

Dear Home School Families,

What a great start to the homeschool year we all enjoyed in September learning about summer weather in the fall! I was so proud of many of you as I heard stories of families and friends packing up and heading for the beach and taking advantage of the great flexibility we can enjoy as we make memories with our families. Good for you!

Speaking of friends, this is a common area of discussion I hear at this time of year as homeschool families and children are looking for making a connection with like-minded people. The HomeSchool Minute that comes via email weekly just had that very topic last week and so I thought it would be fun to include a couple of those at the end of this newsletter, so feel free to check those out.

At last we are happy to tell you that after many requests, the Families Learning Together Home School Directory has been completed. A huge thank you to Homeschool Mom, Judy Gray, for volunteering to put this together for all of us. It was hours of work for her and Judy diligently checked and re-checked numbers of addresses and phone numbers. However being human, errors are sometimes made and therefore please let us know if you find any errors and we can make the adjustments. We would also like to remind you that this directory is for the use of the families included in it only for the purpose of contacting one another (speaking of friends!). It is not to be shared with others outside the group and particularly not for any type of soliciting. We know that you know this but feel it is an important reminder. If you aren't close by and haven't been able to pick up a paper copy of the directory, you are also welcome to email us and we can email you a copy.

Included in this newsletter are many activities and field trips that many are sharing for others to enjoy. Sometimes we do have field trip opportunities that come up and it is often quite helpful if we have volunteers that are willing to be the contact person for a particular field trip. This would include taking the phone calls from those who would like to participate and then going to the field trip and being the contact person there for the people leading the event. If you are willing to do that for one or two events, can you please let us know. If many take turns doing this, it lightens the load and enables more things to be offered. Thanks and thanks to those who have done that for the events included here.

We hope you are all enjoying 'Being Kind'! We've heard fun stories and you are welcome to share more. See the projects below for some further information on our theme that we will keep for the next couple of months. Blessings and Happy Homeschooling! Kathy ☺

Be Kind Projects

Here are some projects that you may be interested in participating in that have come up as a result of our theme of 'Being Kind'. If you think of any more, feel free to share them with us next month. Even if you live too far to participate in some of these, you can still get ideas to do similar things in your town. ☺

- 1. 'Knit for Charity' - Check out this website:** <http://www.knit-a-square.com/>. This project is one you can do without leaving home and in your spare minutes or while you are listening to a read aloud together. If you don't know how to knit or crochet, check with someone who does or perhaps check a tutorial on YouTube! What you knit is an 8 inch square and then Kimberly Sysak has volunteered to send in all the squares that you can bring to her or to Hannah at band or the Collicutt days or drop off to them at their house (or mail if you live further away). These squares are then sewn together to make blankets for orphan children in parts of Africa. Again all details are on the website and Kimberly is also available to answer questions that you may have. You can contact her at: kjsysak@hotmail.com or 403.343.7179. Also if anyone has wool to donate you can let her know that as well and she will put it in the hands of some of our volunteer knitters.
- 2. Be Kind Poster Display and Recital - on Friday, October 16th** at 2 p.m. we are looking for volunteers to meet at the Red Deer Valley Park Manor Care Centre (5505 – 60 Ave) to help put up our display of 'Be Kind' pictures

and posters. Also along with this we are asking volunteers to share something in the recital. It may be reciting or reading a poem, singing a song, playing the piano, doing a skit with one or two others (I'm told they love skits) or playing a musical instrument of some sorts. We are invited to stay for cookies after at 3 p.m. They are looking forward to this and so please consider being a part of this!

