

ERCHA HOMELIGHT

(Eagle Rock Christian Homeschool Association)

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January 2009



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- January 5th** – Keeper’s at home @ 6pm @ Calvary
- January 8th** – Scottish Country Dance @ 6:30pm
- January 9th** – Keeper’s at home @ 6pm @ Calvary
- January 12th** – Monthly Meeting @ 6:30pm @ Calvary
- January 15th** – Roller-skating in Pocatello
- January 23rd – Mom’s Night Out
- January 27th** - Cirque Le Masque’s Carnivale – Student Matinee @ 10:30 @ Civic
- January 30th** - Scottish Supper
- February 4th** – Legislative Day
- February 6th – Shakespeare @ Haas Home
- February 9th** – Monthly Meeting @ 6:30pm @ Calvary
- February 13th – Shakespeare @ Haas Home
- February 14th** – Happy Valentine’s 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
- March – 9th** – Monthly Meeting @ 6:30pm @ Calvary

January Meeting - January 12th -

6:30 – 8:00p.m. @ Calvary Chapel of Idaho Falls, Fireside Room

Q & A: Bring your toughest homeschooling questions.

Kids: Board games were so successful in November, let's do that again! Bring a board game to play with others!

any parent who would like to oversee the kids this month, let kristine know

Looking ahead for February's meeting: February is the only meeting of the year where we ask you to please find child-care (if possible) as we like to focus the evening on marriages with both spouses present (if possible). We will be bringing in a guest speaker and offer free drinks from the coffee shop for the adults. If you cannot find child care, or if your spouse cannot make it please let Kristine know. We'd rather have you there with your children and/or without your spouse than not at all!!!

Mom's Night Out

Need some Christain fellowship with other homeschool mom's? Join us on Friday, January 23rd – email Alexis for details activities@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.

Also - Todd is offering a 30 minute instructional session for free for any who would like to participate. Todd and his wife Leslie, are homeschool parents, and used to teach gymnastics. It's a great opportunity!

Tweens: grades 4 – 6 (ages 9 – 12)

Friday – January 16th – time and place TBA. Email Alexis for more information: activities@homelight.org

Youth: grades 7 & up (age 12 and up)

If you'd like information regarding youth activities email:

ree_haas@yahoo.com or olson@ifhome.myrf.net or kristinehaas@gmail.com and they will get you the information:)

Rollerskating in Pocatello

Roller Skating in Pocatello - The rink in Pocatello (much nicer than IF's) has a homeschool skate day every 3rd Thursday of the school year from 10-noon. Cost is \$3 per child, parents skate FREE.

Shakespeare:

The Shakespeare reading group will be reading HENRY V on two successive Fridays – dates and times TBA. 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 16th to get your part(s) assignment.

Scottish Country Dance

Class resumes January 8 at 6:30 pm. Come chase away those winter blues and get some exercise at the same time. Anyone can do it! Cost is \$3 per person, per class. There is a \$15 family maximum. All ages are welcome. Email Dean or Kathy for more info: shakespeare@homelight.org

Scottish Supper

Burns Supper: Various Scottish groups are hosting a traditional supper to honor Scotland's famous son, Robert Burns. It will be at the Red Lion Inn on January 30. Cost is \$30 pp. Contact Kathy for more info: shakespeare@homelight.org

Student Newspaper

Hey! A couple Junior Highers are starting a Jr. High newspaper for ERCHA! They are looking for JH kids who would like to apply to be on staff! They need photographers, journalists, column writers, and more! So, don't hesitate, and contact Abi
E-mail: drama_queen4963@yahoo.com

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

Usborne Books/Fundraising Opportunity

Peggy Merkle – a homeschool mom, is also a distributor for Usborne books. She would like to do a book demonstration/sale, with all of the proceeds going back to ERCHA. If you are interested in hosting this in your home, please let Kristine Haas know: kristinehaas@gmail.com

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 steveandmel@cableone.net with any questions!

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

Idaho Falls Arts Council Student Matinees:

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

Thank You

Paul & JoAnn would like to announce that Paul is back at work as the new full time janitor at Calvary Church. He starts on January 2nd. Thank you very much for all your prayers and help. We are so blessed by all you have done for us, and more than anything, we are blessed by your friendships. We pray that you all have a blessed 2009!.

Thank You Again!

Thanks to all who helped out with the gift-wrap fundraiser over the holidays. We made \$72 for your efforts, which will be put into the ERCHA account for future books for our library, or expenses. Way to go!

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 activities@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 thru *Jan 15,2009!*

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.hslda.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