

ERCHA HOMELIGHT

(Eagle Rock Christian Homeschool Association)

www.homelight.org



December 2008

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

December 2nd – Open gym @ Elite Gymnastics @ 12:30 – 2:30

December 3 – 5th – Barnes and Nobles, Christmas wrapping fundraiser

December 4th – Idaho Falls Symphony

December 5th – The Nutcracker performed by the Idaho Ballet Theatre

December 8th - ERCHA Christmas Party!! 6:30pm @ Calvary

December 16th – Open Gym @ Elite Gymnastics @ 12:30 – 2:30

December 25th – Merry Christmas!

January 16th - Shakespeare Reading @ Haas Home @ 4pm

January 23rd – Shakespeare Reading @ Haas Home @ 4pm

January 27th - Cirque Le Masque's Carnivale – Student Matinee @ 10:30 @ Civic

February 4th – Legislative Day

February 16th – The Ant and the Elephant – Student Matinee @ 12pm @ Colonial

March 3 – 5th – ICHE Testing

March 5th – The Intergalactic Nemesis – Student Matinee @ 10:30am @ Colonial

ERCHA Christmas Party

Monday, December 8th - 6:30pm – 8:00pm - Calvary Chapel of Idaho Falls in the Fireside Room (the north end of the building).

Food to bring: A – M Last name - Main Dish
N – Z Last name – Side dish

Gift Exchange: Please bring a white elephant gift for your child to exchange & mark as follows:

A – Pre K – 2nd grade
B – 3rd – 6th grade
C – Jr. High
D – High School

Cupcakes – The kids will decorate cupcakes and have a birthday party for Jesus for a craft!

Please email Alexis at activities@homelight.org.

Christmas Concerts:

If Christmas seems to have come too early this year, enjoy a special evening with your family to remember the true meaning of Christmas...

“Christmas Cantata ” First Evangelical Lutheran Church at 455 N. Sunnyside (corner of Rolandet) presents “A Mary Christmas”. Bless your family and hearts while you listen to special songs celebrating the birth of our King...

Sunday, December 7th @ 5:30pm
Sunday, December 14th @ 8:15am, 11am & 5:30pm

“Lessons and Carols” New Geneva Orthodox Presbyterian Church is having a service of "Lessons and Carols" on Sunday Evening, December 14 at 4:30pm . Please join us as we re-create this hundred-year old tradition from King's College, Cambridge. All are welcome. The church is at the corner of 4th and Boulevard. For more information, email Dean & Kathy shakespeare@homelight.org .

Mom's Night Out:

Melissa is hosting our next Mom's night out on December 13th at her home from 1 – 4pm with a Christmas Cookie Exchange!!! Taste test for the best cookie! \$10 (approx.) gift exchange. Lots of fun and good fellowship for us ladies!! RSVP to Melissa by Dec. 1st. fieldtrips@homelight.org .

Open Gym

1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ Elite Gymnastics from 12:30 – 2:30. Cost is \$2.50. If you have any questions, call Michele.

Tweens: grades 4 – 6 (ages 9 – 12) – nothing this month unless someone would like to host a get together. We'll resume in January!

Youth: grades 7 & up (age 12 and up) - Christmas Party!!!! **Date and time TBA. Please email kristinehaas@gmail.com if you want to be on the Youth list for information emails. Thanks!!**

Shakespeare:

The Shakespeare reading group will be reading HENRY V on two successive Fridays - January 16 and 23 - at 4:00 pm. This time we will be meeting at the Haas' home in Idaho Falls. If you'd like to join us, please contact Dean or Kathy @ shakespeare@homelight.org by January 5th to get your part(s) assignment.

Keepers at Home: girls ages 6 – 11:

Keepers of the Home is a Christian based group, kind of like girl-scouts, where the girls earn badges (for a sash) by working on various projects. It is for ages 6 – 11 and will be held the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at Calvary Chapel. For questions, or to sign-up email keepers@homelight.org .

Scholastic Books:

For everyone who has been interested in the Scholastic book orders, Melanie has been able to set up online ordering. If you are interested, please email Melanie with any questions!

Upcoming Performances: Please remember to pay for your tickets and sign-up with Julie at theater@homelight.org .

Idaho Falls Symphony tickets for the "Maruichi Holiday"

(multicultural) performance on: December 4th. (Thursday)
Times are 9:30 and 12:30; Ticket price is two dollars per person.