3. **Craft Helpers – On Tuesday October 20th**, we are looking for about 5 or 6 helpers (suitable for ages 9 years and up or a younger child if Mom is there to assist) to help the seniors with a craft where they will be making clown puppets. This could lead to helping at other craft days but this is a good chance to see if you enjoy 'Being kind' in this way. This again will take place at Red Deer Valley park Manor from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
4. **Violin Players – Tuesday, December 1st**, we plan to meet at Valley Park Manor at 9 a.m. where we will practise together as we did last year. Contact me any time ahead of that and I can email you the Christmas music. At 10:45 we will have a concert for the seniors for 45 mins. Others with you in your family that aren't playing are asked to come along and help decorate the Christmas tree at the manor as well. We will have decorations that have been made and you are welcome to make some and bring them as well.
5. **Volunteers to Act out the Christmas Story** – We are looking for one or two or three families to work together to be willing to act out the Christmas story again at Valley Park Manor on Monday, December 14th at 2 p.m. They have all the costumes and props and script and they just need the people to do this! It would make a wonderful family memory and is an awesome opportunity to 'Be Kind'! You are also able to go in at the end of November and get the script and look at props etc. Also there is a slotted practise time in their rec room on Friday, December 11th in the afternoon. If we have more volunteers we can always find another place to do it! Contact Kathy at k.d.snider@shaw.ca or 403.348.0723.

Gymnastics for Fun

Here is another opportunity this year for your child to drop in for gymnastics at the Collicutt gymnastics centre for **5 Tuesdays – October 6 & 20, November 3 & 17 and December 1** - from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Children of all ages and levels can attend. There will be structured activities but it will not be working towards a badge but recreational. Parents you can pay when you arrive, you just need to be sure to sign a permission sheet/waiver for your child. The cost is \$5 each time. Also the times work perfectly if your child is in swim lessons as they can go to this first and then go to swim lessons at the Rec. Centre or at least on the days that they are still on. Please phone and let Kathy Snider know by October 5 if you want to participate and which days, as we need to give them the number of children to expect. You can contact Kathy by emailing her at k.d.snider@shaw.ca or call 348.0723.

Alvin the Adventure Bear

We now have a teddy bear (Alvin) that will be traveling around the FLT circle of families. He is wanting to go on some adventures! We will do a draw at the Activity day to see who he goes with first and will be delivered next week because he has an adventure planned with our family on Friday (the Tonne's). Each family that gets him will record in his Adventure Journal what he did with them (ex: field trip, church, concert, soccer, piano lessons, sleepover, Grandma's house...anywhere interesting) and either draw or glue a picture of his adventure with them. After 1 week he will be passed on to another FLT family you know and have a new adventure. There will be a list of guidelines in the journal to follow. At the end of the year, he will come back to where he started (Natalie Tonne) and we can all see where he visited at the year end activity day.

FRANÇAIS...

If interested in any of the following courses, please contact Lori Dunbar at 403-343-0463. Classes will be held in our home in old Oriole Park, Red Deer. If you, or your child, are looking for some individual help with the French language, feel free to call me or e-mail your questions. fldunbar@telus.net

Un goûter de français

For 3 and 4 year olds to get a “taste” of the French language with their parents. \$45 per student
Tuesdays: 11h00 – 11h45 am October 13th, 20th, 27th, November 3rd

Parler, chanter en français...

For ages 5 – 8 with their parents. 65 per student In this class, we will learn some basic French vocabulary through songs, stories, activities and crafts. Tuesdays: 12h45 – 1h30 pm October 13th, 20th, 27th,
November 3rd, 17th, 24th NO CLASS NOV. 10th due to school photos

S’amuser en français

For students and /or adults that have already been in an immersion setting and can speak fluently.
\$120 per student This class will meet weekly to play games, sing songs, or bake, while we refresh our French vocabulary. Tuesdays: 1h30 – 2h30 pm October 13th, 20th, 27th, November 3rd, 17th, 24th
NO CLASS NOV. 10th due to school photos

Rocket Building in Red Deer

Last month we had rocket building in Rocky and it was so much fun that we are planning to have a rocket building day in Red Deer on Thursday, **October 8th** at 10 a.m. The cost will be \$15 and so let the Sniders know if you would like to participate (k.d.snider@shaw.ca or 403.3480723). We will meet at the Rosedale Community Shelter. It will take about 2 hours and first you will build your rocket and then the plan will be to launch them. The only thing is that if it is too windy, we may have to arrange another day for the launching or it may be that we may need to go to another location if it is breezy but that will be worked out that day.

Homeschool Bowling in Innisfail

Homeschooling bowling times will take place at the Innisfail Bowling Lanes (5039-50 St.) on the following dates: **October 8th, December 3rd, February 4th and April 1st** at 2 p.m. The cost is \$5 per child for 2 games and shoe rental. For more information contact Charlene Malek at 403.227.2895.

