

# March/April

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## Eddyville~Blakesburg~Fremont Home School Assistance Program



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## Upcoming Events

- Thursday, March 14, 10:00 to 11:30- Iowa Hall of Pride Museum, Des Moines
- Thursday, March 21, 11:00- Presentation/Project Day, Hillside Bible Church, Oskaloosa
- Tuesday, Wednesday, March 26 and 27, 8:45 to 11:45- Iowa Tests of Basic Skills, Hillside Bible Church, Oskaloosa
- Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25, 1:00 to 2:00 or 2:00 to 3:00- Art class with Chris Abigt, Hillside Bible Church, Oskaloosa

## *Event Information*

### Iowa Hall of Pride Museum

This is a new field trip for us. We hope you can join us to explore this unique, interactive museum celebrating Iowans. All kids K-12 are free (and I am assuming younger children as well), and adults are \$5.00. Directions and previews of the exhibits are available on their website.

<http://www.iowahallofpride.com/index.html>

### Presentation/Project Day

Please consider joining us in Oskaloosa for a day to share our accomplishments. It will be a very informal setting. Students can bring projects to display on tables or present or talk about something they have learned this year. I am also hoping parents will bring some of their favorite resources and pass on ideas that worked well for their home schools. We'll begin at 11, and have a pizza lunch to follow, provided by the HSAP.

### Art Classes

It's not too late to sign up for our very popular art classes with Mrs. Abigt. We will meet together on Thursdays in Oskaloosa. Please rsvp whether you would like to be in the 1:00 class or the 2:00 class. If you could make either time slot work, let us know that, too. We will let you know via email if there are any supplies you need to bring.



## Innovations and Ideas

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Are you in search of a way to boost your home school classes? Below are some web sites you may like to check out. They offer a variety of opportunities, from elective and enrichment classes for students to online articles and webinars for parents.

eLearningK12 - <http://www.elearningk12.com/>

Landry Academy - <http://landryacademy.com/index.html>

e-tutor - <http://www.e-tutor.com/>

Veritas Press - <http://www.veritaspress.com/>



## RSVP List

- *Iowa Hall of Pride Museum, By March 12<sup>th</sup>*
- *Presentation Day, by March 20<sup>th</sup> (so we can plan for enough pizza ☺ )*
- *April art classes-Thursdays in April-by March 5, also class preference: 1:00, 2:00 or either*

And in May...We are working on scheduling the Mississippi River Lock and Dam field trip, as well as a class in beginning electricity (using dry cells and mini light bulbs), and a play date at Edmundson Park.

← pictures from our Valentine party.

## ITBS Testing

The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) testing dates are quickly approaching! For those who signed up, please notice that we will be testing at Hillside Bible Chapel on Highway 92, just east of Oskaloosa. This is a change from previous years! We will administer tests on Tuesday, March 26 and Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 to 11:45 AM. Students should bring 2 or 3 sharpened #2 pencils, a book or magazine to read, and a snack to eat each morning. If you would like your students to brush up on their test taking skills between now and March 26th, we have ITBS practice packets available for testers in the office. If you have questions regarding testing, please call or email.

## Looking Ahead

It is not too early to start planning for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year. Jot down some ideas, look through catalogs, read online reviews, talk with other home school parents, come browse the HSAP library, and ask us questions. There are tons of great resources available to use for teaching and learning! Another good place to explore and preview learning materials is the NICHE Conference. This year the conference will be held Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines. If you would like more information about the conference, check out the NICHE website at [www.homeschooliowa.org](http://www.homeschooliowa.org).

This picture is from our Christmas party. Families brought small gifts which we packed in small bags to share with our elderly neighbors.



## 2013-2014 EBF HSAP Registration

Starting March 19<sup>th</sup>, we plan to have registration packets ready for families planning to enroll their students in the EBF HSAP for 2013-2014. Enrollment forms, resource recommendations, and reservation lists can be filled out and turned in to get a jump start for the next school year! It would be an added bonus for us (Robin and Melanie) to have all paperwork completed and ready by June 1<sup>st</sup> so we can get started putting together resource orders and reservations piles. If you are new to the registration process or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email.