

KANAWHA/PUTNAM HOME EDUCATORS



The Home Bulletin Board

January

2008

Speak Up: **January 2nd (Friday)**
11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
@ South Charleston Library *Only*

Ice Skating **So. Charleston Ice Arena**
December 5th 1:15 PM to 3:15 PM
Cost: \$5.00 Per Skater

Please Note: **Speak Up** will **not** be held at the St. Albans Library in January. Check February newsletter for updates.

Glenda Kines 776 – 7727 or tomkines@aol.com (St. Albans)

Patty Ratcliff 756 – 2107 or mpratcliff@aol.com (So. Chas)

Family Fun Event

KPHE is hosting an afternoon\evening of Family Fun for you and your family at the Pinch Volunteer Fire Department on **Saturday, January 17, 2009** from **4 – 7 PM**. This will be a time of fellowship and getting to know new homeschoolers, as well as becoming reacquainted with old friends. Please bring either a dessert, a finger food, or a light snack and a drink to share. Questions? Contact President **Rita Shaffer** at **345 – 4881** or email ritajshaffer@yahoo.com.

Directions are on Page 14

Standardized Testing for 2009

The test offered through CHEWV is the **Iowa Test of Basic Skills**. The following are some reminders about testing and how to register:

Only members of CHEWV may test with a local test group. Membership information can be found at www.chewv.org. A membership form can be downloaded from the website. However, there is a "membership" section on the test registration form. Please complete the "membership" section of the form if you are joining for the first time or renewing your membership. **This year, CHEWV membership must be current through April 1st**. The membership expiration date is at the top of the address label on *The Banner*. If you need to update your membership, annual CHEWV membership dues are still \$20.00.

Please note that test fees are now \$37.00 per test per child (test center) and \$42.00 per test per child (private testing). This is due to a price increase from the publisher and distributor.

Please remember that test registrations must be postmarked by **January 26, 2009**. Any registrations postmarked after the **26th** will be forwarded to **Don and Kim Kincell**. They will take care of all late registrations. Please call them with any "late registration" test questions at **304 – 291 – 2467**. There is a \$10.00 per family late fee (for those postmarked after 1-26-09).

There is also a \$5.00 per child cancellation fee. Testing fees have increased, not from CHEWV, but from Bob Jones. The increase merely reflects what Bob Jones is now charging for each test.

DO NOT send the bottom portion of the test registration form to the Test Center Coordinator as instructed in *The Homeschool Banner*. Please send the entire registration form and all fees (you can write a single check for all fees) to:

Cathy Corns
151 Woodland Forest
Winfield, WV 25213

Please remember to indicate your choice of test location by checking the appropriate box in the section marked "KPHE use only." Following are the three test centers.

Ø Perrow Presbyterian Church, Cross Lanes, WV
March 2 – 6, 2009

Ø Twin City Bible Church, Nitro, WV
March 9 – 13, 2009

Ø Good Shepherd Baptist Church, Scott Depot, WV
March 9 – 13, 2009

Testing is conducted Monday through Thursday from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 noon. Friday is reserved as a make-up day for sickness or rescheduling due to inclement weather. An offering is taken at each test center and given as a donation to the church for use of their facility.

In previous years, all test administrators followed the same testing schedule. This was quite successful in that it provided uniformity whereby each grade was tested in similar subjects on the same days. By following the schedule, everyone knows that the math tests will be given on Tuesday and can prepare accordingly. Following the schedule also allows kindergarten and high school grades to complete testing by Wednesday. Grades one through eight have slightly longer tests and require scheduling through Thursday.

Testing would not be possible without parents and friends volunteering their time. If you have a four-year college degree, please consider being a test administrator. Please check the little box on the registration form that you would be willing to administer a test. You will be contacted and given further instructions. Test helpers and child care helpers are also needed. If you want to volunteer as a helper, please write a note at the bottom of your registration form. Your time will be a tremendous blessing. And thank-you to those testing veterans who give of their time to volunteer and help every year.

Please call **Cathy** at **586 – 0923** if you have any questions or email her at elkhorns@verizon.net.

Math Field Day

Registration for the Kanawha County Math Field Day is being taken until **January 16th**. Students from 4th grade to 12th grade are welcome to participate (grades compete respectively). If there are two or more students participating in any one grade, a screening test will be held during the week of January 19th.