Scrapbooking/ Paper Crafting Classes

Starting **Thursday, October 15, 2009 - 1:00 p.m - 3:30 p.m** at the Weiler residence (15 McCullough Cres. Classes will be offered for girls that are Gr. 6 - 12. Hopefully there is enough response to offer monthly classes, or just register and come when you can! Future times will be announced in the newsletters. Enjoy some fellowship while creative hands are at work. Cost will be \$15 per child that can be paid that day. Supplies included. Please call Adeline at 347-3198 by Oct. 9, 2009 to reserve your spots or for more info. Looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones while having some fun together!

Trail Ride at Heritage Ranch

Thursday, October 15th, if you and/or your child is interested in riding a horse on a trail ride, you can contact the Sniders to book your spot (k.d.snider@shaw.ca or 403.348.0723). You would need to meet at the main office at 1:15 p.m. so that we can get ready for the one hour ride which would start at 1:30. The cost is \$35 per person/horse and in order to go your child needs to be at least 4 feet 6 inches tall. You would need to dress appropriately which would include at least a long sleeved shirt, long pants and closed in shoes. Eight people would ride in a group and so if there are more than that, we will book another group after the first one.

Homeschool Drawing Lessons

Local artist Shane Young has taught a number of our homeschool graduates to fine tune their drawing skills and he would be interested in setting up some lessons for some of our current students. A time has not been finalized at this point, but if you are interested in having your child glean from his many years of experience, please call Jenny Bowen at 403-347-6334 or send an email to OtherSideOfTheGarden@gmail.com.

Tour of the Fire Station

If you haven't visited the #1 Fire station in Red Deer, then this is your chance to do so and find out what the firemen do there! On **Thursday, October 22nd**, from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. you are welcome to go. The Fire station is located at 4941- 46 Street. Please note that they don't allow anyone under 5 years of age be in on the tour. As well everyone must have transportation right there in case the fire station is called to go out, then you would have to leave immediately. To participate, please contact Anna Maria Blair at 403.346.5033 or email annamaria.blair@gmail.com .

FLT HomeSchool Mom's Supper in Calgary

Thursday, October 22nd we are planning to have our first homeschool Mom's supper in Calgary and we want you all Moms there to come and meet each other and have fun! We will plan to meet at 6:15 p.m. and are just looking to confirm a location in the north- west end of Calgary. After supper there will be time for some visiting and sharing of ideas. Please contact Kathy to tell her you are coming (k.d.snider@shaw.ca or 403.348.0723). Speaking of sharing ideas, check the next item below for an example!

Digital Scrapbooking Party in Calgary

Home School Mom, Barb Wall, has scheduled a digital scrapbooking party at her house (71 Rockywood Circle NW) on **October 28th at 7:30 p.m.** This is open to our Home School Moms and older daughters. There are many homeschool applications to this that will discover and you'll love it! So come and get lots of ideas. You need to contact Barb right away to find out more details and book your spot (bbqwith7@shaw.ca or 403.698.2960). Thanks Barb!

Date Change for Trip to Tyrrell Museum and Reptile World

We are sorry to inform you but the date has been changed for the trip to the Tyrrell Museum and Reptile World. It has been changed to one day later, **Friday, October 23rd**. I apologize for this inconvenience but there was a mix-up with the booking and so Friday is the day it must be. For those of you who already booked a spot, please confirm with me that you are still able to go on Friday, October 23rd and for those of you that can now go because of the change, let us know that as well as there is still room in the programs. The other change is that we will start the Reptile World visit at **11:15 a.m.** That will give you a little longer to get ready in the morning but a little less time to eat your lunch! So maybe you can eat your lunch on the way. We will be done at Reptile World at about 12:15 or 12:30 and then have time to drive to the Tyrrell Museum and meet there at 12:45.

Here at 1 p.m. sharp, students ages 6-8 would take part in a one hour fossil casting program that is very popular. The rest of the group would have a self-guided tour of the museum at the same time. Then at 2:30, students 9 years old and up would have their time for fossil casting and the others would have time in the museum.

Admission to the museum is free and the cost for those participating in the program is \$7 per person. Contact the Sniders at k.d.snider@shaw.ca or 403.348.0723.

