

Homeschool Herald

The Newsletter Created By
and For Homeschoolers

The place to share your creative creations.



We hope you enjoyed the past issues of the *Homeschool Herald*. The October issue is here! Enjoy!

Do you have a special homeschooler? I'm sure you do! It is our hope that a different student(s) will be featured on the cover each month. Homeschoolers aren't provided with many opportunities for public recognition, so here is your chance! Let the world know how great your kid(s) is/are!

Do they play a sport? Or like to read a certain author? Or have a

hobby? Or play an instrument? Do they like to sing? Or invent things? Are they super helpers with the family? Or are they responsible for taking care of your pets? What makes your homeschooler so special? We want to know!

Help build this project! Share some fun facts about your kids and send us a photo. If you have multiple kids and can't decide which to choose, send us all of them! Multiple kids are welcome, as long as they're from the

Welcome!

Homeschool Excursions hopes you enjoy the October 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*

same family. Tell us about your super kiddie crew!

Send us your creative creations! We want it all! Everyone is welcome share, and we would be delighted to publish your contributions!

Submissions may also be sent via e-mail or snail mail. Please contact us with any questions, comments, ideas, or suggestions.



SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING?

Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks; otherwise it will digest itself.

Tigers have striped skin, not striped fur.

MY TRIP TO JAMAICA

Have you ever been to Jamaica? If you haven't, it's a great place to go on vacation. I went when I was only six years old. There are lots of things to do in Jamaica. Here are three things that I did. I rode a jet ski, climbed a waterfall, and had many many daiquiris.

To start with, the first thing I did was ride a jet ski with my dad. It was awesome. The water was rough and choppy. My dad and I were bumping up and down really hard. The water was so dark that if you put your foot in it you wouldn't even see it. The jet ski went so fast that you would feel a strong wind in your face that made tears come out of your eyes. But, it was fun.

Next, I had strawberry daiquiris that tasted like real strawberries on crushed ice. The little pieces of strawberry even got stuck in my teeth. My mom literally had twenty five of them that week. I had about two a day. Drinking a daiquiri gave me a brain freeze. This is a pain that you feel because your mouth has nerves that swell up the blood vessels in your head when you eat something cold.

Another thing I did on my vacation was climb a waterfall called Dunne's River Falls. It was so much fun and so much like climbing a rock wall. We had to follow a guy who was leading us and telling us to watch where we stepped so we wouldn't fall. But, the thing that I did not like about it was that the water was so cold your feet would go numb and because of that my dad had to carry me.

In conclusion, the rest of the vacation was fun. I saw cruise ships go by each morning and the food was good. On the beach I collected several sea shells and made sand castles before the ocean washed them away. It was a great vacation.

Written by Jonathyn Mychael Alexander Carter

**ARTHUR ROBERT ASHE, JR.
(1943-1993)**

Arthur Ashe was a famous African- American tennis player. Ashe is also well known for his efforts to further justice for minorities and people with AIDS.

He started playing tennis in high school and won the state championship. He got a scholarship to UCLA and finished his business degree there.

In 1968, Ashe was concerned about poor kids in big cities, so he helped create the USTA National Junior Tennis League to help them learn to play too.

By 1969, most people considered Ashe to be the very best tennis player in the United States. He won the US Open in 1968, and helped the Davis Cup team to win that same year. He didn't think that tennis stars made enough money for what they did compared to other sports, so he helped form the Association of Tennis Professionals. That year the South African government would not let him come to their country and that kept him from playing in the South African Open.

Ashe chose to make a big deal out of South Africa's racist policies of keeping blacks out and in poverty. He got on TV and the radio and gave interviews and said that South Africa should not be allowed in professional tennis. That helped put pressure on South Africa to change their policies so they were fairer. In 1970, he won the Australian Open.

In 1973 he became the first black tennis professional to play in the South African Open. The pressure he had put on them had worked!

In 1975, he won Wimbledon. No one had expected that, even though he played very well. He is the only African American player ever to win at Wimbledon, the US Open, or Australian Open.



He was arrested twice in Washington for protesting. Once time was for protesting about South Africa's treatment of blacks and the other time was for protesting the way the US government was treating people bad for coming from Haiti and looking for a new home.

He retired in 1980. He had heart surgery and was too sick. He found out he had AIDS in 1988 from a blood transfusion. He used is fame to convince people to support more funding for a cure for AIDS. He died of AIDS in 1993.

