



# Homeschool Herald

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*The Editors Hard at Work: Breanne, Abby, Ayla, and Laurana*

We hope you enjoyed the first issue of the *Homeschool Herald*. April's issue is ready, and we chose to focus on Spring. This is an exciting time of the year, so the homeschoolers have shared their articles, original artwork, stories, crafts, and more. Of course, also included are presentations of all kinds submitted by homeschoolers from



## Welcome Back!

Homeschool Excursions hopes you enjoy this April issue of the *Homeschool Herald*.

Homeschool Excursions is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to provide a valuable resource to homeschool families in Georgia. The *Homeschool Herald* will serve to build community and support since it's available to all families.

Our homeschoolers possess a wealth of creativity, and we hope this newsletter provides an accessible outlet for their expression. All contributions are welcome including pictures, stories, articles, and more. We invite everyone to share ideas, suggestions, and creations.

-Vered  
Kleinberger  
Program  
Coordinator



throughout  
Georgia.  
Read on!

And let us know what you think. Hopefully your creative creations will be included in future issues. Everyone is welcome to share, and we would be delighted to publish your contributions!

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH:**

'Dreams are real while they are happening. Can we say any more about life?'

- Havelock Ellis



Playing outside  
with the  
Velveteen  
Rabbit

Artist: Alessia  
Shillington,  
age 8

**PUG SONG**

You're the smallest thing I have ever seen.  
Your nose is shaped like a jellybean!  
Your head is shaped like a mango.  
But you cannot do the tango!  
You're as big as a pig.  
But you really aren't that big!  
Your feet are kind of like a sheep.  
But you really don't make a peep!  
You are the pug !!!  
That loves to "go" on the rug!!

**PUGGYWUGGY**

Puggywuggy was a pug,  
Puggywuggy had no mug,  
Puggywuggy needs a hug,  
Puggywuggy on his rug,  
Puggywuggy nice and snug!

By Pug Enthusiasts Abbie and Maggie  
Jones



Artist: Laurana Bartlett, age 6



### HOW TO RAISE CHICKS

We raised our own chickens last year and it was so much fun I wanted to share it with you...

If you are interested in raising baby chicks, this information should be useful to you. Before we start you must know that animals are a lifelong commitment and these chicks aren't going to stay cute and fuzzy forever!

If you are wondering where to find these chicks, you can usually find them in your local feed and pet stores in the spring. Some good egg



layers are buff orpingtons, dominickers and rhode island reds. If you want blue or green eggs, americanas are the ones for you! Chickens don't start laying eggs until they are about 6 months old.

Now, before getting the chicks, make sure you are going to have enough space for them once they are grown. When they are babies, they need to be kept warm at all times. When we first got our chicks, we bought a huge Rubbermaid container from Wal-Mart and bought really soft pine bedding for the bottom.

You need to either keep them indoors, or someplace where they will be protected from the weather. To prevent them from getting out we took chicken wire and nailed it onto a wooden frame. This made a nice lid. Don't ever use the rubber maid container lid, they could suffocate and won't get enough light. When I said they need warmth I really meant it! In order to provide them with that, you need to purchase



A 500 WATT HEAT LAMP bulb WITH A CLAMP. Attach this so it will be at least 2-3 feet away from their bodies so it will shine into their pen. Make sure to monitor the chicks to see if they are getting too hot. As they get older, you can reduce the wattage of the bulb or move the lamp further away from their cage.



If you are wondering what to feed them, you will need to buy them starter feed. Once they are older, you will need

to switch them to scratch. At your local feed or pet store, you will need to get them a chicken water feeder. Make sure their water is changed regularly because chickens tend to get their water dirty quickly!!

Chicks are a fun thing to raise. One fun thing I did was turn them on their backs and rub their tummies. They will almost go to sleep! Change their bedding once it gets too dirty. Keep them in that cage for about 3 months.



This gives them enough time to lose their down and grow real adult feathers. I can't give you all the information on how to raise them once they're grown, but this website can tell you how..... [www.feathersite.com](http://www.feathersite.com)

This should include everything you need to know. Thanks for reading and happy chicken raising!!