October - Lunch & Volunteering (11 yrs. and up)

Date: **October 23** Time: 11:45a.m.12:45p.m. (Lunch) 1:00 p.m.-3:00p.m.(Food Bank)

Lunch place: Pizza Hut (Lunch Buffet) Address: 6884-50 Avenue, Red Deer

Cost for Lunch: 11-12 years is \$4.99 ,13 years and up is \$7.99 (everyone gets complementary drinks)

Volunteering Place: Red Deer Food Bank Address: 12-7429 49 Avenue, Red Deer

Volunteering Tasks: Sorting food that has been donated, making up food hampers.

..... If you can't make lunch ,we would love to have your help at the food bank. Please note that in your sign up. If you know of anyone who would also like to participate in this activity, please pass on.

Please sign up by **October 19** call or email Taylor at 403-340-3090 or tcatteindahat@live.ca Thanks.

Activity Days at the Collicutt Centre in Red Deer

The next activity day at the Collicutt will be **Thursday, October 29th**. On that day, we are planning our seventh 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, popping a balloon 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.

'Leader in Me' Workshop

On October 29 and 30 this workshop is being offered at Lighthouse Christian School in Sylvan Lake. These will be two full days--about 8:30 to 4:30. LCS is inviting any homeschool parents and older students that would like to attend. The cost is \$125 per person and you would need to register by October 13 by calling the school at 403.887.2166. Everyone does get a handbook which is why they need to have the pre-registration. The workshop is being done by those associated with Stephen Covey, author of several books including '7 Habits of Highly Successfully People' and his book 'Leader in Me', which this workshop is based on. Parents are being equipped to give their child/children the skills needed to become leaders in today's world. Feel free to check out their website at www.TheLeaderinMe.org for further details.

Girls K-5 Club – Cheerleading!

Friday, October 30th, 1:30 – 3 p.m. Rianna from Premier Cheer (a new competitive cheerleading business in Red Deer) will be teaching the girls some basic cheer moves. Wear comfortable 'gym clothes' (shorts and t-shirts). Cost is \$12 each child and can be paid that day. Location: Dance Traxx Studio (Crongquist Business Park – 5424 – 45 St, Red Deer) RVSP by October 23rd to Natalie Tonne – 403.348.5813 or ilovepicture@yahoo.ca.

Archery

Thursdays, November 5, 12, & 19, & 26 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. we will once again be having archery times. This will take place at the Red Deer Archery Centre located at #1-6816-50 Ave. The cost again this year is \$8/person and includes the lesson and rental of equipment. Ages approx. 6 years old and up to adult, are welcome to participate. If you are interested in participating, please book your spot with the Sniders at 348-0723.

Activities for Home School Teens

Are you 14 or older? Wanting to connect with other teens? E-mail Kyla at cattes@telus.net to be updated on activities that are taking place on the following days!: October 30, November 20, December 18, January 29, February 26, March 19, April 30, May 28 and June 25. This is open for home schooling teens under any school board.

ALL BOYS Cooking Class (Well, except for the instructor!!)

We are looking for 6 boys (ages 10 or 11) to join us in an afternoon of cooking and baking at our home in old Oriole Park. We'll create a casserole and a dessert to bring home. Cost: \$40 per child.

Thursday, **November 12th** from 12h30pm – 3h30pm

Please call or e-mail by October 31st. Advise of any allergies at that time.

Lori Dunbar 403-343-0463

fldunbar@telus.net

Sigmund Brouwer Writing Workshop

Monday, November 9th, Sigmund Brouwer will be leading a children's writing workshop for our group. Many of you and/or your children have read his very popular books and so this is a great opportunity for your child to meet Sigmund in person and be motivated to read and write more! He does a great job with the kids and we have had him in the past a few times over the years and my children loved his workshop. The cost to attend is \$47 per student (and \$37 per student if it's the second or third child in a family.) This is suitable for children ages 8 – 14 and the workshop will be held from 9:30 – 2:30. We ask people to arrive a few minutes early so that we can start right at 9:30 a.m. The location here in Red Deer will be announced in the next newsletter. You would need to bring a lunch. Please contact Loretta Cote if you would like your child/ren to participate (ldcote@telus.net or 403.346.9406). Also Sigmund will have a variety of his books there for sale and it is a good opportunity to get some of those and even autographed!