Written by Sage Gilleland, age 10

TO ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS, WE MUST DREAM AS WELL AS ACT

-ANATOLE FRANCE (1844 - 1924)

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The numbers 1-9 must be in every column, row and box

WHY DO DOGS SMELL FUNNY WHEN THEY GET WET?

Having once owned an old beaver coat that smelled like a men's locker room when it got wet, we assumed the answer to the Imponderable would have to do with the fur. But all of the experts we spoke to agreed: the funny smell is more likely the result of dogs; skin problems.

First of all, not all dogs do smell funny when they get wet. Shirlee Kalstone, who has written many books on the care and grooming of dogs, says that certain breeds are, let us say, outstanding for their contribution



to body odor among canines. Cocker spaniels and terriers (especially Scotties) lead the field, largely because of their propensity for skin conditions. (Cockers for example, are prone to seborrhea.) Jeffrey Reynolds, of the National Dog groomers Association, adds that simple rashes and skin irritations are a common cause of canine

body odor, and that water exacerbates the smell. In his experience, schnauzers are particularly susceptible to dermatological irritations.

Of course, dogs occasionally smell when they get wet because they have been rolling in something that smells foul. Gamy smells are usually caused by lawn fertilizer, for example.

Regular grooming and baths can usually solve the odor problem, according to Kalstone. DON't blame the water, in other words - blame the owner.

Submitted by Robert J. Abrams, of Boston, Massachusetts

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There are nine words hidden in the puzzle above. They can be found up, down, across, diagonal, and backwards.

Word List:

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| Bear | Monkey | Puppy |
| Chipmunk | Raccoon | Panda |
| Kitten | Koala | Coyote |
| Hamster | Lion | Sheep |

THE BUTTERFLY

Once upon a time, there was a little caterpillar that lived in the forest. He was very sick. A little girl found him lying down on the ground. She picked him up, and put him in a jar. She kept him for fourteen days.

One morning she looked at the caterpillar and found that it had turned into a butterfly. She saw how beautiful it was. She called her parents, but they said they were too busy. When she saw that they were doing something, she just went back to her room.

Then she found more caterpillars, and kept them for twelve days. She looked at them and they became flower butterflies. She realized that she had to put them in an aquarium where they could breathe. When she realized they were a family, the female had babies, and the male put flowers all over.

The End.

Written by Jaiya L. Smith, age 5



PUMPKIN SEASON AT THE HSE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



WEEDS? WHAT WEEDS?

Fall is an amazing time of year. So many wild flowers are in bloom, one of which you could very easily identify: the Black-Eyed Susan. You have seen the bright yellow petals with the dark center growing throughout the southeast, but did you know that it has many medicinal properties? So remember, don't kill it, use it! Some of the many uses include:



- American Indians used root tea for worms and colds.
- An external washing was used for sores, snakebites, and swelling.
- The root juice was used for earaches.
- Some studies show that they are a stronger immune booster than Echinacea.



There is an abundance of information available about the uses of Black-Eyed Susans. The Peterson Field Guides are always a terrific source, particularly *Edible Wild Plants* and *Eastern/Central Medicinal Plants*. Please research all plants before using them, and NEVER pick and eat anything without first consulting an herbalist or a qualified plant guide. Always be

aware of whether the area you are gathering from may have been sprayed with chemicals.

Index of images and information:

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http://plants.usda.gov/factsheet/pdf/fs_ruhiz.pdf

Think twice before you pull that weed! You may be throwing away a medicine chest's worth of resources.

Please consult your physician before making any medical or dietary decisions.

Compiled by Plant Enthusiast, Vered Kleinberger

COLORSBlue

I am blue...
 hovering over the earth,
 gazing down with gentle
 eyes like the moon.... I am
 soft, yet as fierce as a
 storming sea, as cold and
 silent as the frozen river.
 Cracks of fireworks and
 the laughter of children
 swarm about me, I am
 sweet like the cotton
 candy in a parade, or
 gentle like the blue bundle
 on a new born baby boy...
 I am all around you...

Green

I am green... in
 the forest, in
 the desert cacti
 that stands so
 lonely in the
 bleak wasteland,
 in the buffalo
 filled prairie. I
 am the skin of a
 little mantis,
 just crawling
 out of its egg to

greet the world. I am the serpent waiting in a tree, waiting so patiently to snatch up some unwary victim in my jaws. I am the small leaves of the sapling that wave in the wind. I am life...

