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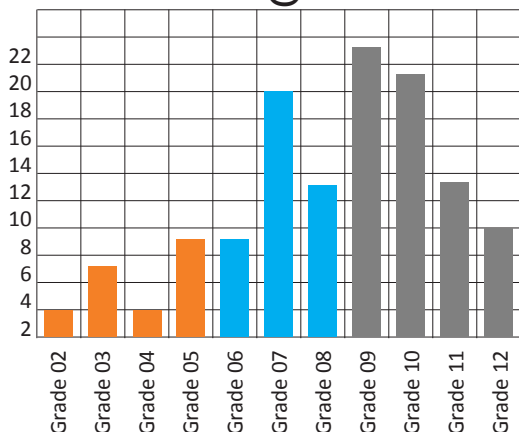
DEAR HOMELINK FAMILIES:

I want to give you a little background on the reason for the 9th week (which is coming up **November 7-11**). In the early days of HomeLink, we did not hold to deadlines and due dates for assignments. Consequently, 2 problems happened: students got so far behind, many dropped out in January. Other students did not get their work completed until some time in the summer. This was not working well. So we instituted the 9th week, which gives students a chance to catch-up and start the next quarter ready to go. For students who had turned in assignments on time, they were rewarded with time off. Additionally, this slow week gives the office staff time to prepare the grade cards. It seems to work well for all of us. If your student needs to show up for the 9th week study class, you will be notified by the advisor. As we work together, good study habits can become stronger in each and every student.



April Thome
HomeLink Director

111 Students @ HomeLink!



High School (9th-12th): 59 students
 Middle School (6th-8th): 36 students
 Grade School: (2nd-5th): 16 students

Recognizing some of our students for their hard work and amazing recognition at CWS Fair. Congratulations!

Abigail Hubble:
 Hello Kitty Dress: Blue
 Shoes: White
 Headband: White

Callie Jane:
 4H Sewing "Dragons In the Cabin" Quilt: Tree Top BEST IN SHOW

Lily Mellotte:
 4-H Horse Ribbons: Trail, Bareback, Western Pleasure,
 Stock Seat, Showmanship
 Baking: Apple Pie: Blue, Zirkle Fruit Apple Pie CHAMPION

Andy Mellotte
 Apple Pie: Blue, Zirkle Fruit Apple Pie 2nd Place

Jordan Waddington:
 Youth Rabbits: Mini Lop: BEST IN SHOW / BEST OF BREED
 Open: BEST OF BREED
 Mini Lops: Many ribbons for many rabbits and many sold, too.

Black Angus:
 YOUTH: Grand Champion - heifer / Reserve Champion - cow/calf pair
 OPEN: Grand Champion - heifer
 Grand Champion - calf / Reserve Champion - cow
 4-H Photography: blues, reds & whites

Sammie Gilmore:
 Youth Rabbits, Red in Junior Mini Lop Doe
 Educational Poster: Premium Red
 Fine Art Youth Photography: 1 Premium Blue, 1 Red
 Fine Art: 1 Premium Red, 1 White
 Sewing Quilt: White

Ellie Gilmore:
 Youth Rabbits:
 Junior Mini Lop: BEST IN SHOW / BEST OF BREED / BEST OF VARIETY
 Educational Poster: White
 Fine Art Youth Photography: 2 Premium Red
 Fine Art Youth Acrylic: 1 Premium Blue
 Fine Art Youth Design: 1 Premium Red

Rebecca Cluck
 Fine Art Youth Photography: Blues and Reds

Kaitlin Cluck
 Baking: Bread Baking, Red

Calendar of Events

October 2011

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December 2011

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High School

Graduation: A 2nd planning meeting for those interested in a graduation ceremony will be held **Tuesday, November 15 at 1:00** in the HomeLink church basement. This is open to current HomeLink seniors and former students currently enrolled in Running Start who plan to graduate in the spring. Contact Susanne Harfst, 965.7529, for more information.

College Bound Students

College SAT® Registration: The SAT® is a tool designed to assess students' academic readiness for college. These exams provide a path to opportunities, financial support and scholarships. Most students take the SAT® for the first time during the spring of their junior year and a second time during the fall of their senior year. This includes Running Start students planning to attend a four year college. Registration is required. See www.sat.collegeboard.org/home for registration deadlines.

HomeLink

Clubs: Extracurricular activities demonstrate to colleges that the student is someone who is going to contribute to the community, be generous in offering time, talent, gifts, and abilities and will make a difference. There is no charge for HomeLink clubs.

International Club: Rebecca Whitmore, HL advisor, discovered the importance of school clubs while her kids were applying for college. As a result, she launched the International Club, last year. It was a success with over 20 students meeting once a month while enjoying breakfast foods from all over the world. In addition, the club provided an international dinner for our Drama performance and visited the University of Washington for World Languages Day. The next club meeting is Tuesday, **November 15 at 10:00**. All high school students are welcome. Meet in Mrs. Whitmore's room.

Yearbook Club: Larry Osburn is leading our new Yearbook Club. He has produced several yearbooks for West Valley schools and has big plans for this year's HomeLink Yearbook. Student pictures will be taken on Tuesdays and Thursdays this fall.

Math Tutoring: The opportunity for your student to receive math tutoring is available. We now have added Laurel Smith who will be assisting through pre-algebra and Marti Neimann assisting with the more advanced students. Both classes are at 10 am on Tuesdays—drop-ins welcome! Cost: \$40/mo or \$10 per class.

9th Week: Quarter 1 ends on **November 1** and Quarter 2 begins **November 15**. With classes landing on Tuesdays this year, the 9th week scheduling will also change. If students have not handed in all their work November 1, they will need to show up for the study class Wednesday, **November 2 at 9:00**. They should plan to attend each morning until all assignments are completed. The last day to turn in any work is **Friday, November 4**. The cost for each morning session is \$10.00.

Drama: Additional drama classes will meet **Oct. 27, and Nov. 2, and Nov. 17 from 12-1:30. No drama the week of Nov. 7-11**. Save the date for "A Modern Christmas Carol" on Dec. 13 and Dec. 15.

S P C T LIGHT...Helen Solem

"The 'grace upon grace' that the Lord declares in John 1:16 is certainly a fitting truth for the journey of life the Sovereign Lord has my family and me upon. His grace has been manifested in three defining periods of life: an early childhood tragedy that led to my conversion to Christ, marriage with the gift of children, and twenty-four years of active duty service to our country intertwined with thirteen years of homeschooling our five children."

"Since 2006, our most recent duty assignment has been in Ellensburg wherein my husband directed the CWU ROTC Department. We all agree: This has been the best assignment ever! However, as all good things must come to an end, our time in Washington is quickly coming to closure. You see, after Greg completed his assignment at CWU in June 2010, he immediately deployed to the Middle East. We greatly anticipate his return in a few weeks just in time for Christmas! And, as all good military families do, we will pack up and move onto our next duty station in January 2012. This time we relocate to the other Washington—the Pentagon in D.C. Our time spent here in the Pacific NW will always remain as the most treasured years in our family life. Our memories will be treasures for the years to come."

Helen has taught Speech for HomeLink since 1994. She has been a joy and will be thoroughly missed, but we wish her the best. How about a field trip to D.C. soon? I know a great tour guide!