Written by Breanne Grover, Chick Virtuoso

### FROGS



At the Fernbank History Museum, there is an exhibit on frogs that I really enjoyed. They have all kinds of frogs from all over the world, some from China, Africa, South America, and some from your own back yard. They had five different

species of Poison Dart Frog. My favorite was a frog that floated at the bottom of lakes, ponds, swamps, etc... and it would only grow to be 2-4 1/2 in. This exhibit at Fernbank also has Horny Toads, and Bullfrogs. I liked the hands-on activity with a computer game were you can dissect a frog.



This is one of my many favorite exhibits. This exhibit is only at Fernbank until May 1st, so check it out! I really liked it and you will too. The museum is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday from noon-5 p.m.

Written by Trevor Sparrow

## MMMMM.....FOOD!

### CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

1/2 cup margarine or butter, softened  
1 cup packed brown sugar  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
1 egg  
2 3/4 cups original Bisquick  
1 bag (16 oz) semisweet chocolate chips (1 cup)  
1/2 cup chopped nuts, if desired

1. Heat oven to 375. Mix margarine, brown sugar, vanilla, and egg in large bowl. Stir in Bisquick, chocolate chips and nuts.
2. Drop dough by rounded teaspoonfuls about 2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheet; flatten slightly.
3. Bake about 10 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from cookie sheet to wire rack.  
(Makes about 4 1/2 dozen)

By Culinary Master, Abby Ashbeck

### KATIE'S ROCKIN' TURKEYWRAPS

Turkey---up to 1/4 lb., deli sandwich slices, Cajun flavor recommended  
Tortilla wraps, Sun-dried Tomato flavor recommended  
Ranch dressing  
Swiss Cheese---2 thin slices per wrap  
Tomato---1-2, thinly sliced  
Lettuce---2-3 leaves per sandwich  
Onion---thinly sliced  
Bacon---1 lb., cooked  
Salt and pepper to taste

Place tortilla on a clean surface. Spread generous amount of Ranch dressing on tortilla, staying mostly to the right and top of tortilla. Layer the following ingredients: turkey, Swiss cheese, tomato, lettuce, onion, bacon, salt and pepper. Start rolling ingredients, then fold bottom up and continue rolling in a burrito fashion. Serve with fresh fruit.

Contributed by Master Chef Katie Cagle

### PUPPY CHOW

1 cup chocolate chips  
1/2 cup peanut butter  
2 cups powdered sugar

1 stick butter  
8-9 cups Rice Chex

Melt together.  
Pour over 8 to 9 cups Rice Chex.  
Mix Well  
Dump into paper sack with 2 cups powdered sugar.  
Shake it up!

Presented by Ayla Bartlett

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR ALL OF YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES. MANY HOMESCHOOLERS ARE FANTASTIC CHEFS, SO SHARE YOUR CULINARY CREATIONS WITH US. IN THE FUTURE, WE HOPE TO HAVE AN ENTIRE RECIPE SECTION!**



**STORIES FROM ABROAD**

Close your eyes and think about a place you've always wanted to go. Somewhere far away, in another country, or maybe even another continent. I've done that lots of times, and have had the opportunities to visit many different countries including China, India, Vietnam, Egypt, Israel and Mexico.

