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Eddyville~Blakesburg~Fremont
Home School Assistance Program



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Upcoming Events

- Thursday, January 17th, 2:30- Instrument Exploration with Joe Overton, high school band room
- Tuesday, January 22, 1:00- Home School Bowling at Mahaska Bowl, Oskaloosa
- Friday, February 8, 1:00- Valentine Day Party, Parkview Bible Chapel, Eddyville
- Tuesday, February 19th, 1:00- Home School Bowling at Mahaska Bowl, Oskaloosa
- Thursday, February 28th, 12:30, - The Ugly Duckling and the Tortoise and the Hare, Civic Center, Des Moines

Event Information

Please join us on January 17th for a musical showcase with our very talented band director, Joe Overton. The band room is located behind the cafeteria. We will plan to meet in our office and walk over to the band room at 2:25. EBF's marching band has won numerous awards over the years, and Mr. Overton is a wonderful instructor with a passion for music. He, along with some of his students, will explain how the different instruments work and demonstrate them. This field trip has been a favorite among our home school families.

Mahaska Bowl in Oskaloosa welcomes our EBF HSAP group again this year for two afternoons of home school bowling. Lanes are reserved for us from 1:00 to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, January 22nd and Tuesday, February 19th. The cost for each bowler is \$3.50 for one game and shoe rental, \$4.50 for two games and shoe rental, or \$5.00 for unlimited games and shoe rental. When you RSVP, please tell us how many family members plan to bowl and whether or not you want lanes with bumpers. A week prior to each bowling date, we need to let the bowling alley know how many to expect.

Valentine's Day is right around the corner and so is our annual Valentine Day party. If your students would like to exchange valentines please be sure to rsvp! We will meet at the Parkview Bible Chapel in Eddyville for some gym games, valentine exchange, and refreshments. We will send out the list of names after January 25th. Preschoolers are welcome to join the valentine exchange.



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PBS Learning Media is a free, digital media library available for teachers, students, and families. You can join by creating an account with your email address. The site contains educational materials (videos, articles, pictures) for prekindergarten to high school. Karlie and I have enjoyed watching the interactive videos. After you listen to a portion of the video, the students are able to answer questions or play a game with a click of the mouse. Much of the material available is taken from different PBS series. If you like a resource, you can add it to your "favorites", so it is easy to find when you want to view it again. If your family enjoys watching some of the PBS shows, you will definitely want to check out this web site.

Congratulations to Phil and Traci Doak and big sisters Jazmyn, London, and Aubre on the birth of their new baby brother. Gage Michael was born on November 11th at 6:02 AM. He weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. and was 21 inches long.

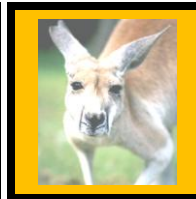
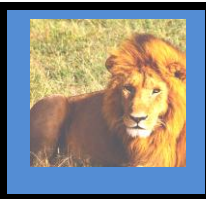
Our, (Robin and Tom) newest granddaughter, Charlotte Denise, arrived on December 18th after news that she might not survive after the 20th week of pregnancy. What a blessing new babies are to a family!

RSVP List

- *Bowling-by Jan 15 & Feb 12*
- *Valentine Party- by Jan 25*
- *Ugly Duckling play-10 tickets left*
- *March Project or Presentation Day-by Feb 20*
- *Basic Skills-tentatively scheduled for week of March 25*
- *April art classes-Thursdays in April-by March 5*



Art classes this year will be held during April at Hillside Bible Chapel near Oskaloosa. Once again, we are lucky to have Chris Abigt, a local artist, as our instructor. The theme will be "Animals" and plans are to focus on a different animal and medium at each week's class. We will meet on Thursdays - April 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th during the 1:00 to 3:00 PM time period. Time schedule will be determined once we have final numbers. Last year art classes were a popular activity and we ended up dividing our group into two separate sessions. Please RSVP by March 5 to let us know if you plan to participate. We will order enough art supplies for all students who sign up by the deadline.



March 1st is the deadline for open enrollment paperwork. If you know of someone interested in joining our program, AND they do not live in our school district, please encourage them to check into the open enrollment option now. Each year we have families that want to join, but they miss the deadline. The open enrollment handbook is available online at: http://educateiowa.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=649&Itemid=3792

Presentation or Project Fair Anyone?

We have heard from two families of their interest in participating in a project fair. The idea was to meet in Oskaloosa, during a day in March, and let our students share some of their home school projects. They could: read aloud a story/poem, give a talk about something they have learned, or simply bring artwork, penmanship papers, great math tests, or anything else to show off. Home school parents could tell about an idea or learning aid that worked really well for their students. Our schedule would be to meet at 11:00 in the basement of Hillside Bible Church (where we hold art classes), share our projects, presentations, and wisdom, then enjoy a pizza lunch together. The HSAP will provide the pizza and drinks. Please let us know if your family will be able to participate.

It is time to plan for ITBS Testing! Right now, we hope to administer tests in the morning during the week of March 25th. If you marked "yes" to ITBS Testing on your enrollment form, we will automatically put your students on our list. If you marked "no" or were undecided, it is not too late to change your mind! Please contact us by phone or email to confirm your intention to participate in testing. We need exact student numbers and grade levels so we can order booklets and scoring sheets for everyone who wants to test.

We have been cleaning around the office and found a few fun projects for the children to try when your family visits the office in January and February:

- Writing with a quill
- Edgar Degas art project "Resist in Motion"
- Snowman facts
- Thumbprint bookmarks