The Nutcracker:

The Idaho Ballet Theater will be performing "The Nutcracker" Friday, December 5th at 10:30am. Cost is two dollars a ticket. Let Julie know if you would like to attend - there are a limited number of tickets.

Idaho Falls Arts Council Student Matinees:

Email Julie, theater@homelight.org, if you would like tickets to any of these wonderful shows. We have limited number of tickets.

CIRQUE LE MASQUE'S CARNIVALE

Student matinee – Tuesday, January 27, 10:30am at the Civic Auditorium

THE ANT AND THE ELEPHANT

Student Matinee – Tuesday, February 17, 12pm at the Colonial Theatre

THE INTERGALACTIC NEMESIS (Don't forget that this is during Iowa Standardized Testing for those who are participating).

Student Matinee – Thursday, March 5, 10:30am at the Colonial Theatre

Tennis Anyone?:

Heath Hartman (a local tennis-pro) is willing to do a group tennis class for ERCHA members who have an interest in tennis. Cost is \$40/hr. divided by the number of participants, and will be held in-doors. Time TBA depending on size of class. If you're interested, let Kristine Haas know – kristinehaas@gmail.com

Auto Upkeep for Highschool Elective:

Have teens in your homeschool group been asking for a hands-on elective? The Auto Upkeep Homeschool Curriculum Kit has the resources needed to homeschool students on basic car care, maintenance, repair, and ownership. The kit includes the Auto Upkeep textbook, Auto Upkeep paperback workbook, and a CD with PowerPoint slides, chapter tests, exams, and answer keys. Auto Upkeep helps teens discover how to choose a quality repair facility, buy a car, handle roadside emergencies, diagnose common problems, and communicate effectively with technicians - all while saving money. To view all homeschool kit options and to download a FREE sample chapter, go to www.AutoUpkeep.com/kit

Look for us this winter in the following magazines:

Homeschool Today
The Old Schoolhouse
Home School Enrichment

The LINK Homeschool Magazine

If you have any questions, feel free to contact info@autoupkeep.com

2008/2009 Year Book!

Alexis & Maurie will be our official reporters and photographers for a year book this year but need our help. Alexis will be taking photos at the activities, field trips and so forth. Maurie will be doing research and layout. Unfortunately, they can't be at all the events and activities so they are calling upon all parents and kids to help us out with pictures. Families can email digital photos to Alexis throughout the year at yearbook@homelight.org or you can give hard copies. Some photos may be used to go on the website during the year if families don't mind. If you would like to help Alexis & Maurie with other aspects of the yearbook other than photos you are welcome to, just let us know!

Resources:

We have an MP3 of all of the workshops from the homeschooling convention. If you would like to borrow it, please let Kristine know.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Youth Group (adult chaperones needed)**
- **Tween Group (adult chaperones needed)**
- **Membership**
- **Student Activity Cards**

Let Kristine know if you can help out! kristinehaas@cableone.net or 680-4963

HSLDA Membership Offer

Have you been waiting to join HSLDA, waiting for just the right time? Well, this might be it! HSLDA is offering a special discount on membership as they bid a fond farewell to 2008 and look forward to 2009.

This year marked HSLDA's 25th anniversary, and as they wrap up the festivities, they'd like to give an opportunity to celebrate through this special online offer. Between November 24, 2008, and January 15, 2009, they're offering a \$25 discount if you join for two years. (Of course, you may not feel you can swing joining for two years right now, and that's just fine. We have a special offer for you, too-join for one year and receive a \$10

discount.). Interested? This discount is only available online, so click on www.hsllda.org to join.

Membership Information:

We request that each family fill out a new registration form which is available online at www.homelight.org We also encourage a yearly \$25 donation to Eagle Rock Christian Homeschool Association if possible. The money is used for the web-site, advertising, special events, and other ERCHA needs. You may make the check out to ERCHA or pay at the website with PayPal.

Great Websites

www.homelight.org – Eagle Rock Christian Homeschool Association

www.chois.org – Christian Home Schoolers of Idaho State

www.hsllda.org – Home School Legal Defense Association

www.iche-idaho.org - Idaho Coalition of Home Educators

www.homeschoolbuyersco-op.org/homeschool/

www.parentalrights.org

www.dayspringhomeeducators.com/spelling_lists.htm