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## Valley Home Educators April 2010 Newsletter

### **Running Start and Home-based Instruction Students**

Ann Brown, Running Start Coordinator from Wenatchee Valley College is presenting information about the program and how to register. Date are still left of April orientation meetings.

Wenatchee Valley College requires prospective Running Start students and a parent to attend an orientation meeting. Meetings are under way now at area high schools. For a schedule of meeting locations and time check out the Running Start page on the Wenatchee Valley College web site.  
[www.wvc.edu](http://www.wvc.edu)

From the Washington Homeschool web site:

"Running Start is a public school program that allows high school 11th and 12th graders to attend community or technical college. Credits earned in the community or technical college count as college credit, as well as high school credit, which may, but aren't required to, fulfill graduation requirements for a public high school diploma. The state pays the college tuition and parents are responsible for books, fees, and transportation."

Home-based instruction students may access Running Start as well. The Washington Homeschool Organization has an extremely helpful informational page on their web site regarding Running Start. There have been some changes in the last 2 years on the procedure for homeschool students to work with their local school district to enroll in Running Start. For the latest information on a state level check out the WHO web site.  
[www.washhomeschool.org](http://www.washhomeschool.org). Click on Information and Resources and then on the tab that says Running Start.

Local school districts may vary on the paper work they use to enroll home school students in Running Start.

### Fall Quarter 2010 Orientations Held at High Schools April 2010

<b>Date /</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>High School</b>
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April 5th	6:00 pm	Waterville/Mansfield Waterville H.S. Career Center
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April 7th	6:00 pm	Brewster H.S. Library
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April 15th	6:00 pm	Liberty Bell H.S. Room 130
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April 20th	6:00 p.m.	Cascade H.S. Library
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April 21st	6:00 p.m.	Westside H.S. WVC Campus - Wenatchee Van Tassell Lounge
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April 29th	6:00 pm	Chelan/Manson Chelan H.S. Library
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April 28th		Wenatchee Valley College-Omak Henry Hall
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## **Great Expectations Testing**

**Coming to  
Ellensburg May 17, Wenatchee May 18,**

**Omak May 19, and  
Moses Lake May 20**

**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 early registration fees: **1st sibling: \$35 ; 2nd sibling: \$30; 3rd child: \$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](http://www.EduGreat.com)

**Pass Test**

What is the Pass Test? This test was designed for home schooling families who are concerned about the stresses involved in test taking. The following subjects are tested: reading, language, and math. This is not a timed test, which helps the student to relax. Parents are allowed to administer the test and you can break the test up, therefore not requiring the student to take all three parts in one day. A brief placement test is taken by the student to initially determine their testing level in the above three subjects, therefore only testing the student in the appropriate subject level and not testing for all levels as most standardized tests do. The Pass Test is available only for 3rd through 8th grade students.

If you would like to sign your child up please contact Arleen Bergstrom at 886-7541 or email her at [jabergstrom@clearwire.net](mailto:jabergstrom@clearwire.net) by May 15th. For each student you wish to test, we must have his or her name and grade level (may be approximate, the "grade" the parent considers the child to be in), the parent(s)' name(s), address, telephone number (an email address would be helpful). The test will be \$26 per child. There will be a \$10.00 fee charged for those tests that are returned late.

**Equipped for Homeschooling**

Tuesdays 7-9pm April. 6-20

CED187, WVC Wenatchi Hall  
509 682-6900

Interested in homeschooling, but not sure where to start?  
Already homeschooling but need a boost?

Held at Wenatchee Valley College, this three evening class meets the state requirement for a parent qualifying course.

**Topics include:**

**Benefits of Home Education**

**Choosing a Curriculum  
Modes and Venues  
Requirements and Needs  
Learning Styles  
Tools of Learning**

The instructor is Jennifer Callahan, a veteran home-schooling mother of four. She is currently working as a substitute teacher in the public schools, and is encouraging a more understanding relationship between the public school and home educators.

**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, 2010; ends early June, 2011.\* 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 \$40 one-time 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
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- \* For further details, please contact Rob Fitch
- \* Home phone: 662-5589; Home email: [rfitchk@gmail.com](mailto:rfitchk@gmail.com)
- \* Work phone: 682-6755; Work email: [rfitch@wve.edu](mailto:rfitch@wve.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, 2010; ends early June, 2011.\* We will meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:15-10:45 AM.
- \* 4-week break for Christmas & New Year in December.
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- \* 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.
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**FOR SALE -**

We have the following HS textbooks for sale:  
Contact: Brenda at [tobrlaka@twi.net](mailto:tobrlaka@twi.net)

CHEMISTRY- Holt/ Myers, Oldham, Tocci C 2006  
ISBN: 0-03-039107-5 (see at this link: <http://www.powells.com/biblio?isbn=0-03-039107-5>)  
Condition: EXCELLENT- \$25.00

Chemistry for Dummies  
ISBN: 0-7645-5430-1 (<http://www.powells.com/biblio?isbn=0-7645-5430-1>)  
Condition: EXCELLENT- \$5.00

HEALTH- Skills for Wellness (Prentice Hall)  
ISBN: 0-13-424920-8 (see at Amazon.com)  
Condition: VERY GOOD- \$5.00

BASIC MATHEMATICS- Test Yourself (workbook)  
ISBN: 0-8442-2351-4 (<http://www.powells.com/biblio?isbn=0-8442-2351-4>)  
Condition: NEW! \$5.00

A HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES (1st Edition) (Prentice Hall)  
Boorstin and Kelley  
ISBN: 0-13-053624-5  
Condition - GOOD/USED- \$10.00 (see info at Powell's <http://www.powells.com/biblio?isbn=0-13-053624-5>)

WEBSTER'S NEW EXPLORER DICTIONARY  
ISBN: 1-892859-00-9 (see at Amazon)

**Subject:** VHE April Update - PASS Test Ordering Info  
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Condition: VERY GOOD - \$1.00

For sale:

Usborne unit study, Ten Terrific Weeks, called Adventures at Sea. Elementary grade level. (educational activities for 10 weeks, approximately 30-60 minutes/5 days a week.) Comes with two guides, reproducible worksheets, and the following books: Sharks, Under the Sea, Stories of Pirates, a Young Puzzle Adventure book called Uncle Pete's Pirate Adventure, a lift-the-flap book called On The Beach, The Great Undersea Search, and an internet-linked book called Encyclopedia of Seas and Oceans. The internet-linked book was the coolest resource for us; it has links to take you to all sorts of cool interactive explorations for kids online. We drove a submersible, explored underwater chimney stacks and the micro-environments created there, on and on. Bought for \$50, will sell for \$30.

Call Carisa at 669-1438

For Sale:

VideoText Interactive Algebra Levels B-F (VHS Cassette version) Asking \$100.00 OBO (Sells on ebay for much more.)

Questions?

Call Lennea Hopkins 548-7630

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