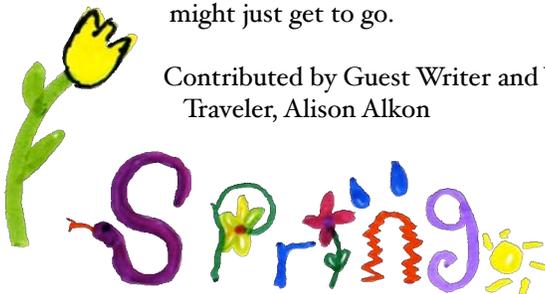
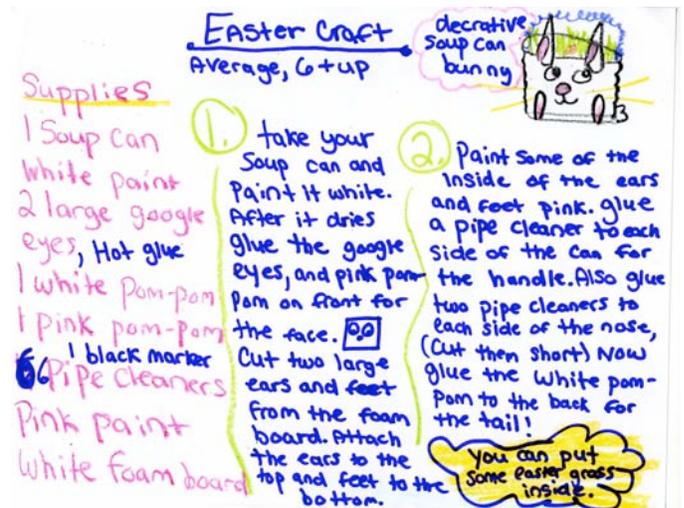
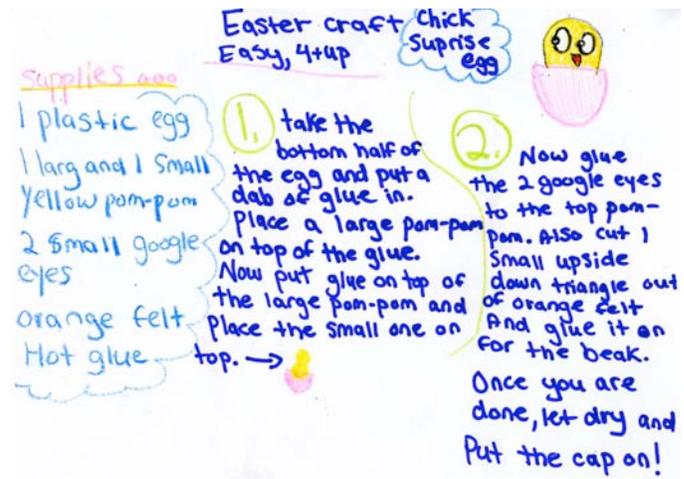
Right now, I'm writing to you from Buenos Aires, Argentina. Argentina is a long, skinny country on the east coast of South America. It shares the southern tip of South America with Chile. Argentina is best known for the mountain lakes and glaciers of Patagonia, huge waterfalls near the Brazilian border, Eva Peron, the Tango, cowboys (called gauchos), and grass-fed beef. Argentine people look very diverse; some have light and dark skin, and there are large populations of Asians and Jews. People here speak Spanish. The people are incredibly kind, often going out of their ways to be helpful.

When traveling, the best thing to do is anything (within reason) that a local suggests. This might mean new and interesting foods (my friend ate something that best resembles a pizza with chicken fried steak instead of dough), going to markets, and exploring neighborhoods. My favorite neighborhood was La Boca, where brightly painted buildings provide a backdrop to tango performances in the streets.

Another fun part of traveling is staying in youth hostels. There, you can rent a bed in a dormitory that you will share with people from all over the world. In my hostel right now there are people from Australia, Peru, Columbia, Germany and Argentina. We all speak some mixture of Spanish and English and there is always someone around to hang out with.

Traveling is fun and easy and teaches you to be patient, appreciate kindness and to have a sense of adventure. Libraries make it easy to learn about other countries. Some people even publish their travel journals on the internet. If you start learning about the geography and history of different places, one day, you might just get to go.

Contributed by Guest Writer and World Traveler, Alison Alkon

**CRAFT CORNER**

Crafts Created by Breanne Grover

**FINDING NEVERLAND**

This movie starring Johnny Depp and Kate Winslet is about the author, Sir James Barrie, who wrote the classic book "Peter Pan." The story is how he came up with the idea of Peter Pan, a boy who never wanted to grow up. He becomes friends with a widow who has four boys that never want to grow up. Their mother is sick and she wants to spend as much time with them as possible. Barrie and the mother become friends and the whole town they live in gets quite upset, as Mr. Barrie is married to some one else. This is all a true story. We get a great story in "Peter Pan" but I found the movie a little slow. I have to give it only one thumbs up.