Red

I am red... I am fire, sending waves of pleasurable warmth as I dance around. I turn and lash out when I am without a leash, licking wood with my tongues and spreading my anger every moment. I am the thorny rose, beautiful but painful. I am the little cardinal, rustling my wings in



warm sun and singing my beautiful song. I am blood, the water of life that flows through animals like a river, spilling onto the ground in wars, sad and painful cries of dying soldiers echoing around me. I am anger...

Pink

I am pink... surrounded by happy laughs and friendly, loving coos. I am the wild flower in the open meadow, the pink rose with soft petals. I am the perfect skin of a baby, and the warm bundle of a newborn girl. I am fresh cotton candy, served out to delighted toddlers at a party. I am the paper heart, crafted by a small child that hands me to their parents. I am innocence...



Written by Emma Sapp

**YUMAS AND HIS GRAMEEN BANK
WIN 2006 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE**

On October the 13th, 2006, Yumas, a Bangladeshi economist, won the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize. He won it for his founding of the idea of micro-credit. The idea is to loan small amounts (about \$200) to people (97% are women) so they can buy cows, chickens, and other things they need to be able to start on the journey out of poverty.

The Grameen Bank was started by Yumas in 1976. He got the idea from when he gave \$27 to a village that made bamboo chairs. The \$27 went to cut out the middleman, so the village could make money on the chairs. The bank groups the people who come to get loans in groups of five. Two people from each group receive \$200. The other three get their \$200 when the first two repay back the loans. Even though the pay-back of the loan is on an honor system, the bank has seen 99% pay-back on the \$5.7 billion they have loaned to over 6.6 million people.

Washington Post, October 13th, 2006; Washington Times, October 13, 2006

By Zack Jordan



Artist: Sage Gilleland, age 10

NORTH GEORGIA NIPS NCC 26-24

Friday the 13th at first appeared unlucky for the Falcons from North Georgia as on the opening kickoff, Jordan McDaniel went down with a severe knee injury. McDaniel is one of the captains and plays middle linebacker and running back for the Falcons. In no time at all, the NCC Crusaders' air assault struck quickly with touchdowns on their first two possessions to take a 12-0 lead on the passing of Ryan Singer. One touchdown pass was to Stephan Moore and the other to Josh Thompson. The Falcons then drove down the field and a Josh Veal to Robert Davis touchdown made it 12-6 in favor of NCC. Another Ryan Singer pass, this time to Jordan Taylor, led to a touchdown and NCC was up 18-6. NCC again drove the field; however, Caleb Jefferson intercepted a pass in the end zone and the Falcons had new life. A few minutes later, Josh Veal's pass to Isaac Scheidt in the end zone cut the lead to 18-12 at the half.

Both teams moved the ball up and down the field, but neither could score in the third quarter. With 11:10 in the fourth quarter, the Falcons again scored on a Josh Veal pass to Isaac Scheidt to tie the score. This time Robert Davis was good on the extra point kick and the Falcons led for the first time 19-18. On the next possession NCC looked like they would take back the lead as they drove down the field, however, Josh Veal recovered a fumble at the 2-yard line to stop the drive. On the next play, Veal rambled 78 yards and set up another touchdown pass. This time the score came when Josh Veal threw to Michael St. Denis and he made an incredible diving catch to make it 25-18. Michael is 6'3" and weighs 304 pounds. It was a sight to behold. Robert Davis added the extra point kick and the Falcons led 26-18.



42 Dane Tadsen breaks up the play, as #28 Gabe Jefferson moves in to help.

NCC wasn't done yet as Ryan Singer's pass to Miles Hammond

in the end zone made the score 26-24 and set up a 2-pt attempt by NCC. Ryan Singer's attempt to make it into the end zone fell short. NCC had one last possession and they were able to drive into Falcon territory, but they came up short and the Falcons won 26-24 in one of the most exciting games of the season.

Josh Veal had a tremendous game with over 200 yards rushing in addition to the four touchdown passes he threw. The entire team rose to the occasion and played a great game. Our Falcons showed up for this game in full force!