Please call **Lien Parrish** at **776 – 1171** or **444 – 3578** if you are interested or would like more information.

Co – op Classes

The **WV Homeschool Haven Co – op Classes** will resume on **January 9th** at **10:30 AM** at the Gateway Church in South Charleston.

Classes will include sign language, health and nutrition, fitness, music and science club. The second session will be **January 23rd**. For more information, please contact **Amy Malcomb** at my5guyzandme@yahoo.com or call **206 – 6996**.

Music Lessons

Amy Macy, a cellist with the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra and home schooling mom, has a few more openings in her home studio for cellists of all ages (traditional or Suzuki), and Suzuki violin students ages 5 – 8. She has 20+ years of experience and loves working with kids.

For more info, call **342 – 4592**.

R.A.I.N. Dance & Drama

Practices for R.A.I.N. Dance & Drama will resume in January at the St. Albans Library. This would be a great time for new people to join as we will be introducing new skits, drama and dance. If you have once been a part of R.A.I.N. but had to take a break, we would love to have you come back! The team has some great ideas for the new year and we would love for you to be a part of it. If you would like to just visit a practice and see what we are all about, you are welcome to do so.

Practices for January will be from 2:30 until 4:30 on the 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

Our team have been very busy and God has blessed us with several ministry opportunities. We have made some wonderful new friends and kingdom connections at each place we have visited and have been blessed along the way. If your church or Christian organization would like for RAIN to minister with you, or if you would like to get involved, please contact us at the information below.

Email us at: RainDanceandDrama@suddenlink.net

Cassie Miller at (304) 524-728

Hanna Watters at (304) 369-4167

Myspace.com/rain_dance_and_drama

Valentine's Day Parties

Wednesday, February 11th, from **11:00 — 1:00**

Registration deadline is **February 4th** and is required due to the exchanging of Valentine's. Details will be given in a later email after everyone has registered. Please email or call Katie Tate to register. Email kttate@aol.com or call **744 — 4223**. This party will be held in the Saint Albans area.

The KPHE Valentine's Day party for Kanawha County/Northeastern families will be held at **11:00 AM** on **Friday, February, 13th**. There will be a strict limit of 25 participants. Please contact **Shelley Lively** at **965 — 6851** for details. You may email her at sjlively@gmail.com.

Pre — registration is necessary for both parties. Space is limited for these parties, so please contact the coordinators as soon as possible. More information\directions will be given when you make your reservation.

Biography Night

Come join us for a great evening of entertainment and enlightenment. Choose a favorite person from history, learn all you can about them, and come share what you've learned. Some enjoy dressing as the person they have studied and presenting from that person's point of view. Mark your calendars for the evening of **January 23rd**.

This event will be held at the original Bible Center Church location across from Ashton Place on Corridor G in Charleston.

Please Note: **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** for this activity.

Contact **Kim Shaffer** with questions, or to register, at **965 — 3506**. Hope to see you there.

Play Group

Starting in January, Tammi Tremblay will be hosting a playgroup at Elkview Baptist Church. This playgroup will be on the third Friday of every month through the month of April. Below are the scheduled dates:

Friday, January 16

Friday, February 20

Friday, March 20

Friday, April 20

The play group will meet from **9:30 AM** to **12:30 PM**. We will have structured play, as well as, free — play. If interested, please bring your own balls, jump ropes, board games, etc. There is a gym, small kitchen and nursery that may be used. (The nursery will not be "staffed" and would need a parent/volunteer for children to be present.) You may bring your lunch. There are also restaurants near by if you would be interested in that.

The church has allowed us to use the facilities without charge but has suggested if we would like to help in any way, we may give them a canned food/non — perishable food donation for their food pantry. (This food is used to meet the needs of those who come to the church for help.) If you would be interested in this, just bring the items with you with you.)

Please contact **Tammi Tremblay** at **965 — 2486**, if interested or you have questions or need directions. Hope to see you there!

