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VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS MARCH 2009 NEWSLETTER

RUNNING START INFORMATION MEETING

The Running Start counselor at Wenatchee Valley College is willing to meet with area homeschoolers April 9th. This is a great way to take the mandatory orientation with a person who knows our home-based instruction law. Students are encouraged to attend.

What is Running Start?

Running Start (R.S.) allows high school juniors and seniors to enroll in high school and community college at the same time, earning credits that apply to each institution. Students can earn up to 45 college credits per year while in high school. By attending the community college exclusively they can attain the maximum.

The high school district pays for the college tuition with a basic education allotment from the state. The Running Start student pays all other consumable expenses, which include books, computer fee, parking, etc.

College credits earned through Running Start are transferable to colleges and universities in state, according to the guidelines of each specific institution. How courses transfer to out-of-state colleges can never be guaranteed, but to date there have been few problems. Contact those colleges for their own policies.

Mandatory Orientation nights are held at the high schools each spring and on the college campus for winter quarter (November) and spring quarter (Feb/March). These sessions are directed toward the tenth and eleventh grade students and provide an excellent opportunity to ask questions. Attendance is mandatory for any student who is planning on enrolling in Running Start anytime during the following school year.

Home-based instruction students must register with their local high school but we do not need to fulfill their graduation requirements. Homeschoolers must also have filed a Declaration of Intent to Homeschool one year prior to attending R.S.

If you are interested in other meetings, go to WVC's website for a list:

<http://www.wvc.edu/directory/departments/runningstart/rsorientation.asp>

The homeschool Running Start orientation will take place at the District 2 fire station at 377 Eastmont Ave. in East Wenatchee, from 3 to 5 pm.

Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can let Ann know. My email is:
Emilie Fogle
gardenfev@flymail.net
630-9225

If you have questions about R.S., write them down and come to the meeting or contact Ann Brown at:
abrown@wvc.edu

Coming to: Omak on May 6

Wenatchee on May 7

Stanford Achievement Test, 9th Ed. Abbreviated

Administered by Alice Wescott, Ph. D.
and Beth Rosenzweig M.Ed.

The administration of a standardized test to children receiving Home-based Instruction is governed by state law and publisher requirements. We administer the Stanford Achievement Test, 9th Ed. Abbreviated, and our team members are qualified under the publisher's specifications for administration of this test.

Why Test With Us?

(1) We offer a convenient ONE-DAY schedule, which includes:

- * A half-day group standardized test (3 hours) for grades 3-12
- * On-site hand scoring so parents can get the results THAT day
- * Same day - afternoon parent review - in order to see how each question was answered.
- * Only parents receive test scores – we keep no results

(2) The test is administered in a group setting, as required for valid standardized testing.

(3) Tests are professionally scored with no long wait for the test scores to be returned.

(4) In addition to the SAT group test for grades 3-12, we offer a more friendly test option for younger children in grades 1-2 and for special needs children: an abbreviated assessment, which gives the parents a grade-level score for Reading, Spelling, and Math for the same fee that we charge for our group test. Parents are given these results immediately after the test.

FEE: (\$40.00 per test) If registration and check are postmarked 21 days prior to test date, pay the following fees per test: **1st sibling: \$35; 2nd sibling: \$30; 3rd sibling: \$25; 4th (and subsequent siblings) \$20 per test** (Cancellation fee: \$5/test)**Questions? Registration Form?Contact us at (425) 697- 4021 or www.EduGreat.com**

INFORMATION A A GROUP ORDER FOR THE PASS ASSESSMENTS THROUGH HEWITT HOMESCHOOL RESOURCES WILL SENT OUT SOON.

Reading is the Ticket

It's that time of year again. Time to read!!!! You can earn a ticket to Silverwood a theme park outside of Couer D'Alene, Idaho. For more information about Silverwood go to silverwoodthemepark.com. This program is for students K-8th grade. Your children need to do 600 minutes of reading for pleasure, keeping track on a form I will send to you. In exchange for the reading they earn a child's ticket to Silverwood.

Here is what you need to know to participate. You can email me back at shutterbrook@msn.com and I will send you the information sheet and your tally sheet to keep track of your reading. When your reading is complete you will mail the tally sheet and self addressed stamped envelope (for me to return your ticket) to me at Vicki Seabrook, 270 12th PL NE, E. Wenatchee. The mail in deadline this year is 3/31/08. I will mail the tickets to you sometime in May. The tickets are valid from 6/9/08 to 9/28/08. This is a great way to motivate those reluctant readers and a terrific way to reward an avid reader.

