.m. The exact cost isn't determined yet, but will be approx. \$15/person. It will be great to see everyone after the summer and the plan is to inspire one another to the tasks the new school year will bring. We will have the September newsletter there with all the fall activities listed. You must book ahead to come so that we can give them exact numbers, so please contact Lorraine (784-3078) or Kathy (348-0723) by August 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fall Swimming Lessons in Red Deer**

This fall, exact times for swimming lessons are not yet confirmed but will likely take place once again on Tuesday afternoons at the Recreation Centre. Normally there are 8 consecutive – 45 min classes.

Please contact the Sniders if you would like to put your children's names on the list for this fall session. We will start a list right away, so call early to be assured of a spot. We will have forms available in the fall that will need to be filled out with their levels etc.

### **Fall Swimming Lessons –Rocky Pool**

Call Laura Satermo (845.7036) early in September if you are interested in the fall swim lessons. Also Laura must know the level your child is in. Lessons go for 10 weeks.

## **Fall Mom's Supper in Rocky**

**Thursday, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>**, at the Tamarack Inn. We will meet from **5:45 to 9 p.m.** The cost for this roast beef smorg is approx. \$17 (including tax and gratuity and cheesecake for dessert and tea and coffee). Please mark it on your calenders as there won't be another newsletter before this day. You need to call Kathy by August 26<sup>th</sup> if you plan to be there. It's a great way to start the new school year!

## **SHARING BULLETIN**

**What in the World?** Everyone wanting to enjoy this Current Event monthly publication again or for the first time next year, please let us know ([k.d.snider@shaw.ca](mailto:k.d.snider@shaw.ca)) . We will put your name on the list, take off \$10 from your funding for the year and then each month email you the password so that you can access it and print it.

I am excited about it and think it is a great publication and an awesome way for you and your children to be informed of what is happening in the world. It gives a nice overview of current topics and some relevant questions to answer or discuss. Next year we will have three levels again and they are intended for Grades 3-5 (Canadian Reader), Grades 5-7 and 8-10. If you want to check out a sample issue, you can do so at their website [www.lesplan.com](http://www.lesplan.com) .

**Canadian Reader en francais** Anyone interested in have the the Canadian Reader in the French version, please let us know about that as well, as we are hoping to have enough interested to have this version available for new year. The material is identical to the English versions only in French. Again contact Kathy to be put on the list ([k.d.snider@shaw.ca](mailto:k.d.snider@shaw.ca)).

**Heritage Park Annual Quilt Show** is May 30 -31 in Calgary. Gwynnda Wheatley, age 12 will have her first quilt on display for this show. Tickets are general gate admission. We are very excited to have her in this well attended annual show. Come and check it out.

**Summer Band Day Camp at RDC** - This day camp always takes place in August about the second week but you will need to check exact dates.

We always encourage our home school band members and those interested in going to this camp to attend if possible. It's always been a good one and students really advance in one week there. Call Red Deer College to register. There are two bands: one for beginners and then one for the next level up. Call Kathy if you have questions.

**Music for Young Children**, the high note in music learning. Your child will have a chance to learn about music, develop piano skills and gain a sound theory base. Classes include singing, rhythm instruments, individual and group keyboard, games, composers, composing, listening and lots of group fun! Parents included! Accepting beginners four years and up. September to May - 34 weeks. Please call Heather Standish at 346-1666 or [hmstandish@telusplanet.net](mailto:hmstandish@telusplanet.net)

### **RDC Sports day camps**

These sports camps are also a good chance to learn volleyball and basketball. Some are combination camps and others are specifically for one sport. Children in grades approx. 4 and up are able to attend. Again call Red Deer College to register.

**Frontier Lodge** – is a Christian Wilderness Summer Adventure Camp - [www.frontierlodge.ca](http://www.frontierlodge.ca) located just west of Nordegg. Our daughter, Rhonda is volunteering there for the summer and wanted to be sure you knew that it was a great place and tell you about how many fun activities (mountain biking, canoeing, hiking, rapelling, rock climbing) there are. So feel free to check that out. They are also offering a **40 Day Ascend Program** for young adults 18 years old and up in the fall. So for those students in that age range it might be a very cool opportunity for an adventure such as this where spiritual training is combined with outdoor adventures.

**Passion Play** – If you have never attended the passion play in the Badlands, it's a great idea to do it! This takes place in July. There are afternoon and evening performances (personally I recommend the evening as it is cooler). Check their website at [www.canadianpassionplay.com](http://www.canadianpassionplay.com) or call 1.888.823.2001.

**Nota Bene Youth Choir** - Are you a student in grade 6 – 10? Interested in performing in community events? Learning about other cultures through their music? Interested in connecting with others who love to sing? Musical Director Kim Denis has been involved in choral music for many years. The course runs Monday evenings from 7-8:30 Sept. – May at Red Deer College. Cost last year was \$200. Call 342-3504. The Cote, Richard, Koenig, Rittamer, Kure & Standish families recommend it and would be happy to see you there!