Indoor Soccer

Would your child like to play on a soccer team? Sign ups are underway for indoor soccer at the Charleston YMCA. Games will start in January. We will be playing other teams in the YMCA soccer league. Players can either sign up with a team, or they can sign up individually and be placed on a team. In the past, homeschoolers have only had teams for the middle and high School levels. Please advise if your child is interested in participating this year. KPHE members will be given first preference. If enough members do not sign up, then it will be opened to others.

The total cost for a team last year was \$500.00. The team needs to have at least 10 players, and no more than 12. Five players at a time are on the field (this includes the goalie.) Therefore, the cost would be split among each player. The coach tries to allow each player equal playing time in each game. The cost of the shirt is included and each player receives a medal at the end of the season. Also, due to the few players per team when a child commits to participating, then the player should make every effort to show at each game. Players should show up at least 15 minutes early to stretch and to allow the coach a few minutes to organize. You **DO NOT** have to be members of the YMCA to participate.

Once the team limit has been reached, then the team will be closed. If there is not enough interest in organizing a team, then you will be contacted and your child could still sign up as an individual and be placed on a team by the YMCA. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Send info (and questions) to: **kphesoccer@yahoo.com**.

If your child chooses to participate then please provide the following. We ask that you **please provide this information as soon as possible to assist in organizing the teams**.

1. Name of child
2. Age with birth date
3. Grade
4. Shirt size:
Youth Small _____ Youth Medium _____ Youth large _____
Adult Small _____ Adult Medium _____ Adult large _____
5. Soccer positions child has previously played
6. Parent or guardian name
7. Would you be interested in assisting with the teams if needed? Yes No

Pass It On

(Do you have any great ideas, events, or opportunities you would like to share with your fellow members? Let us know, so that we can pass it on to others.)

Do you know a child who loves to sing???

The **Appalachian Children's Chorus (ACC)** is hosting open auditions for their Charleston based choirs on **Sunday, January 11th** at **4:30 PM** at the University of Charleston's Keenan Hall. ACC is a not — for — profit organization that is dedicated to developing artistic excellence, quality music education and extraordinary opportunities for West Virginia youth.

Ages: Boys, Kindergarten through Grade 8
 Girls, Kindergarten through Grade 12

ACC also has a new choir for ladies in grades 10 — 12 and for children in southern West Virginia. Please email ecapecce@womansongchorale.com for more information about the high school girl choir. Auditions for ACC — Southern WV will be held on **Thursday, January 15th** at **5:00 PM** at the Fountain of Life Baptist Church in Chapmanville.

Students do not need to have a piece prepared for either audition.

Need — based scholarships are available. For more information about auditions, please call **343 — 1111** or visit wvacc.org. You may also email kacie@wvacc.org with questions.

Special Needs

Diane Nader-Epling is a licensed speech-language pathologist who has worked with children and adolescents (and adults) with special needs for over twenty-five years. She also has a special needs child and has homeschooled her children since 1999.

Diane wants to make available her services to fellow homeschoolers through free consultations and discounted one— on — one curriculum therapy guides.

She works with a variety of special needs, including autism, ADD/ADHD, as well as learning disorders involving dyslexia and math processing. Diane can come to your home to help tailor your curriculum to address your academic challenges.

For an appointment, she can be reached at her home: **342 — 2853** or by email at: dnepling@verizon.net. Follow — up consultations can also be done through telepractice.

Military Support

If anyone is interested in a quick and easy way to show our brave military the support they deserve, Adopt A Soldier is a great program. It matches caring civilians with soldiers serving overseas. Simply sign up online and the group will supply the name and address of a soldier needing a boost in morale. This is a very personal form of community service, as well as great practice in letter writing skills!

If interested, visit www.adoptaussoldier.org

(Thanks to Shelley Lively for submitting this information.)

Open Door Ministries International

This is a great opportunity for home school teens! Open Door Ministries International is expanding their international ministry to the youth. They are looking for young men and women ages **13 – 21** who are interested in dance, drama and music ministry. They are looking for young men and women who are passionate in their service to the Lord.

Do you play a musical instrument?

Do you enjoy dance and drama?

Do you enjoy the technical part of the ministry?

How about the idea of going to the nations?

How about using the gifts and talents God has given you to help bring an increase to the Kingdom?