BIOLOGY LAB FOR HOME SCHOOLERS!

- * 1 year of High school level Biology laboratories (I've taken students as young as 8th graders).
- * Lab work begins late September, 2009; ends early June, 2010.
- * We will meet on Tuesday mornings for 1½ hours from 9:15-10:45 AM.
- * 4-week break for Christmas & New Year in December.
- * 2-week Spring break in late March.
- * Cost: \$40/month per student (8 total payments during the year) plus a one-time \$40 lab fee.
- * We use *A Beka* Biology text and lab books (parents purchase) plus supplemental materials I provide
- * Minimum class size is 8, maximum is 20
- * For further details, please contact Rob Fitch
- * Home phone: 662-5589; Home email: rfitchk@gmail.com
- * Work phone: 682-6755; Work email: rfitch@wvc.edu

ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY LAB FOR HOME SCHOOLERS!

- * One year of High School level Human Anatomy & Physiology laboratories.
- * 1 year high school level Biology recommended as prerequisite.
- * Course begins late September, 2009; ends early June, 2010.
- * We will meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:15-10:45 AM.
- * 4-week break for Christmas & New Year in December.

- * 2-week Spring break in late March.
- * cost: \$40/month per student (8 total payments during the year) plus a \$40 one-time lab fee
- * We use Anatomy & Physiology Coloring books (parents purchase) plus supplemental materials I provide.
- * Minimum class size is 8, maximum is 20

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Annual Home Educators' Day at the Capitol & Celebration "Under the Dome"

Thursday April 9, 2009
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Hosted by the Christian Homeschool Network & Christian Heritage Home Educators of Washington

Pre-registration is still open:
[Registration Packet with revised agenda and other important information](#)

Come and celebrate with us "Under the Dome"

CHN has confirmed that Senator Stevens will again be sponsoring the Homeschool Resolution in the Senate. In coordination with the Home Educators' Day at the Capitol event, the Senate will be holding a special presentation from the Floor to honor the success of home education. **Please join us in the Senate galleries at 10:00 am** (subject to change) for this special honor. CHN and Christian Heritage will be honoring two special Senators that have served in the Legislature since the homeschool law was passed. Every year since then they have been diligent to protect our freedoms. It is about time we thanked them! Join us "Under the Dome" to show our appreciation for their sacrificial service. **Help us to again pack the Galleries and the Rotunda with home educating families to show our commitment to home education and express our gratefulness for the freedoms we have.**

Other educational opportunities:

Hear from a homeschool mom whose efforts resulted in homeschoolers being exempt from the Education Reform Act, which is why homeschoolers don't WASL!
Hear from a homeschool graduate who now works as an aide to a Senator.
Get an update on legislation which may impact your homeschool or family.
Attend a civics workshop.
Take a tour of the Capitol.
Watch the House and Senate in session.
Meet with your legislators and staff. Hope to see you there!

Preserving Homeschool freedoms for today and tomorrow!

Christian Homeschool Network (CHN)
www.chnow.org

Wenatchee Renaissance Faire

Wenatchee Renaissance Faire will be Sat., April 18th at the Wenatchee Valley College. There will be workshops, entertainment and kids activities. For more information contact Kari at 663-6389 or go to www.wenrenfaire.com

FOR SALE

Jillian will be taking over my Bread making business starting the first of March. She will start off by making my standard Honey Whole Wheat and will eventually add on a specialty bread of the month once she is up and running. The bread is made with fresh-milled organic wheat so it retains all of the nutrients that otherwise breakdown with a matter of days from grinding wheat. That is why all flour and bread sold in stores has to be enriched.

Honey Whole Wheat is \$4.50 per sliced loaf

Specialty will be \$5.00 to \$5.50 per loaf based on ingredients.

Contact Jillian Ansley at dansley@nwi.net or call 888-2150. She will be setting up a distribution list to use for further messages.

A Good Credit Score is 700 or Above. See yours in just 2 easy steps!

(<http://pr.atwola.com/promoclk/100126575x1219957551x1201325337/aol?redir=http:%2F%2Fwww.freecreditreport.com%2Fpm%2Fde>)