By Movie Connoisseur Abby Ashbeck

# FUNNY PET PHOTOS



**SEE THE BACK PAGE  
FOR THE PET  
PICTURE  
CONTEST WINNER**



**THE RED CROSS HELPS MANY PEOPLE**

April is The Red Cross Month. In October 1863 the International Red Cross was made in Geneva, Switzerland. On May 21, 1881 Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross. First aid, water safety, and public health nursing programs were made before WWI. After WWI the Red Cross focused on service to veterans. After WWII the Red Cross introduced the first nationwide civilian blood program. Now, the Red Cross supplies almost 50% of the blood in America.

Today the Red Cross helps millions of people. The Red Cross responds to more than 67,000 disasters a year. There are a lot of disasters like house and apartment fires which are the bulk of what the Red Cross responds to. They take care of people that are hurt or in trouble from other disasters like hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, tornados, hazardous material spills, transportation accidents, and explosions, They take other people's blood for people that are in danger and need blood. The Red Cross helps the military members and their families by using technology to send messages to soldiers for their family. They do health and safety services like first aid, CPR, and blood born pathogens training, HIV/ AIDS education, swimming and lifeguard training, and babysitter/caregiver training. They also have many other services.

Kids can help the Red Cross in many different ways, even preschoolers can help. They can help by looking for safety and disaster hazards. School kids can help other school kids that miss school because a disaster hit. They would give the other kids school supplies that they need in "school chests." You can be a pen pal with other countries like China, Brazil, and others. If someone needs blood you can be a blood donor recruiter by telling your parents that someone really needs their blood and they can donate their blood and help the other person that really needs it. After your parents give blood they might feel a little weak so they might need some sweet stuff like orange juice. You can bring them orange juice and other sweet stuff and you can take it to other people who also need it. They are guided by the 7 principals of Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity, and Universality. The Red Cross helps many people in different ways, it helps other people and so can you. If you read this you will know how you can help.

Written by Ayla Bartlett



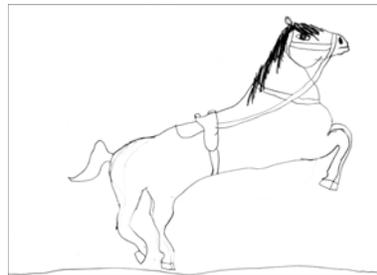
**THE LIPIZZANER**

You may not have heard about the Spanish Riding School of Vienna. So you're probably thinking, "What is that place and what is a Lipizzaner?"

What's a Lipizzaner?

The Spanish Riding School is in Vienna, Austria. A Lipizzaner is a horse. They are world famous for their many acts; they jump with the grace of a dancer. These are some of the acts they do:

The Levade is when a horse rears up on its hind legs so that its haunches are almost touching the ground. The Cabriole (say cap-ree-ol) is when a horse jumps with its legs tucked under its body. The Courbette is when a horse rears up and jumps on his hind legs and does this 3 or 4 times.



Their first four years are spent in the pasture. Then the next six years are training. They learn the moves such as the Courbette (shown in the illustration). They perform for 10 to 20 years. They are the "World Famous Lipizzaner Stallions."

If you want to learn more, read White Stallion of Lipizza by Marguerite Henry.

Written and Illustrated by Sam Peagler, age 9

### THE ORIGIN OF 'SPRING'

I studied linguistics while in school, so I am intrigued by the origins of words. I searched long and hard to uncover the how the word 'Spring' came to be used to describe our season that comes after Winter but before Summer. Here is what I found...

All our common senses of "spring" -- the season, the springs in a mattress, the spring in your step on a nice day, the water bubbling out of the ground we call a "spring," the spring of a used car salesman at the checkbook of his prey -- are actually the same word. The source of "spring" is the ancient Indo-European root word "spreng," which had the general sense of "rapid movement."



