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Reported by
Ernie Olsen
to WA State
Committee of
the Northwest
Accreditation
Commission:

HomeLink Accreditation Report Card!

"Excellent use of the independent study model emphasizing **custom learning**."

"Excellent implementation and use of the **cognitive lab** to enhance student's skill level. The collaboration with Dr. Morrow helps to solidify the school's approach to support students struggling with reading and having memory or attention deficiencies."

"The director is an **outstanding educator** who **"sees the big picture"** about the direction of the school. She is able to use input from various sources and adjust to situations that impact the school in a positive manner. Her **professional decisions** move the educational program forward to enhance viability and the academic programs for students."

"If HomeLink Yakima would offer **Advanced Placement** classes, they would be the **elite support program** in the state."

...We offer AP US History and more AP classes to come!

DEAR HOMELINK FAMILIES:

As the year started out on Tuesday, September 13, it seemed evident that the students were taking our dress code seriously. All the necklines were at a modest level, most students had sleeves on their



garments and quite a few girls wore dresses. It was a delight to see such a wholesome group of youngsters.

Then Abigail Hubble came in with a dress that wasyes modest, yes attractive, but something more than that. Abigail had created the dress, shoes, "jewelry" and head covering entirely from duct tape. The pictures show tremendous detail in the design. Her mother says that she spent so much time creating the dress that they might consider it worth .25 credit in fine arts.

Abigail Hubble is the daughter of Joel and Chris Hubble.

April Thome
HomeLink Director



Welcome BACK!

Calendar of Events

HED

Home Education Designs is a supplementary program for home-based schooling that assists high school students to fulfill graduation requirements that lead to an accredited transcript. Sign up now for the 2011-2012 school year! HED registration deadline, September 30th.

College Bound Students

SAT® Prep class on Thursdays at 11:00, taught by Mrs. Thome. This class focuses on SAT test preparation, dealing with test anxiety, test writers' strategies, and vocabulary building.

PSAT Registration: The PSAT is being offered on October 12th and 15th at local high schools. The PSAT is a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT®. It also gives student feedback on strengths and weaknesses, performance comparisons, and a chance to enter scholarship competitions such as National Merit Scholarship. Register through your local high school. Space is limited.

SAT® Essay Preparation Workshop: Oct 13th from 9-12 at HomeLink, \$25. Registration deadline: October 11. HomeLink SAT® Prep class students may attend for free. Taught by Kim Votry who has a degree in Creative Writing from UW. She is currently an English coach for the Shoreline School District, working primarily with homeschooling students. Workshop will focus on Organization and Structure Skills, Essay Writing Strategies, Test Day, and Essay Prompts.

Pacific Northwest Homeschool College Fair: October 15th. The fair is held for college-bound homeschoolers and their families at the Cascadia Community College in Bothell, WA every fall with over 30 colleges & universities from across the United States and Canada represented. Last fall over 400 people attended the fair and informational seminars. www.homeschoolcollegefair.com

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

***New Assignment Policy:** Student must submit homework by class due date. If work is not submitted, the advisor will call the parent and student will be required to attend a mandatory study hall the immediate Wednesday from 9-12. We suggest the student pay the study hall cost of \$10.

Community Service Hours: We encourage students to contribute to their community in a positive way. Community Service Hours (church, food bank, club projects etc.) can be earned and then applied toward high school credit. Please see your Orientation Manual for details and required form.

Dress Code: When dressing for class, select loose-fitting garments with sleeves and higher necklines. If wearing shorts, the longer the better. Courteous, modest comfort should be the guidelines. ~Virtue Study Class 2011.

S P C T LIGHT...

Silvia was born in Bolivia and came to the USA as a young girl. She left a unique family history behind. She remembers walking through her community and seeing statues of her grandfather, who was a Supreme Court Judge, around more than one corner. She graduated from high school in Texas and continued on to college where she met and married her husband, Phil, who was studying toward his doctorate in psychology. Dr. Johnson is in private practice in Yakima. Silvia and Phil raised three children, 2 daughters and a son. Their son, Nathan, serves in the US Army as a Ranger, currently deployed.

Silvia is a well known homeschool mom in the Yakima community through serving several years on the CAPE board and several of those as president. She also was very active in the development of Friday Forum. She began assisting homeschooling families by collecting and developing high school portfolios in 2005. In 2007, she became the familiar lady at the front desk of HomeLink. Silvia continues to help parents and homeschoolers with a variety of needs each day. Her patience is admired by all who work with her and her loving encouragement is enjoyed by all she meets.



WE LOVE OUR SILVIA!!!!