More Writing Opportunities:

It looks like November is 'writing' month. Here are some more writing opportunities organized by Lori D. that can motivate your children with their writing!

November 13 – The Write Stuff!

Phonics Fun! – 10:15 – 11:00 a.m. Ages 6-8 – Come join Miss Nicole for this fun class for early readers and writers. Stories, crafts and learning, come have some fun with your phonics! \$10.00 per child

Ready, Set, Write! – 10:30-11:45 a.m. Ages 9-12 – If you have a struggling writer this class will put the FUN back into writing! By using a Readers Theatre format kids won't even know that they are writing! Come read, write, act and enjoy \$15.00 per child

Essay Apprentice – 12:30-2:30 p.m. Ages 13+ - You do not have to be a wizard to learn to write excellent five-paragraph essays but you do need some basic skills and practice. This class will help you learn how to write the essay as well as use some writing prompts to help you develop your writing skill. Some after class support via email will be offered if students want to get feedback on their final essay. \$22.50 per child.

Registration deadline: November 1st! Classes take place at the **Innisfail United Church** – at the North Entrance 4720 – 48 Ave. Please indicate on your registrations the name and age of the children registering. **Registrations must accompany payment in order to hold your spot. Registrations and payment can be made to:** Lori Desrosiers

lori.desrosiers@gmail.com, R.R.#1 Site 9 Box 5, Innisfail, AB T4G 1T6

ATB Bank Tour

On **Wednesday, November 25th** we have a 30 minute tour booked with the south side – Bower Mall ATB Bank (4999-Molly Banister Dr.) This will begin promptly at 9:15 and so please arrive a few minutes early. There is no cost for the tour and is suitable for children approx. ages 6 – 12 years. Please contact Venessa if you would like to participate (dvkalist@telus.net or 342.1716). Come and learn what happens in a bank!

Ski times at Canyon

This winter's ski times will take place on the following **Tuesday afternoons: Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 16, 23 from 1 - 5 p.m.** We will give you more information in our December newsletter but wanted you to have a chance to mark the dates down now.

Mom's Retreat

First of all, thanks to those Moms who shared their opinions about the location for the retreat this year. As a result of that, we have booked once again at the Salvation Army camp at Pine Lake (where we had gone prior to last year before their renovations) for **Friday, February 5th and Saturday, February 6th**. Another change this year is that we will also have supper together on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. We did this last year and opinions shared requested that we do that again. Therefore with the additional supper, the cost per person comes to \$80 for the retreat. If anyone wants a room to themselves it would be an additional \$10. Please let Kathy or Lorraine know if you plan to attend this year! ☺

Poetry Recital

This school year we plan to have the annual poetry recital in **March 2010**. There will probably be a piano available also so that you can do both. All ages are invited to participate, as no one is too young or too old. (Parents included) Also, any length of poem or verse is welcome. This year we would love to have a few teens present their opinion on a topic in the form of a speech. Call Venessa Kalist if you have any questions, and watch future newsletters for the date, time and location. See you there!

Sharing Bulletin

Recommended Websites:

An excellent spelling site: <http://www.spellingcity.com/>

Trivia Plaza <http://www.triviaplaza.com/> Fun Trivia <http://www.funtrivia.com/>

Both of these are excellent sites with quizzes and games on every subject and aspect of life you can think of!

Lizard Point Geography Quizzes <http://www.mccollam.com/fun/geoquiz/>

An excellent tool for quizzing on almost all things geography!"

"Capital Community College Grammar & Writing Quizzes

http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/quiz_list.htm

A very useful site with many helpful LA of all kinds quizzes and other tests – suitable for older students.

The **Bravewriter** website /writing program was recommended in the last newsletter and other Moms have shared that they use and love the program with their children. If any of you that do use it would like to have a virtual support group or get together virtually or in person to chat about the program, please contact Lori D. at lori.desrosiers@gmail.com.

