

Field Trip to Graue Mill & Museum

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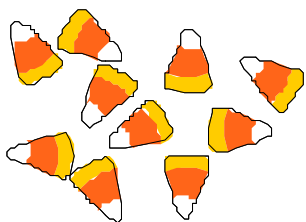
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Early in the morning on Thursday, September 20th, three TCHE families met at the Graue Mill and Museum in Oak Brook. We were treated to a very detailed and informative tour, guided by the knowledgeable volunteer staff. The following are the impressions of two of the students:

We had a tour about the Graue Mill. It's powered by a water wheel. We went into the basement and there was a big wheel making the gears turn. The gears power the mill upstairs. We milled corn into corn meal. We brought some home and made corn bread.

By Jordan Hermes

We did school. We went to the farm. We saw broom corn and then we saw the broom upstairs. The lady was sewing and making cloth (weaving). The flax looked like spaghetti. I saw two giant brooms and a little broom. Downstairs I saw two guns and a sword. I bought a pig named Piggy at the farm.

By Ryan Hermes



7th and 8th Grade Mystery Party ...

You are invited to attend a barbecue at the very spooky castle of rock superstar Killian Killagan. But when you arrive, you discover that someone at the barbecue is turning helpless citizens into bats.

As you assume the role of one of these eerie characters and solve the mystery, you and your fellow guests will enjoy hours of suspense and intrigue.

All you need is a sense of humor, a light-hearted approach toward blackmail, theft and deceit. Barbecue with the



Vampire is so much fun, it's almost criminal!

Wednesday, October 24 11:45 AM to 3:00 PM

Registration for this free program is required and limited to 8 pairs of mystery solvers. For more information or to register call the Kids' Library at 552-2025.

Presented by Plano Community Library

Book Clubs at Sandwich District Library

The Sandwich District Library is hosting Book Clubs through the end of 2007. Homeschoolers from TCHE are more than welcome!

MONARCH AWARD BOOK CLUB

Grades K-3

on the following Mondays at 3:30pm

September 10 *Fireboat*

October 15 *Aaaarrgghh! Spider!*

November 5 *Dear World*

December 3 *Boxes for Katje*

REBECCA CAUDILL YOUNG READERS BOOK AWARD

Grades 4-8

on the following Mondays at 3:30

September 17 *Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*

October 22 *Old Willis Place*

November 12 *Crooked River*

December 10 *MVP*

BANNED BOOK DISCUSSION OF FAHRENHEIT 451

Thursday, October 18, 6pm

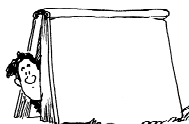
Call the library at 815-786-8308 if you have any questions. Or email Sherry (children's librarian and exceedingly nice lady) at sltinerella@sandwich.lib.il.us.



Yorkville Library Homeschool Club

The Yorkville Library Homeschool Club will start in October on the 16th! Join Miss Rita as she leads *The Culture Club*, a monthly study of different countries and cultures! Children from K-3rd grade will meet from 10:00-10:30 and children from 4th grade and higher will meet from 10:30-11:30. Meetings will take place on the third Tuesday of each month, beginning October 16. (For those of you who are highly

organized, other dates include November 20, December 18, January 15, February 19, March 18, April 15, and May 20.) To register, or if you have any questions, please call the Yorkville Library at 553-4354 ext. 108.



October Meeting

Our next support group meeting is Oct. 4, 7:00 at Parkview Christian Academy. Our speaker will be Dr. Nathan Thompson. Dr. Thompson will inspire you to live fully in the way God intended us to, in the area of healthy living and eating. He will speak with us in the months of October and November. In October the topic is: Maximizing Nutrition, Wellness and Fitness for your child. Dr. Thompson is passionate about his mission to educate God's family on optimum living and living in a way that is pleasing to God.

Oct Meeting Set up and Take down Volunteers:

Val Pierson and Tracy Joyner

Oct Meeting Snack Volunteers:

Rebekah Brummel

Cheri Hill

Please be at the meeting by 6:15 and Thank You for volunteering.

Evening Conference at Medinah

The *Encouragement for the Homeschool Family Conference* will be held October 4th (7-9:30 p.m.) at Medinah Baptist Church, in Medinah, Illinois. There is no cost for the conference, but a love offering box will be available to help with the Maxwells' traveling expenses. Pre-registration is requested. For more information on the conference,

please visit www.Titus2.com, and click Conferences on the side bar, or e-mail Sarah Maxwell managers@titus2.com, call Kalid and Denise Hassoun at 847-343-1093, or Angie Anderson Keithangie03@yahoo.com or 630-690-1399.

