

Henry County Home Educators

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Board News

Can you believe that in just a few weeks its “Back to School” for all of us? Where did the summer go? We trust you have had a safe and fun filled vacation time and are ready to get a new year started.

We would like to remind you that we do have two new board members this year, Dreama Foley and TJ Wright, as well as two that are returning, Gloria Ayers and me (Christina Barbour). If you have any ideas, questions, or concerns throughout the year you can come to any of us. That being said we still have room for two more to serve on the board so if you are interested in serving in this capacity please contact any of the above for more information.

Our HCHE library is up and going. Thanks to those who have already donated some literature to the library. If you would like to check out any of the books available you can do so at our monthly meetings.

Are you on Facebook? HCHE is! We have created a group page on the website. Check it out and join us. We have set the group privacy so there are no worries about who can see our information.

Well I think that wraps it up from the board. Happy back to school shopping! We hope to see you at this month’s events☺

Time Travelers

A Time Travelers Club has been started for homeschool families. You can find out about the Time Travelers program by visiting www.timetravelers.org

We will be having 1-2 field trips each month on either a Monday or Wednesday. There are no fees to pay and you are not required to attend every trip. If you are interested there is

a yahoo group to discuss this. You can send an email to Dreama Foley at zookeeper1993@yahoo.com to receive an invite.



Back to School Pool Party

Don’t forget the back to school pool party! You don’t want to miss out on the fun August 20th at Lynwood Country club. We will be swimming from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Families please bring snacks and drinks to share.

The cost per family is \$3.00. For your convenience you will be able to pay membership dues that night as well. If you don’t know how to get to the Country Club we have provided some directions below. If you have any questions Please feel free to call: TJ at 276-638-4639

On 220 Bus in Martinsville turn on DuPont Road beside Martinsville DuPont Credit Union, go all the way down to the guard house. At the guard house go straight up the hill and you will see the golf course on the right and a sign on the left that says pool parking. It is a good size parking lot. You will see mowers and other equipment there also...Park in that parking lot.

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Teen Meeting

Attention all teens! We will be having a meeting during the pool party.

We welcome any ideas you may have so please come prepared to discuss and share. If you have suggestions, but cannot come to the party either contact Dreama Foley at 276-930-1452 or zookeeper19932@yahoo.com to share them with her.

One more thing, we will also be discussing what dates will work for the teen events.

Digital Connectors

Digital Connectors is a dynamic new program that will be taught, through the Boys and Girls Club, this fall.

Through Digital Connectors students are engaged in 21st Century technology, while being taught vital life and job skills. Students experience leadership development, time and project management, self-presentation skills, cultural diversity, community and civic engagement, financial literacy, resume writing, and how to successfully apply for college. Students will also come away from the program having completed work leading towards CISCO Certification.

Application deadline is August 2nd, and only 25 will be students will be admitted into the program. You may apply at the Boys and Girls Club main office, located at 6 East Main St, Suite A, Martinsville, VA. For any questions please call 276-656-1171.

Trout Release

The Trout in the Classroom Project will conclude with releasing the trout that have been raised from eggs since December of this year. The group of people that have followed their progress as well as anyone else in our homeschool group are welcome to come and help release them.

Donny Jones from The Virginia Museum of Natural History and Brian Williams from the Dan River Basin Association will be there to assist us in releasing them into the stream.

The release will take place on August 20th at 10:00 at the access ramp in Bassett.

Directions: From Collinsville Post Office Coming past post office North on Virginia Ave. Go through the light at Walgreens (Walgreens will be on your right). Continue till you get to light at Hardees straight through. Continue past Campbell Court School on your right, down over the railroad tracks into Stanleystown Past the Post Office on left. follow to bridge cross over the bridge and stop at light in front of school. Make right past Library continue till get to Papa's Pizza make the next right into factory area and follow till end you will see the boat ramp access. If you have any questions call Gloria Ayres at 340-7565. Hopefully we will continue this project starting in December with a new group of eggs.

Upcoming Plays

101 Dalmations

August 13th at TBA, and 7:30 PM
August 15th at 3:00 PM

Danville's Carrington Pavilion at the Crossing at the Dan

Call 434-791-4091 for more information, or visit www.DMRadventures.com

Tickets are \$8 for Adults and \$5 for students and seniors.

