



# HEAR What's Going On!

Quarterly Newsletter

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## THOUGHTS FROM A TEACHER

Do you find yourself at the end of the school day saying..."We didn't even get to science or history." There are an endless amount of subjects that get pushed to the side just so the core subjects can be covered. You are not alone! Maybe the answer is a co-op class. Here are some tips that you may consider if the idea of a co-op class appeals to you.

1. Find other moms who are feeling the same way and maybe even use the same curriculum as you.
2. Talk over goals in studying a particular subject. If you are looking at really diving into a subject make sure you are clear about that. Common goals are important in the success of any co-op class.
3. Make a plan or copy someone else's. Here is a great website that has some co-op schedules free for download. [www.donnayoung.org](http://www.donnayoung.org). Don't feel like you have to do the majority of the teaching...that is why a co-op works, no one person has to do it all.
4. Decide things like number of students you want participating, meeting place and time. If your numbers are small it is much easier to work around a schedule conflict that may arise in the course of the class. Remember this supposed to make it easier to study a subject.
5. Have fun! Be excited about the opportunity to learn something with others. Your kids will enjoy it much more if this is your attitude towards co-op class.
6. I can't stress this enough...both you and your children should be prepared for your class. Just being in a co-op doesn't mean someone else is teaching your child so you don't have too. The learning never stops at the end of class. Carry the enthusiasm home so the child will benefit from being part of co-op.

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## THOUGHTS FROM A STUDENT

No article submitted for this issue



**Geography Fair Participants**

## Geography Fair

Do you ever want to grab a passport and go around the world?

That's just what we did and I can't imagine having a better trip. Our Geography Fair was a blast thanks to the hard work of all our students who participated, the parents who encouraged them and our outstanding coordinator, Heidi Foltz!

We had 30 participants and way over 50 people attending. Those who attended enjoyed delicious treats from around the world while learning about interesting places. All students were awarded a certificate at the end of the evening. A few students were lucky and won special prizes from the drawings.

Thank you to all who participated!

We are looking forward to next year's fair (sometime around March or April). Hopefully, many of you will be able to participate but if not, please still attend!



## STAYING IN THE HEAR LOOP!

It is difficult remembering everywhere we have to be and everything we have due! Schoolwork, housework, Church events, ball practices, dance recitals, piano lessons, family events, birthday parties all run rampant through our minds. So what about HEAR events... how do you keep up with HEAR group activities? The HEAR website and facebook are two great places to find out what is going on and when!

### The HEAR Website

The HEAR website is a great place to start. Make it a habit to check it regularly. There are three places you may want to visit weekly.

- The Home Page has a box with a blurb about the most current event or activity. Right now, it addresses field day and park days.
- “Featured Events” can be accessed by the drop down box under Regular Events. This is updated often and highlights special events in the area. These are not HEAR events but things going on in the general area that may be of interest.
- The HEAR Calendar which is on the Members Page. You will need the password (below) to access this page. The calendar has most of the HEAR events plus a few others that are member favorites.

[www.roxborohomeeducators.org](http://www.roxborohomeeducators.org)

member password: 1COR10:31 (it is case sensitive)

## Not on the HEAR facebook Page!?!?

Did you know that Scholastic Express had a huge sale the other week and you could download lessons for a \$1.00? If you check facebook, you did!

Do you ever need an encouraging word to get you going? Maybe your student has an achievement you'd like to share. Have questions about a curriculum or test and wonder if anyone else has used it? That's what facebook is for!

We each spend time looking, researching and considering things. Save others that time by sharing what you find with fellow HEAR members. Post events that sound interesting. That event may be just what someone else is looking for. Share websites with lessons or worksheets. Post an encouraging word or thought that may help someone through the day. All members can post events or information, not just a leader, director or coordinator.

We want to see pictures of your kiddos at the Girl Scout or Boy Scouts awards ceremony! We want to know that your child read his/her first book or wrote his/her first story. It is very encouraging!

So join us on facebook and if you are already on facebook, we can't wait to read your next post!

*Concerned about security?* Well, there are ways around that. You don't have to use your real name or birthday. You can limit the amount of information you submit when creating your facebook account. You can even create a free e-mail account on yahoo, gmail, hotmail.... and use that e-mail when signing up for facebook. I use my secondary e-mail when completing surveys because I know they are going to spam me!



## REMINDERS!

**Park Days** begins this Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at the park across from the library. Seats are limited (and uncomfortable) so you may want to bring a chair or blanket. This is an informal play date so stop by even if it is a little late. Please, no toy weapons/guns. This event is in lieu of Warehouse Wednesday so there will not be a meeting at the YfC warehouse this Wed. or thereafter unless posted otherwise.

Annual HEAR **Field Day** will be May 12, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Mayo Park. Volunteers are always needed. Be considering what you can contribute to make this a memorable day for our students. Mistie Kelley is working hard on pulling together this event. Please contact her if you are able and willing to help out.

**Graduation Ceremony** May 27 at 3:00 p.m. at Antioch Baptist church.

Get your skates on for an end-of the year **skating party** at Palace Point on June 7<sup>th</sup> from 2 - 4. Check the calendar of events for more details. May 24<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to RSVP with Lynn Painter.

## WHAT'S GOING ON?

Linda Clayton is diligently working to create a **Farm Ventures** program. Students will learn about farming by visiting and volunteering at local farms. This is in the beginning stages and she is just now contacting farmers. If you are interested in participating, please contact Linda and be sure to include each student and his/her age.

**Young Writers Corner!** The HEAR site now has a Writers Corner. This is a way to encourage and share our students' literary talents. Students find it encouraging and learn a lot by reading others work. Please submit writings to Susan Byerly to be posted on this page. We would love to hear about the Natural Bridge field trip!

*If work is not submitted, the page will be discontinued.*

## THANKS & ENCOURAGEMENT

A special thank you to Linda Clayton and Heidi Foltz for all their hard work these past few months. We wouldn't have events if members didn't volunteer! We appreciate it!

## THIS ISSUE'S TIP!

Disappointed you won't make it to the NCHE conference? Maybe you are going but there are two seminars at the same time and you really want to attend them both. No worries, you can purchase conference recordings at [Manna Recording](#) for up to one year after the conference. Mp3 downloads cost \$4.00 each. CDs cost \$7.00 each.

## Congratulations Graduates

And Parents Too!

McKenzie Clayton  
Daughter of Dale and Chris Clayton

Brooke McGregor  
Daughter of Anthony and Beth

Rebecca Gilliam  
Daughter of Tim and Kim Gilliam

Jenni Whitlow  
Daughter of Kathy and Jimmy Whitlow

Forrest Hayward  
Son of Frank and Danielle Hayward

## Job Well Done!

*The Graduation Ceremony will be held on May 27 at 3:00 p.m. at Antioch Baptist Church.*

*All HEAR members are welcome to attend. HEAR also provides fingerfoods at the ceremony for the graduate and their families. Please consider preparing or purchasing a dish for this special occasion. If you are unable to attend but would be willing to provide a dish, contact Jayne Nagy. You can make arrangements with Jayne to drop off a dish prior to the event. Volunteers for setup and clean up are also greatly appreciated!*



## EDITOR'S NOTES

This edition was created by Susan Byerly. Notify Susan Byerly if you would like to volunteer to write an article or become editor of the newsletter.

**“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God” (ESV).**

**I Corinthians 10:31**