Ordained Youth Minister **Nick Hobba** (son of Pastor and Home school mother, **Cheryl Hobba**) has been to the nations and now he has a desire to equip more youth to do the same, but not in the same old way. He wants to equip the youth to tap into their passions and use them to build the Kingdom. He wants to send ordinary people out to do extraordinary acts for God!

Ablaze Youth Ministries will be meeting every **Thursday** evening @ **7:00 P.M.**

Location: Sar Shalom Bible Center, Main St. Hurricane

Questions: (304) **546 – 5348**

KPHE Physical Activities

You can still sign up for the homeschool classes at the YMCA. Here is a rundown on activities available in the upcoming year.

Charleston YMCA

Registrations are now being taken for the Winter I schedule which resumes on January 6th, and ends on February 19th. All age groups will be participating in the following courses:

Tuesday: **Dodgeball** Thursday: **Basketball**

You may pick up a registration packet either at the Charleston YMCA or on our website at www.kphe.net.

Questions??? Our Y contact is Jim Harris at **340 – 3527**. Cari Stricker is the KPHE contact; call her at **343 – 3289** or email her at cacastricker@suddenlink.net.

The September 2008 newsletter contained a schedule for Charleston Y physical education classes. It can still be accessed from the website.

Tri – County YMCA

The **YMCA** in Scott Depot (Teays Valley) will be enrolling homeschooled students for their physical education program for Spring 2009. Students will participate in activities which emphasize their youth sports philosophy of “Everybody Plays . . . Everybody Wins!!!”

This is a structured program which allows your student to learn and develop skills while having fun. The class will last 10 weeks.

Class Day: Tuesdays, January 13rd — March 17th

Call: **757 – 0016** or www.tri-countyymca.org

Class Times: 1:00 — 2:00 (K — 5)
 2:00 — 3:00 (6 — 8)

Cost: YMCA Member 1st Child \$30.00 2nd Child \$22.00 each
Non — Y Member \$50.00

{As the January issue was going to print, I received the following letter; it certainly contains food for thought, as well as a call to action. Please read it and pray about how the Lord would lead you in helping Jodi and her daughters with this endeavor}

“River and Navy took a recent trip to Charleston with Navy's girl scout troop to bring a Christmas party to a group of homeless children. Both kids were fully impacted by this event. River and Navy have, with their own money, decided that they are going to throw a Valentine's party for the children, and that they'd like to bring gifts!

We are collecting any unopened and unwanted Christmas gifts. Please keep this in mind this year as you open the cheesy things that you get from relatives you haven't seen in twelve years! We'll take anything in order to have a good amount of items to bring to the women and children. We will also be making Easter baskets for them as well, filled with needed items as much as wanted items. Consider toothbrushes and other toiletries, art items, books and more.

River, Navy, and I will be happy to come to your house to pick anything up, or you're welcome to leave anything on our doorstep or bring it anytime you see us! We will probably be doing the next few trips with Navy's girl scout troop, led by DeeDee Chambers, who has a special love for these homeless families.

If you'd like to check out the link below, this is where we went and will be going:

<http://www.ywcacharleston.org/programs/sojourners/default.aspx>

And PLEASE e mail or call me with any questions!”

Thank you!

Jodie Davis
610 — 3632

If you would like to purchase a yearbook, contact:
Rita Shaffer at **345 — 4881** or ritajshaffer@yahoo.com
Patty Ratcliff at **756 — 2107** or e-mail mpratcliff@aol.com.

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If you would like to include something in the next newsletter,
please send information by **January 15th** to:
kphe.newsletter@gmail.com

Or mail to:

Tammy Duttine 246 Irene Circle Hurricane WV 25526
Questions??? Contact me at **562 — 6718**

*The KPHE Steering Committee prays that everyone in KPHE
enjoyed a very blessed Christmas and will have a
joyous and happy New Year in 2009*

Directions to Family Fun Event: (From Page #1)

From Charleston, take I — 64 to I — 79. Take Exit #5
\Big Chimney Exit. Turn right on WV 114. At the 4 — way
stop, go straight across the bridge. Turn left on Indian
Creek Road. Bear left on South Pinch Road at Mountain
Mart. The Pinch Volunteer Fire Dept. is on the right,
approximately 1\2 mile past the Exxon.

Website: www.kphe.net

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