The Barter Players Presents James and the Giant Peach

The Barter Players presents James and the Giant Peach playing at Barter Stage II July 21 through August 7.

Performances have an approximate run time of 1 hour, and ticket prices are \$9.50.

For more information, contact Barter Theatre's Box Office at 276.628.3991 or visit www.bartertheatre.com for online bookings.



“Home schooling is a very old way of doing things. If you look at any of the bills in your wallet or the coins in your pocket, they all have a picture of a homeschooler on them.”

William Lloyd

Indoor Colorguard

Anyone ages 13 to 21 interested in participating in a new Indoor Colorguard team, please contact Matt Thomas at matthewthomas1590@comcast.net or Vicky Thomas at vickythomas.trcr@comcast.net for sign up.

The entry fee is \$10 which offsets the initial cost of the first set of flags for the new team. For more information, please call 276-358-1424. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Also, the new Indoor Colorguard team will be hosting a fundraising bake sale/yard sale. Please bring all donations to Vicky Thomas' house. Call for directions. I can store all items in my in-house classroom. Any volunteers are greatly appreciated for either baking or on the day of the sale. Dates: Fri., Sept 3 and Sat., Sept 4 from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Location is pending as we are trying to find a setup area on Hwy 58.

Check it Out

Flute and Recorder lessons

Regula Dailey is offering flute and recorder lessons. If interested please call 340-1888 or 956-3791.

Reading Website

Take time to check out this great website for reading: www.bookadventure.com. This site has a list of books your child can read and then take a quiz. They earn points for each quiz they take. They can redeem their points for free prizes or parents can create their own incentives for their children.

Email Address Change

Becky Cockram has a new email address rebeccacockram1@hotmail.com. Please change this in your address book.

Yearbook

The yearbook staff wants you to know it's not too late to send in your yearbook pages for insertion into this past year's yearbook.

If you would like to add your family's page, please put your pictures on a standard size page with no more than ¼ inch border and turn them into Paula Battle no later than August 6th.

The cost for yearbooks is \$15 and you can make your checks payable to HCHE. For your convenience you can either mail your check to TJ Wright or give it to her at the Back to School Pool Party.

A Little Humor

Q: How does a homeschooler change a light bulb?

A: First, mom checks three books on electricity out of the library, then the kids make models of light bulbs, read a biography of Thomas Edison and do a skit based on his life.

Next, everyone studies the history of lighting methods, wrapping up with dipping their own candles.

Next, everyone takes a trip to the store where they compare types of light bulbs as well as prices and figure out how much change they'll get if they buy two bulbs for \$1.99 and pay with a five dollar bill. On the way home, a discussion develops over the history of money and also Abraham Lincoln, as his picture is on the five dollar bill.

Finally, after building a homemade ladder out of branches dragged from the woods, the light bulb is installed. And there is light. ~*Author Unknown*



"Life is like an ice-cream cone, you have to lick it one day at a time."

Charles M. Schulz

You know you're a homeschooling parent when...

You turn every trip to the grocery store into a teachable moment by asking your child to figure out the price per ounce of his favorite cereal.

Even on sick days, you prop up the pillows in the bed and at least get in some reading time for language arts.

You find yourself searching for unit studies on subjects *you* find interesting, even if your child has moved on to something else.

You save every cardboard box, Styrofoam tray, or oatmeal container that enters your home for future craft projects.

You think a stimulating evening watching the latest episode of National Geographic Explorer is the perfect way to spend a Saturday night.

You can't stop yourself from researching that new math curriculum you heard about even though the one your child currently uses is working just fine.

History has become one of your favorite subjects, even though you never listened in class when you were in school.

You no longer think of bugs as gross, but as amazing examples of the intricacies of nature and peer into the magnifying glass longer than your child does.

The librarian knows you and your children by name.

Spending the day in your pajamas isn't an indication of illness, but instead means you got too busy teaching and working on that science project to change your clothes.

Most of all, you know you're a homeschooling parent when you get to share each and everyday with your children as you learn, explore, and grow together.

