

Valley Home Educators October Update

Picture Opportunity For Homeschoolers

Parson's Photography will be taking pictures at the following schools and homeschoolers are welcome to come and have their students pictures taken. Please call Parson's to confirm the exact time and price of the packages. 662-9576.

10/12 - Cascade High School, Leavenworth - AM
10/19 - Foothills Middle School, Wenatchee - PM
10/23 - Cashmere Middle School - AM
10/24 - St. Joseph's School - Wenatchee - AM
11/7 - Washington Elementary - Wenatchee - AM
11/7 - Lewis & Clark Elem. - Wenatchee - PM
11/8 - Cascade Elementary - East Wenatchee - AM
11/9 - Lincoln Elem. - Wenatchee - AM
11/9 - Sunnyslope Elem. - Wenatchee - AM
11/9 - Mission View Elem - Wenatchee - PM
11/9 - Kenroy Elem - East Wenatchee - AM

I am homeschooling a seven year old little girl who would like to meet some other homeschooled girls approximately the same age to have play dates with. Please call Sherry Gregor at 630-6755 if interested. Waterville and Wenatchee areas are both good for us.
P.S. Will the lady,who called me last month,please call me back (I lost your phone number)

Wenatchee Scholastic Chess Club

Every Sunday 6-8PM

Grace Lutheran Church (1408 Washington Street, Wenatchee)

The Wenatchee Scholastic Chess Club's fall season has begun. Anyone with an interest in playing, regardless of their skill level, is welcome to attend. The focus is on enjoying the game, improving gameplay and sportsmanship, and optionally playing in regional chess tournaments. Our first team event will be October 28th. There are divisions and trophies for every level of play.

There have been dozens of controlled studies on the benefits of chess in developing mental acuity, particularly in children. Chess has the benefit of being a game that anyone can play, but that increases with complexity the more one understands its nuances. A single chess game provides the players with dozens of mental puzzles to solve, in an environment where good decisions will be rewarded with a gain of material, and less optimal decisions will be punished by having your opponent take your pieces. Children who play chess learn to concentrate on solving complex problems and to accept the consequences of the decisions they make. These skills ultimately have been shown to translate into better overall learning in traditional studies like Reading and Mathematics. The best part is they get all these benefits by simply playing a game they enjoy.

Typically a scholastic club is affiliated with a specific school with membership restricted to just its students, but this one is not. It was started by the Grace Lutheran Church several years ago, but is open to anyone. For home-schoolers this has the benefit of not only being able to introduce all the proven benefits of chess to their children, but without the issues of dealing with a school you don't attend.

New members are always welcome. There is no cost to join. If you are interested, just drop by on Sunday night and play some chess.