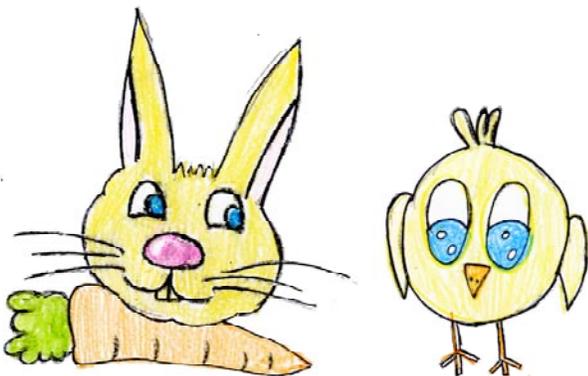
"Spring" first appeared in English around 816 with the sense of "rising up," and was originally applied to geological "springs" where water issued from the ground. By the 13th century, "spring" was being used figuratively to mean the source or beginning of just about anything, including such intangibles as thoughts and traditions.



In the 14th century, we began to use "spring" to mean "the time of rising or the beginning of existence of something," in which sense dawn, for example, was known as "day spring." By the 16th century, we were referring to the first of the four seasons as "the spring of the year," and soon afterward we shortened that to simply "Spring."

This information is directly quoted from: <http://www.word-detective.com/061300.html#spring>

Researched by Vered Kleinberger



### UPCOMING EVENTS WITH HOMESCHOOL EXCURSIONS

- 12 April Brer Rabbit and the Center For Puppetry Arts
- 13 April Homeschool Herald meeting
- 15 April Anatomy of Melancholy at the Center For Puppetry Arts
- 27 April Art class with Heather Sotack in Pickens County
- 29 April Mark Warren program for Pickens County Homeschoolers
- 3 May Mark Warren Program (rain date from 22 March - plant identification, Native American history, customs and traditions, fire making, and more)
- 4 May Homeschool Herald Meeting
- 11 May Camp Sunrise Planetarium on seasons and constellations in Fairmount, GA
- 19 May Xperiemental Puppetry Theatre at the Center for Puppetry Arts

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- \* Starts at 3:30
- \* Sign up for our Pinata Craft. Make your own pinata to take home.
- \* Learn the history of pinatas and take a swing to see the surprises hidden inside!
- \* Preview of the summer programs available at the library.

**June 7:** Job Workshop for Teens

- \* Learn what it takes to be a successful job applicant.
- \* Don't forget to bring your information to fill out a job application

**June 5-11:** Storytime "Here Come the Clowns"**June 9:** Clowning Around

- \* Starts at 2:00
- \* Welcome to Clown Alley. We will be having lots of fun attempting to juggle, putting on clown faces, and playing clown games. We will also make a clown craft to take home.
- \* This program is geared for grades K-2, but all are welcome.
- \* Register at the circulation desk.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT  
THE PICKENS COUNTY LIBRARY AT (706) 692-5411



**EDITOR'S NOTE**

I express my deepest apologies to Breanne Grover for misspelling her name throughout the entire March issue. There is no excuse, especially since I know you!! Breanne, I'm sorry and it will never happen again.

**A SPECIAL THANKS TO...**

- All the homeschoolers who contributed to the production of this first issue. This couldn't have been done without you!
- The Pickens County Library for allowing us to use your facility for our meetings.
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# This Month's Winning Pet Picture



The editors of the Homeschool Herald have created a monthly photo contest. They decided that April would focus on the funny pet pictures. Many families have pets, and most animal owners like to take pictures of their creatures, so this was your opportunity to

put your furry (or feathered) friends on display.

This is the winning photo, submitted by the Montemayor family. Pictured here are their cat and dog named Smokey and Lucky.

Thank you to the Grovers, Shillingtons, Roos, Kleinbergers, and Montemayors for your fantastic photos.

The photo contest guidelines for next month will be posted on Homeschool Excursions' website on 18 April. We look forward to seeing what you have to share!



## What's Inside?

### **Yummy Recipes**

Turkey Wraps and more

### **Old Mac Donald Had A Farm**

Learn about chicks and frogs

### **Funny Pet Pictures**

Homeschoolers sure have some interesting creatures!

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Let your creative juices flow as you try these at home

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See what the homeschoolers have created

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