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Dear HomeLink families,

Now that we find ourselves in the 4th quarter of this year, we get a sense that we must finish strong. That involves keeping our effort and work quality high while setting our sights on preparation for next year.

Those who have registered with Home Education Designs may appreciate a refresher on how to finish your high school student's year with a transcript that features all of the academic activities. With a transcript in place following a year's worth of work, that report can then be used to determine the courses taken for the next year.

HomeLink will be offering two informational meetings coming up in April to prepare you for the personalized portfolio review. Remember that the portfolio review can serve as your high school student's yearly assessment.

Be watching for the meeting announcement; you only need to attend one of the two.

April Thome
HomeLink Director

Individual Assessments – Beginning May 1, by appointment, at HomeLink. Fee: \$40 per student and will take approximately one hour. (Families having more than one student may have their students tested together—allow a little more time.) This is especially recommended for younger students and for students who have difficulties testing in a classroom setting. You will receive immediate feedback, along with curriculum suggestions. Call the HomeLink office, 248.6388, Monday-Friday from 9-2.

Washington state law requires annual assessments for homeschool students ages 8 and up.

Coming this fall...

Mystery Literature, high school, Wayne Turner
1st quarter

- short stories
- watch movie versions
- solve crimes
- learn about detective writing styles
- develop an appreciation to detail

House Design, grades 6-8, Marti Niemann
Full year course

- design homes for specific clients
- investigate family needs
- work with budget constraints
- understand site requirements
- include personal preferences
- present ideas, projects, and designs

Interact Science, grades 6-8, Larry Osburn
Full year course

- ocean currents and insects?
- unnoticed interactions
- chain reactions
- nature stories, group research
- nature's dependency
- amaze and motivate budding scientists

Science Simulation, grades 2-5, Diane Hanks
Full year course

- nature, space, volcanoes, weather
- simulated "campground"
- plan "excursions"
- space exploration teams
- volcano models and "luau"
- scientific method
- experiments and weather instruments
- build critical thinking skills
- build problem solving skills

Coming this fall cont...

Photography and Design, Grades 3-7, Tricia Gilmore
Full year course

- digital photography
- elements and principles of design
- art communication and design projects
- master photographers & designers
- type, graphics, layout and color
- media awareness



Mar 28-Apr 1: Spring Break, No Classes

April 17: Yakima Youth Symphony Orchestra

April 18, 19, & 20: Annual Assessments

May 17 & 19: HomeLink's "Pollyanna" (Note Date change!)

Homeschool Swim M/W/F from 1:30-3:00 at Lions Pool.
Fisher Park Golf Course Opens March 25th.



Follow up... Daddy Daughter Dance, sponsored by Life Choices, was a fun and special time for one daddy and his two daughters. They laughed, danced, made crafts, and even took home a couple of prizes. "You're the dad everyone is watching," said one volunteer. Of course, she was referring to the white rose headband he was proudly wearing - crafted by his youngest daughter. Great joy!

Thank you!

Thank you for contributing to the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon! It was a great success and the handwritten notes were such an encouragement!

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Welcome Grace Clark...

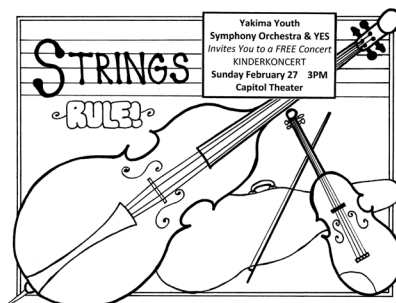
She attended YVCC and then CWU with a BA ED Biology major, BS Home Economics, in addition to one class short of earning an art minor. She taught one year in Darrington and then seven years at Zillah High School.

Once her daughter Katheryn was born, she retired to be a full time mom. She homeschooled Katheryn, who now attends Naches High School, from grades five through eight. Her son, Anders, attends Naches Middle School. They are both attending Homelink's World Languages course.

Her hobbies include origami and paper crafts, calligraphy, and yard sales. A few of her favorite artists are

Mary Engelbreit, Lou-
is Darling, Norman
Rockwell, and Mark
Kistler.

A favorite book is *The Message* - the Bible in contemporary language. She loves salty food - "my kids try to



have a few chips before I eat them all!"

If you are looking for "Mr. Right and Wonderful"... he's taken. Grace married him twenty-one years ago! This is her first semester teaching at Homelink. She is teaching *Drawing*, a step-by-step drawing program for all ages. tg



Follow up... Winning the Pacific Northwest Freestyle Championship: Leif Harfst competed on his "home mountain" White Pass. He won all 3 single mogul events and 2 of 3 duel mogul events. During the Deer Valley, UT competition, Leif won his age division M2 (15 and 16 year old) in a very tough field. Overall, he finished 7th (of 37), beating among others, the complete Australian team. Recently, Leif placed 47th at the Steamboat Springs, CO, Junior Nationals Moguls. Now... he's on his way to the US Freestyle Championship in Stratton, VT. Watch him live at www.urtur.com this Thursday through Saturday.