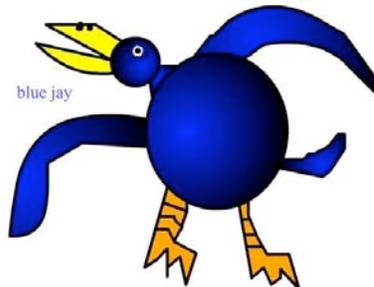
The Augusta Colts will travel to the SCRA to meet the Falcons on Friday, October 20th, at 7:30. On the same night at 5:30, the Falcons' JV team will play the War Hill JV. It will be a full Friday night of football for the Falcons.

With God, there is no such thing as luck or unlucky, but there are such things as miracles! Turns out, after a visit to the ER, Jordan McDaniel did injure his knee, but miraculously, there are no breaks or torn ligaments as originally suspected. We all are in hopes that he recovers fast. Stay tuned!

Written by Roger McDaniel



Artist: Austin Adams, age 9



Artist: Sage Gilleland, age 10



Color this picture. Make the stripes in Joseph's coat very bright.

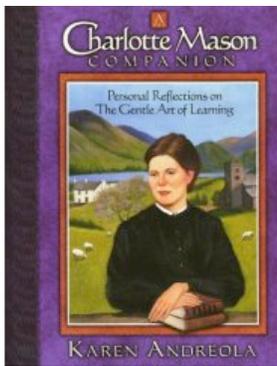


Artist: Travis Adams, age 7

BOOK REVIEW: A CHARLOTTE MASON COMPANION

Reviewer: **A reader**

This is a beautifully written and thorough introduction to the Charlotte Mason philosophy. What makes Karen Andreola's book so magnificent is that she not only tells you what to do and how to do it, she tells you WHY!!! That made all the difference to me. She also demonstrates



a very strong command of the English language, writing with spectacular elegance and ease.

Andreola has also taken a very personal approach in this book. You feel as if you are taking tea with a trusted friend as she reveals her personal testimonies, and narratives. I thought this was a crucial underlying strength in this work,

because I found Charlotte Mason's philosophies to be complicated and arcane at first glance; whereas reading this book quiets your spirit and makes this an enjoyable journey. I also found tactful admonition for the preconceived notions I conjured up about Charlotte Mason and her so-called "gentle learning" approach. Take my advice, don't believe everything you hear on a chat board. Peruse this marvelous overview to get the facts, and then make up your mind as to whether this makes sense for your home school.

Immensely enjoyable and valuable guide. Karen Andreola truly is the perfect Charlotte Mason "Companion"!

Submitted by Laura Daniels

THE CHIPMUNK WAY

What a great day we are having! The snow had finally stopped, and we were more than ready to try out the sled Father had just bought us. I'm not sure why we did not notice the tree trunk. It seemed to just have hopped into our path bringing along the stubborn chipmunk with it. He neither moved off the stump nor looked our way as the sled slid in its direction. He was acting as if he knew the oncoming sled couldn't dare collide with him. Then the chipmunk on the tree said, "We need your help." Tim was still on his sled. Tom opened his eyes, he had thought Tim was going to crash into the tree trunk. Tim said, "You're just chipmunks and you can't talk, only humans can." the chipmunk on the tree trunk said, "My name is Chipmunk 1." The chipmunk on the ground said, "I am Chipmunk 2 and we need your help. Our leader turned evil and he is destroying our home." Tom and Tim said, "We'll save your homes." Then Chipmunk 1 led the boys to their home. Then Tom and Tim couldn't even breathe. Their leader was as tall as three skyscrapers. Tom said, "Chipmunk one and two, what is that over there?" Chipmunk two said, "That's lave." Then tom looked at Tim and Tim looked at Tom, then tim said, "We have to destroy the leader." Chipmunk one said, "We can't destroy our leader, he has always taken care of us!" Then Tim said, "You guys have to make a choice. Do you want your homes destroyed or do you want to live peacefully?" THEN Chipmunk one and two said, "You are tight. I'd rather destroy the leader than make our families and friends destroyed since the elader is misusing his power for evil." They split up. Tim and Tom were on one side and the chipmunks on the other side. Then Tim shouted at the leader. The leader faced Tom and then Tim shouted and the leader looked at Tim and the Chipmunk one shouted and the leader looked at him and then Chipmunk two shouted and the leader looked over at him now clearly confused as to what was going on.



Then the chipmunks, Tim and Tom raced towards the lava and turned around and stood side by side as a wall as the leader raced towards them. When the leader got close the chipmunks and the boys split apart to make an opening and the leader who was going very fast slid into the lava and was destroyed. The chipmunks thanked the boys and the boys got back on their sled and thought nothing ever happened.