SPARKS at Fermi Lab

Session: Oct. 27 & Nov. 3, 2007,
8:30 AM-3:30 PM, [Register Online](#)
deadline to register 10/26/07

Location: Lederman Science Center

Audience: Public, Grades 1-6

Description: Be a Science Advocate for your child. Explore ways to excite children about science at a two-day workshop Saturday, October 27th and Saturday, November 3rd from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Lederman Science Center. Get ideas, materials, and practical information to help you and your child explore the wonders of science. Register online at ed.fnal.gov (click on "Calendar") or call Nancy Lanning at 630-840-5588 for registration issues or call Sue Sheehan at 630-

840-5058 for questions related to the workshop.

You can view the [Poster](#). **This workshop is for parents only.** There is no fee to attend. Parents will receive a \$50.00 stipend after attending the two-day workshop.

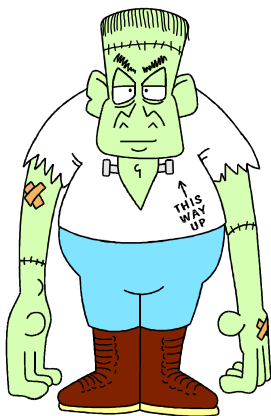


Auditorium Theatre matinees

The Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University is offering Family & Student matinees for the 2007-08 season. It features presentations of the Alvin Ailey dance troupe, Georgian Ballet in "Don Quixote" and Too Hot to Handel. More information can be found at auditoriumtheatre.org.

One of Auditorium Theatre's goals is to educate and encourage cultural exchange through the Arts for which a melding of dance, history and literature has proven an excellent

source. We are, therefore, attempting to reach students, educators, performers and individuals who share a love of the classics and music to invite them to attend one these performances. In addition, Auditorium Theatre has a Student Balcony Club with 20% off tickets as well as the standard Student Matinee discount for groups of ten or more. Please do not hesitate to call Elizabeth Butler, Ass't Group Sales Manager with any questions you may have at 312 922-2110 ext. 305.



Monster Mash Bash

You're sure to have a spook-tacular good time at this year's Monster Mash Bash! So put on your favorite costume and join us for games galore, tricks, treats, and treasures. You'll even get the chance to meet some of your favorite story-book characters!

Hosted by the Oswegoland Park

CHEC/HSLDA

For those of you who missed our last meeting, CHEC, the organization who keeps an eye on the homeschool legislative happenings in Illinois, spoke to our group.

It was very interesting. If you are interested in knowing about homeschool laws in Illinois or to learn more about CHEC, you can look them up at www.CHEC.cc

For those of you who would like to join HSLDA, you can register online at www.hslda.org

You can e-mail Sue Brandau for the HSLDA Group Number. This number will give you a discount on your membership.

HSLDA is a organization which defends, protects and helps advance the constitutional rights of parents to direct the education of their children and protect family freedoms. If you should ever be "called to the carpet" about homeschooling, HSLDA will defend you IF you are a member. Check out their website for more information.

District at the Oswego High School, Saturday, October 27th from 2:00-4:00pm.

Age: 6 Months - 10 Years, \$3 at the door

History Fair Alert



Wait don't stop reading. You may think that your child is not interested in history so therefore this is not for you, but don't stop reading please. We are changing the Science Fair to the History Fair and there are many ways that your child can participate, even if history is not at the top of their list as a fun subject.



We want to help you by giving you examples of just a few topics to consider a project on. Who says history is limited? You can combine science and history together and do a presentation on any of the following topics, for example: The History of

Medicine, Dentistry, Diseases, Vaccines, Music/Sound, Transportation, Chicago rivers, Chicago Sewers (or your own town's waterworks history), Farming, Movie making, Video games, Computers. All can be connected to science too.

Other topics may include the following: Sports, Business, US Presidents, World Wars (and there were many), Concentration camps. The Kings of England, History of immigration, Local town history, Missionaries in different countries, the history of mummification, the Chicago fire or the History of home schooling.

You can combine History and Art all at the same time by reporting on

how the Washington National Cathedral was constructed. Or the history of churches' architecture Maybe even your own church history. Stained glass, adoptions, orphanages, middle class America, African Americans in Chicago, slavery, the fall of the Roman empire, the history of silk.

The bible is full of historical facts. You may, for example, present the history of King Nebuchadnezzar and construct a golden image with explanations. The construction of Noah's ark is amazing. Your child can learn awesome bible truths and participate in the history fair all at the same time.

Your family history could be inter-

esting. History is not limited to big world events. Find something that your family is interested in. Hobbies and collections, all families have them. Make a presentation and share them with us.

