



HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Valley Christian School

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A Note From Kathie ...

Since our property backs onto the Mission Tree Farm, we often have wildlife right under our noses. All spring long, we have no need of alarm clocks because the songbirds break into song around 4 or 4:30 AM, and continue throughout the day, ending about sundown, which is when the frogs begin their chorus! It's what we look forward to all winter long, and yet we don't always appreciate it.

I remember one morning last spring when I was thoroughly annoyed to be woken up so early in the morning and in my grogginess, thought, "That Micah! He's left his radio on again!" Once I was fully awake I realized that the music was coming from outside and that it was in fact an orchestra of birdsong! (Sorry Micah!)



Special points of interest:

- * May 15—VCS Fun Fair, 10 to 3
- * May 24—Victoria Day Holiday
- * May 31—Deadline for receipts to be mailed to VCS
- * June 4 & 5—BC Home School Convention in Surrey
- * June 11—Pro D Day—no school at VCS
- * September 30—2010-2011-Registration Deadline



Early one morning several days ago, I watched amused at the antics of four deer in my backyard. The smallest two are twins, and they were in a playful mood, coming nose to nose with the larger yearling, then bounding away as white tail deer do, on all fours with stiff, bounding jumps in a circuit around the left of a bluff of trees near the bottom of the property, reappearing again from the right of the bluff and then coming back to 'nose-to-nose' the yearling who responded each time with a display of annoyance. First one and then another and then both at the same time, teasing the big brother. I laughed at the antics as this scene played out and then they suddenly resumed their air of elegance and meandered off into the bush.

They so reminded me of my kids, prodding and teasing an older sibling, who would show a little annoyance. Did I say that this all took place under the watchful eye yet aloof demeanour of the large doe off to one side? She was calm yet vigilant, on the alert for any danger that might threaten any of her brood. I was struck by how much this behaviour resembled that of my family, and even our Father's care for us, His children. How deep is His love for us!



So, I hope you are enjoying the spring, watching your brood's antics, but being on the alert for any danger that could threaten. May God bless you in these final teaching days and weeks before summer.

Kathie

CTBS Tests

Please call the office to order your CTBS tests if you are wanting to have your children take the testing this year. I will need to be ordering these as soon as possible. Thanks.

Option 2 Rebate Receipts Due May 31st

Home schoolers registered with VCS under Option 2 are requested to submit receipts by May 31st, 2010. Rebate cheques will be sent to you by July 15, 2010. Late claims will be discounted by \$10 and there is a final deadline of August 31, 2010.

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For 2010-1011, Valley Christian School is again offering two options for home schooling families:

Option 1: Support & encouragement, borrowing texts & readers, purchasing consumable workbooks from our main suppliers at our cost, opportunity for involvement in a nominal-cost-to-you weekly event. CTBS testing if desired. No reporting required, no samples of work to be handed in.

Option 2: Rebate for home schooling materials you have purchased to a maximum of \$125 per child, based on reimbursement for purchases made by the parents for receipts submitted. This is a registration only option and gives those seeking complete independence and responsibility that option. CTBS testing is available. No reporting required, no samples of work to be handed in. Christian curriculum is receiptable. If desired, involvement in the weekly/monthly events can be arranged on a fee basis.

Please take care to keep your receipts from curriculum and resource purchases so that they can be submitted to us by May 31, 2010. We will send the rebate cheque to you by July 15, 2010. Please send these on time as doing the work in one batch helps keep our costs low. There is a final deadline of August 31, 2010.

VCS Fun Fair

VCS is hosting our annual Family Fun Fair on Saturday, May 15th, 2010 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. It will be a wonderful family event that you and your family are invited to attend.

- Local businesses will have booths and be providing family oriented free of charge activities
- The fire department, the local police, and community groups, will be joining us for the day
- Dunk tank, games and fun for the children.



Why God Made Moms (answers by 2nd grade school children)

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my Mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

What would it take to make your mom perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.

Why did your mom marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my Mom eats a lot.
2. My grandma says that Mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

What kind of little girl was your mom?

1. My Mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.