Campbell's Labels For Education

Again this year we are collecting Campbell's labels for Education. Last year we 'purchased' a music stand for band with our label points. Let's see if we can make our biggest deposit yet! Please save the whole label from any of Campbells soups. I recommend taking the label off before the can is opened. Other products that we

get points for are Goldfish crackers, V8's, Gardennay, Habitant, Pace, just look for the tiny pencil on the label. Bring labels to any Collicut day, or call Venessa (403)342-1716 if you have any questions at all.

Congratulations to Alexa Kalist! Alexa has been awarded the Conservatory Canada Medal for Excellence for Grade 1 Piano, representing the highest mark in that subject and grade for the Province of Alberta. Alexa will actually be going to London, Ontario on November 7 for the award ceremony! Parents, Venessa and Dave, and teacher Heather Standish are extremely proud of Alexa!

Music for Young Children -Heather Standish has a few spots left in her classes. It is not too late to join! Please email her at myc4fun@hughes.net or call her at 403-729-3873 or 403-341-9576 if you are interested or know of someone that might be. Monday at 6:30: 5 and 6 year olds Wednesday at 2:45: 5 and 6 year olds Thursday at 2:00: 4 year olds Thursday at 5:15: 5 and 6 year olds

Scholastic Flyers are available at the Activity days or by calling Natalie Tonne (348-5813) to arrange for pick up or delivery. Orders for October need to be in by October 13.

Feeling overwhelmed, scattered, disorganized? Need some help getting your home in order? Call Tracey to help you deal with your stuff, purge unneeded paraphernalia, and set up organizational systems that will work for you and your family. Reasonable rates and highly recommended! Call Kelly Jonsson (403-708-0942) for a reference if desired. Tracey Lytle (403) 277-0052

Identification Cards: We have had people ask about getting photo ID cards for their children, particularly for teens that do not have their drivers or learners license. If this is the case with you, you might appreciate this information from the Grays:

Anyone can obtain a "Identification Card" which is recognized as photo ID. It cannot be used for student discounts, but most places just want photo ID. We used his when applying for a passport. To obtain one of these provincial ID cards you just need to go to any License or Registry Service offices or online at the following website:

<http://www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca/1048.cfm> . You need to provide such documentation as a birth certificate or SIN card or perhaps Alberta Health Care card. Just be sure to check what documentation you need beforehand.

Recomended Game for you game lovers!

Have you heard of Kings Cribbage? It's a board game that is a cross between Scrabble and Crib and it's very addictive and fun. If you want to check it out you can go to www.kingscribbageonline.com and click on Play Now and then try their practice games. You can also buy the board game at Chapters.

Homeschool moms' coffee nights in Lacombe normally held the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. Come join us at Kavaccino's for a casual evening of visiting and getting to know one another. For more information please call Gayle at (403) 782-9947 or e-mail zoorooster2@yahoo.ca.

To Give Away: I have the following books to give away. If you are interested contact Renee at 403-887-7110 or child_of_promise121@yahoo.ca A Beka World History and Cultures Test/Map Project Key (grade 10), Quiz Key, Teacher Guide; A Beka Physics Test Key, Quiz Key, Lab Manual Teacher Ed.

A Beka Más que vencedores Test Key , Quiz Key; A Beka English Literature Test/Quiz Key
A Beka Vocabulary Poetry VI Teacher Key , Quiz Key; A Beka Workbook B for Handbook of Grammar & Composition Test Key , A Beka Handbook of Grammar & Composition ,Workbook B for Handbook of Grammar & Composition Teacher Key; A Beka Analytic Geometry Test/Quiz Key; A Beka Trigonometry Test/Quiz Key; A Beka Business Mathematics Work-Text Teacher Edition, A Beka Business Mathematics Solution Key, A Beka Business

Mathematics Tests/Quizzes Key ,A Beka History of the World Third Edition (grade 7) ,Teacher Ed.; A Beka Science of the Physical Creation (grade 9) ,A Beka Science in Action A Science Project Guide.

To Give Away: Abeka- Gods' Gift of Language A, B, & C. -Teacher Editions
No longer in need of these editions, free. If interested please email - cattes@telus.net

For Sale: We have 3 violins for sale: 1/4 size, 3/4 size and full size. They all vary in make and price, so if anyone has any questions they can contact Dawn at 403-782-5417.