Your child may work on an individual or group project and can present their research findings in a variety of formats, including the following:

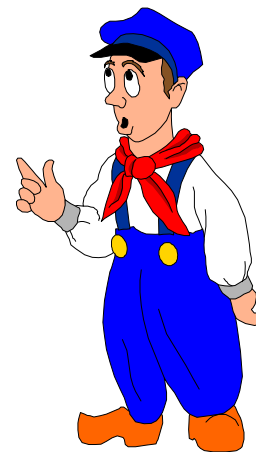
Exhibits

Models

Media presentations (video, computer, etc.)

Dramatic performances

You can make these projects as complex or as simple as you want. You are only limited by your own imagination. Be creative, but most of all, have fun, because history can be fun.



AWANA Program at Central Bible Church

The AWANA program for boys and girls continues on Wednesday Nights 6:30 - 8:00

at Central Bible Church in Aurora, 940 W. Galena Blvd (Galena & Elmwood) Church Phone 630-896-7571

All boys and girls from age 3 through 8th grade are welcome.

There is game time, story time, and book time

Cubbies age 3 - 4

Sparkies K - 2nd grade

T&T Boys 3 - 6 grade

T&T Girls 3 - 6 grade

Trek Boys and Girls 7 - 8 grade

All are welcome! Come as often as you can, we'd love to see you there!

The DeVries Family

630-844-3212

From the Chair ...



"OKAY...Listen to me NOW and Listen Well. I could SEND you to school, and I COULD be sitting at Panera sipping a cup of coffee, or shopping with my friends! YOU could be at school for 7 hours. 7 HOURS!!!!!!!!!! Trust Me-You do not want to go THERE! You Think I'M Bad, You think I am the MEANEST teacher in the whole world. You haven't seen ANYTHING YET" "NOW, Sit Down and Listen." "I HAVE TO READ this, and YOU ARE GOING TO LISTEN!" "Genesis 3: 21-28....."

And so was the first hour of school at the Klaas home for the 2007

Yes, a nice plan. I did lay this all out for the Lord. It seemed quite simple. However, as the above exchange of words show, sometimes things do not always work out the way we had planned. If you think I am kidding about the above exchange, the only part that may not be true is that I can't remember all the actual ranting that I did, and you can't see the expression on my 5 year old's face as I was screaming at him. Horrible isn't it? Humbling, that is what it is. Our first day was not great. As a matter of fact, neither was our second or third. We are getting into the swing of it now. Getting a routine, expectations laid out. There are whines and tears,

From the editor ...

The next field trip is scheduled for October 18th, a visit to the Total Living Network Studios in Aurora. Check out their web site at www.tln.com.

And now, I need at least one stu-

dent volunteer. Lovely wasn't it? I was sooooo excited. I woke up early, walked for an hour, had my cup of sanity, (some people refer to it as coffee), I had my books, I was ready. Before I began, I also want to note, I had several long, and quite to the point conversations with God on how I thought this year of school should work. I noted to him that I thought he should make things go easily for me. Smooooothly if he didn't mind. After all, I am doing alllll this ultimately for HIM! I mentioned to God that I did happily receive 5 of his heavenly children here on earth, WITHOUT being medicated. Should count for something, shouldn't it? I also do

laughter and singing. Each day a new day. What I am trying to share, is that God is not interested in our plan. He is not interested in how much or what our children know in earthly standards. He is interested in our hearts. He is interested in our examples. He is interested in how much our children know about Him. How much they love Him. That week, when I was feeling WEAK, God brought me to my knees. He told me he Loved Me. He told me that he loved listening to my plans and appreciated my input. Then he told me that maybe I was a "little too big for my britches", and I should rely a little bit more on him. Maybe I should be

more gentle with my children. Maybe I should try to teach them about the Loving Father through example.

Well Spoken. Advice Taken.

On those days, when things aren't going so well, or when you're getting a little "too big for your britches" and you think you know more than God, remember these words:

Matthew 23:12

Those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Blessings for each of your homes,
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So go, enjoy, learn and then share with the rest of us.

Peace, *Patti*

dent volunteer (the more the merrier!) to write about their field trip experience. As I've shown on page 1, even the little ones can dictate their impressions, so ANYBODY can volunteer. It really only takes just a few min-

not want to brag to God, but, I do several service projects a year (in his name) and make my children do many things in the name of charity. The least he could do for me, the only thing I am really asking for (at that moment) was for a smoooooth year of school. I could picture it. Me.sitting on the couch, my 8th cup of sanity nearby. My three loving smaller children sitting near or around me playing quietly, listening rather intently to my reading. My older girls would, of course, be nearby, working on their own. Only calling out to say, "Oh Mother, we have finished all our schoolwork, Shall we sweep the floors now?"

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