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Eddyville~Blakesburg~Fremont
Home School Assistance Program



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Upcoming Events

- Thursday, November 15, 10:00- Scholte House and Civil War Exhibit, Pella
<http://www.pellatuliptime.com/scholte-house>
- Friday, December 7th, 12:30- *The Nutcracker Ballet*, Des Moines Civic Center, Des Moines
- Thursday, December 13, 11:00- "Christmas Fun Day", basement of Hillside Bible Church, Oskaloosa (Art classes were held here last year. It is on the south side of Hwy. 92, just past the Mahaska Vet Clinic.)

Event Information

- We hope you can join us for a tour of the **Scholte House and Civil War Exhibit in Pella** on Thursday, November 15, at 10:00. The cost is \$2/students and \$5/parents. Preschool students are admitted for free. This is the last day for the special Civil War Exhibit that is housed in one of the wings of the Scholte House. Afterwards we could stop at the new Culver's Restaurant for lunch and/or ice cream.
- Each year the Iowa Dance Theatre presents a special performance of *The Nutcracker Ballet* to school aged children. It is a shortened version of the original ballet and lasts just under an hour. Admission is \$4 per person. The deadline for payment is November 16th, so please let us know, no later than November 12th if your family would like tickets.
- "**Christmas Fun Day**" - We hope you will give some consideration to joining us for this special day.
 - 11:00-12:00- "Christmas Around the World" presentations. We would like families to research the Christmas traditions in a foreign country and then share what they have learned with the group. We will post the countries chosen on our Facebook page.
 - 12:00-1:00- Soup supper lunch- Please let us know what your family would be willing to bring: soup, crackers, bread, finger food, cookies. We will provide table service and drinks.
 - 1:00-1:30-Craft time, Each child will make a Christmas craft to take home. We will also have some leftover crafts from previous years. During this time we would like to make cards and put together little gift bags for the elderly. If you have an elderly neighbor/relative/friend be sure to let us know so we can make sure a gift bag for them.
 - 1:30-1:45-Clean up time 😊



Innovations and Ideas

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Karlie and I recently watched a DVD from the AEA Library titled, "Periodic Table: Structures of Atoms", 35-078173. This 18 minute DVD has a great simple explanation of atoms, their structure, and the periodic table. They use hockey players skating on concentric circles to illustrate how electrons fill up shells. Visit the GPAEA online library and check out this DVD and other resources for your students.

If you are interested in improving your child's test taking abilities we have some new resources that may be helpful to you. We ordered multiple copies of the book Gruber's Essential Guide to Test Taking. One edition is written for students in grades 3-5, the other one is for 6-9th graders. These books can be checked out for two months.

For Your Information...

The best ways to rsvp for an event are by:

- Email
- calling the office during office hours
- an afterhours voicemail
- our Facebook page.

Letting us know on a field trip doesn't always get remembered the next time we are in the office!

RSVP List

- ***Berenstain Bear Musical**,
rsvp by Nov 7
- ***Scholte House**, rsvp by Nov 9
- ***Nutcracker Ballet**, rsvp by
Nov 12
- ***Christmas Fun Day**, rsvp by
Dec 3
- ***Project/Presentation Fair**
To be held in March

Scholastic Book Orders

We have book orders for a variety of ages/grades available in our office. You can submit the orders to us, or order yourself online. The deadline for submitting orders to us is December 4th.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! ~Melanie and Robin

Our home school program is growing...

We would like to introduce to the newest members of our HSAP!

Benjamin Edward Fontana

Parents: Michael and Elaine
Siblings: Caitlyn and Ethan
Birthday: July 18
Weight: 9 pounds 2 ounces
Length: 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches

Naomi Rose Moore

Parents: Ben and Aimee
Siblings: Noah and Grace
Birthday: August 22
Weight: 8 pounds 8 ounces
Length: 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches

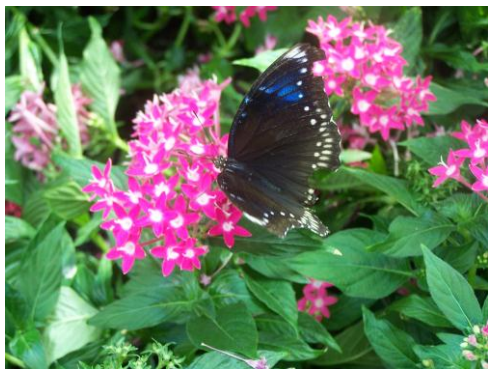
Cedryk T. Oliver Drost

Parents: Tim and Amanda
Siblings: Anya, Henry, Charlotte,
Bryant
Birthday: July 18 (8 weeks early)
Weight: 4 pounds 4 ounces
Length: 18 inches

Gilbert Benson Pierce Doak

Parents: Ben and Heather
Siblings: Ethan, Lane, Attie, Lilli,
Gena, Corrin
Birthday: September 24
Weight: 8 pounds 4 ounces
Length: 21 inches

The November 1st issue of *The Rocket*, a bimonthly school district newspaper, has a good article on the Iowa AEA online virtual library that is available to our families who are dual enrolled. You can access the library using your AEA log on and password. If you are not receiving *The Rocket*, please let us know and we will make sure you are added to the mailing list.



Box Tops for Education logos were turned in and we had over \$125 worth! Way to go and keep collecting!!!

In visiting with some of our home school families we have seen a desire for a "Project/Presentation" day. Students/families could bring home school projects to be displayed and/or develop a presentation about something they have learned in the school year. As a home school community we would then come together to look over the projects and listen to the presentations. Our idea is just in the beginning stages, and we would like your input. We are hoping to host Project/Presentation Day in March, before the beginning of Little League baseball and softball practices. Please send us an email and let us know if you are interested, and whether you would like the event held sometime during the school day or in the evening. Two of the greatest benefits of a Project/Presentation Day are the speaking in front of an audience wider than your family and the opportunity to share and celebrate some of the learning that has taken place in your home school. We hope that you will consider being involved!