For Sale: Geography Songs, Sing around the World, Book and CD, brand new in package. \$23.00 Venessa (403)342-1716

Flute for Sale: Yamaha open-holed 385II silverhead 925 in good shape. Asking \$700 (appraised value at St. John's music). Call Liz at 342-2477.

For Sale: - Brand New MATH-U-SEE Zeta DVD and workbooks (teacher, student & test workbooks) - \$76.00. SONLIGHT American History Core 3 & 4 - used, good condition, instructors guide and select books. \$100. New wooden (built by my brother) DOLL WARDROBE size 20" wide x 12" deep x 33" high, (good for American or Canadian dolls) \$100. Phone Bonnie Olsen at 403-343-9563 or email at olsenkb@gmail.com for more details.

For Sale: Kitchen Hutch/China Cabinet - Very good condition. Like new. Color is white with blond oak counter-top. It is a lovely unit. We would like \$100 for it.

Graco Baby Playpen - Again, very good condition. Only used about 7 times!! It folds up for travel and has the carrying bag to go with it. Asking \$15 for it.

Childrens Bunkbed - Very good condition. Like new. Blue metal frame that fits twin-size mattresses. It also has the guard rail on the top bunk. Asking \$ 100 (O.B.O)

All items above you can call Adeline at 403-347-3198 in Red Deer.

For Sale: Saxon manipulative Kit for K to grade 3 (some bags not even opened) - \$50 Saxon 1 Teacher's Edition - \$20 Saxon 2 Year Kit (Teacher's Edition, Student Packet, Meeting Book) Lessons 1 to 18 completed - \$60 Saxon 2 Student Kit (lessons 1 to 18 completed) - \$20 Contact number 403-887-7553 Deanna Friesen

Kids in Harmony” sign on a building at the corner of 77St and Gaetz Avenue. For all those of you who really enjoyed this store, check this out.

Wanted: Rosetta Stone course on Japanese for the beginner level. If anyone has a used one they want to sell, please call JoLynn at (403)845-4955.

From ‘the Home School Minute’ on the topic of Friends:

Dear Home Schoolers,

Friends--friends for ourselves, friends for our children, and friends for our families. I think God created each of us with a desire for friends as a way of drawing us to Him, our ultimate best friend, but knowing also that friends make our journeys so much sweeter.

I have jokingly said that if anyone is looking to relocate, they should just be a friend of my family. God seems to always move them pretty regularly. We develop these really close, rich relationships, and then BAM, off they go.

Maybe I cherish friendships even more dearly because of that. We've had seasons when we were blessed with many dear friends and other times when we were a bit lonesome. And through it all, I've actually gotten to the point where I can even be thankful for the lonesome times, for those are the times that we draw even closer to each other and to God.

So if you're going through a season rich with friendships, rejoice. And if you're going through a bit of a lonesome stretch, rejoice in it as well. God knows the desires of your heart and has a purpose for all that you are going through today.

**. . . there is a friend who sticketh closer than a brother.
Prov 18:24**

Enjoy every minute! Nancy Carter (from the Old Schoolhouse Magazine)

The Familyman

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Let me begin by saying, there are friends and then there are friends. I think you ought to have all kinds of friends: church friends, neighborhood friends, childhood friends, acquaintances, and especially homeschooling friends. BUT the most important kind of friend to have is a like-minded friend . . . especially if you homeschool.

A like-minded friend is someone who is on the same homeschooling page as you are and who homeschools for the same reason you do. Let's say you homeschool because you're most concerned about the character in your children (you'd like them to read . . . but that's not the main reason you've chosen to educate your children at home).

Now, say you go over to a homeschool friend's home whose main reason to homeschool is for academics. While you're there she talks about scholastics, testing, academic achievement, and her rigorous schedule.

How do you feel when you get in your full-sized van and drive away? Yep, like a big, fat zero--a failure.

I'm not saying you should avoid those friends, but I am suggesting that you find a like-minded friend who homeschools for the same reason you homeschool and then stick to her like gum on a shoe.

I guarantee that when you leave from spending time with THAT friend you will feel energized, encouraged, and ready to keep running the homeschool race set before you. And before I forget, make sure you find a friend with whom you can . . .

. . . be real, Todd