Written by Dominique Miles



Artist: Sage Gilleland, age 10



Marilyn Montemayor on her horse, Tucker. He is a sorrel colored quarter horse.

BY THE GREAT HORN SPOON!

Write three paragraphs on any character in By the Great Horn Spoon! Tell why you chose that character. What is noteworthy about him?

Who is praiseworthy?

Praiseworthy is the kind, loving and caring butler of Jack as they both scramble to California together on a ship called Lady Wilma to get rich with gold.

Ever since Jack's father passed, Praiseworthy has been a father to Jack. Pretty much fearless also describes Praiseworthy. For some reason Praiseworthy always carries his umbrella around.

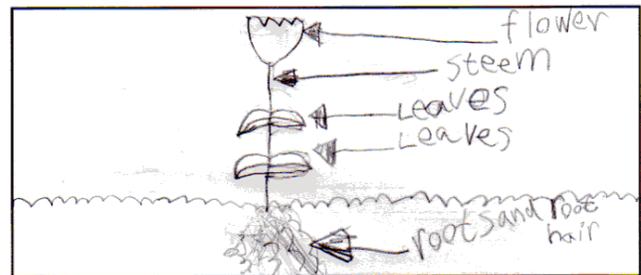
I don't really know why I picked Praiseworthy - maybe it's the first thing that popped into my head? NO! I picked Praiseworthy because he is sometimes funny. Not to mention he carries his umbrella around at below zero temperatures.

Written by Austin Adams, age 9

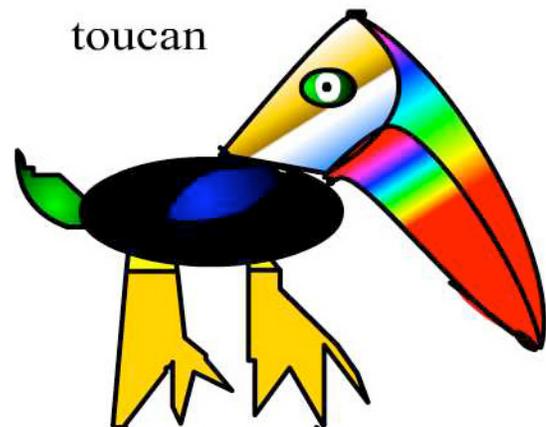
**MOST FOLKS ARE ABOUT AS HAPPY
AS THEY MAKE UP THEIR MINDS TO BE**

-ABRAHAM LINCOLN (1809 - 1865)

2.9 Draw a picture of a plant here and label the main parts.



The parts of a plant:
drawn and labeled by Travis Adams, age 7



Artist: Sage Gilleland, age 10



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Many families have asked if their homeschoolers can submit contributions even if they can't attend the planning meetings in Pickens County. Of course they can! You are welcome to e-mail or snail mail their creative contributions to Homeschool Excursions.

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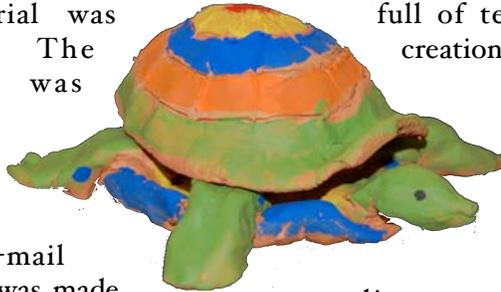
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The October Issue

The *Homeschool Herald* is a unique and entertaining newsletter because of people like you. The October issue almost didn't get published because not enough material was submitted. The situation was explained to the families on the Homeschool Excursions e-mail list, a request was made, and the flood of amazing creations began! The homeschoolers in Georgia are incredible! It is wonderful to see the artistic talents, the literary

finesse, and the free-flowing imaginations. A huge thanks is extended to all the families who responded to the cry for help. The October issue is packed full of terrific creative creations.



The search is endless for submissions each month. Please consider sending completed school projects, photos, favorite recipes, or anything else you'd like to contribute. You can help make future issues great!

What's Inside?

Sage's Art

Sage Gilleland has brightened the pages of many past issues of the *Herald* with his fantastic art. His creations this month are excellent, as usual.

Weeds? What weeds?

Black-Eyed Susans are in bloom. Did you know they can boost your immune system?

Creative Writing

This issue is full of terrific pieces. Enjoy!

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