**Gulf Islands Sailing Trip** – April 2010 (likely near the end of April but exact dates are not yet confirmed) will find 15 sailors, age 12 and up, on a 62 foot ketch, sailing, navigating, and experiencing incredible coastal nature first hand. If this sounds interesting to you, or someone you know, contact Lynne @ 586-3682 ([lynne.gg@hotmail.com](mailto:lynne.gg@hotmail.com)) for more information. Please don't wait, beds are available on a first come first serve basis. With enough interest, another group with different dates will be organized. We've heard lots of positive stories from fellow homeschoolers that just came back from this year's trip.

**Sewing Classes in Lacombe** - starting in the fall at The Sewing Shop located at 4512 43 Ave, Lacombe AB T4L 1W3. Phone/Fax: 782-7770 **Email:** [larrison99@telus.net](mailto:larrison99@telus.net)  
There will be sewing instruction for children ages 6 and up and classes are unparented. Registration Fee \$15.00  
Classes run from mid September to October 2008 (8 hours of instruction)

**Summer Reading Splash-** Check out the Old HomeSchool Magazine website to find out about their 2<sup>nd</sup> summer reading program with lots of activities.

**Resources:** Here are two very cool resources that you might be interested in checking out! Christian Karaoke <http://www.cloud9games.com/Heavenly%20Harmony.htm> . It's awesome. Your kids will enjoy singing along to this and learn lots in the process!

Printing/Cursive <http://www.startwrite.com/> This is great for preparing copy work for both printing and cursive writing. You can print materials with dots to follow, arrows etc. Check it out.

**Website** submitted to check out: 400 Years of the Telescope, a Journey of Science, Technology and Thought. [http://www.400years.org/for\\_teachers/teaching\\_ideas.php](http://www.400years.org/for_teachers/teaching_ideas.php)

### **Usborne Books at Home**

If you are shopping for books for the fall, and want to look at a catalog or place an order, give Venessa a call at (403)342-1716. Usborne books are great resources for any homeschool family!

**Nature Friend Magazine** - This is a great resource for helping children explore the wonders of God's creation. *Nature Friend* magazine is a children's magazine the whole family, including the grandparents, can enjoy. They publish twelve issues per year, six of which are gently nudged towards the older family members. Besides enjoying the information and great pictures, you can also submit your own art, photographs, stories, puzzles and poems.

'*Nature Friend* magazine, begun in 1983, was first published by the Stanley Brubaker family of Goshen, Indiana. It was born out of Mr. Brubaker's desire to encourage children to believe in God as their Creator and to seek out, recognize, and appreciate His handiwork.' Check out their website or call (877) 434-0765 for a subscription.

### **Campbells's Labels For Education**

Please continue to collect and save your Campbell's labels over the summer. We have just recently "purchased" and received a music stand for the band with the labels collected to date. Thank you to all collectors. And don't hesitate to

ask anyone who works in a restaurant or hospital/nursing home kitchen to collect for you! Bring your labels to the Mom's brunch in September. Thank you.

**Puppies For Sale:** Orcutts have PUGCYCLE puppies for sale. They are a pure pug pure daschund cross. They have both parents and they are great dogs. The puppies look like a small beagles and stay looking like a puppy all their lives. They are \$400 and will be available to approved homes at the end of June. You can contact Sharon at 403-845-3582 and leave a message if there is no answer (please note that the machine does not kick in until after 14 rings so be patient).

**For Sale:** Country fresh brown and white eggs from happy hens. Our hens are fed all vegetable feed and have an outside run. Eggs come washed and sanitized. Price is \$2.00/dozen. Can deliver to Lacombe or Red Deer on Thursdays. Please let us know by Wednesday night. Call the Sawatzky's at (403) 782-7910 or email at [garden283@look.ca](mailto:garden283@look.ca).

**School of the Psalmist** – Dawn Hrywkiw - Director

Are you looking for quality music instruction for your children during daytime hours? We have openings for lessons in voice, piano, violin, guitar & drums, plus limited evening openings at our downtown Red Deer studios. Call 403-346-6198 for more information or check out [www.schoolofthepsalmist.com](http://www.schoolofthepsalmist.com).

**Interesting Summer Activities to consider:**

**Shakespeare in the Park** (in Calgary) – Prince's Island Park July 3 – Aug. 2 Romeo and Juliette and A Midsummer's Night Dream among other Shakespearean tidbits. Donations are accepted though you can get VIP treatment if you like, check the website at [www.myshakespeare.ca](http://www.myshakespeare.ca).

**Spruce Meadows** has many events throughout the summer. Gate admission is \$5/person with 12yrs and under being free. You can buy expensive tickets for some spots but you can also enjoy most events without them. The grounds are beautiful and of course so are the horses! Some upcoming events are Spruce Meadows Nationals June 10-14, July Classic 18-21<sup>st</sup> and the Masters Sept. 9-13<sup>th</sup>. Check out their website at [www.sprucemeadows.com](http://www.sprucemeadows.com)

**"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."**  
— Benjamin Franklin