



Isaiah 54:13, "...all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; & great shall be the peace of thy children."

~Pottawatomie County Home Educators Association Newsletter~

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Reoccurring Events

Penny Whistle Classes—Weekly (Mondays)

Come join the fun and excitement of learning to play the penny whistle, weekly at Heritage Church in Shawnee. **(Continued on Pg. 2)**

PCHEA's PE Class—Weekly (Thursdays)

Need an outlet for the kids to expend some energy??

Enroll in PCHEA's PE Class!

Classes are held Sept. through April, once a week with a break in November, December and March. **(Continued On Pg. 2)**

Mom's Night Out—Monthly—October 10th

Mom's Night Out meets the second Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m. at various locations. **(Continued on Pg. 2)**

Skate Days!—Monthly—October 14th

The second Friday of each month, homeschool families are invited to an hour-and-a-half skate spree at Star Skate in Shawnee—10-11:30 am, this month through April.

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Upcoming Events



Penny Whistle Classes—Mondays— October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st

Come join the fun and excitement of learning to play the penny whistle—the instrument used to play popular theme songs, including for movies "Titanic", "Brave-Heart", and "Lord of the Rings". A beautiful instrument to play, the penny whistle is inexpensive and a good starter instrument to learn to play most all other woodwind instruments as air amount, control, and fingering is similar or identical to other woodwind instruments.

Lessons are free - there is an initial cost of \$15 for a beginner's book and 'Clark D penny whistle.

Lessons are held each Monday at Heritage Church; 2:15 to 2:30 for ages 6 to 10, and 2:30 to 3:00pm for ages 11 and up.

We will consider marching in the Shawnee Christmas Parade and the Seminole 4th of July Parade, as well as other events that may be available once we feel our group is sizeable and well-versed.

Contact Richard Kelsey for more information: kelsey_r@bellsouth.net

PE Class—Thursdays— October 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th

PE Classes will take place at OBU's "Wellness Center." Classes are broken up by age; parents are required to be present at all times. Classes are 2 hours, once a week. Classes start at 10:30 and end at 12:30 pm—1 hour "gym" and the final hour swimming (parents are welcome to swim with their kids).

There is a minimal fee per child.

Ages 1-3 are free;

Ages 3+ are \$3.50 a week.

For more information, contact Jenny Hardwick at: mchardwicks@yahoo.com or 878-6877

Homeschool Story-Time— Friday, October 7th

Librarian Glenda Pitts will lead a story-time for homeschool children from 10:00-10:50 on Friday, October 7th at the Shawnee Public Library (101 N. Philadelphia, Shawnee).

Target age for this event is lower-elementary homeschoolers, but homeschooled children of all ages are welcome to attend.

In addition to the story-time, Robin Burk, a home-schooled girl from Tecumseh will also be sharing about her recently published first book.

No RSVP necessary; you can email Sydney Gore at sydneykgore@yahoo.com or call the Shawnee library (275-6353) with any questions.

Mom's Night Out—October 10th

Mom's Night is 7pm on Tuesday, October 10th at Sips, downtown Shawnee. We may choose a topic or we may just laugh about the day we've had. Either way, this will be a fun evening out for you, so come join us.

Contact Amy Puckett at (405) 831-7429 or at

rapuckett1@netzero.com for more information

Skate days!—October 14th

The cost for this monthly event is \$5 per skater. This cost covers admission as well as basic skate rentals. In-line or speed rentals come at an additional cost. You may bring your own skates if you prefer...

...Please RSVP!!! sydneykgore@yahoo.com

Star Skate requires a minimum of 30 skaters for PCHEA to have this private skating session.

Star Skate

37393 W. 45th St

(South of Hwy 177 on 45th St)

Phone: 273-2030

Dessert Contest!!—Tuesday, October 18th

Titled a dessert contest, this event doubles as a “chili and soup” contest. But wait, it gets better—we’re serving baked potatoes for dinner as well.

So get your cookbooks out, dust them off and get your kiddos in the kitchen for some baking!!

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We are already breathlessly awaiting their kitchen creations! :D

Potatoes will be provided along with the traditional fixins’ (grated cheese, sour cream, butter).

Interested? For information and to RSVP and/or volunteer to help please contact

Ghislaine Washburn at

gwashburn0301@gmail.com or **405-550-7368**.

Central Oklahoma Homeschool Bands’ God & Country Concert—Tuesday, October 25th, 7pm.

Come watch some of our most talented musicians perform in concert (many of PCHEA’s own musicians will play in this concert). Admission is free.

Concert is at the Meadowood Baptist Church in Midwest City (816 Woodcrest Dr.)

For more information, visit

<http://centralokhomeschoolbands.com/>

Harn Homestead Field Trip— Friday, November 4th

The Harn Homestead field trip is scheduled for November 4, 2011.

The cost is \$8 per student ages 5 and up; ages 4 and under are free.

For more information and to sign up, contact Jenny Hardwick at mchardwicks@yahoo.com

Watch for more details as the event draws nearer...

PCHEA’s 2nd Annual Craft Fair— Saturday, December 3rd

Calling all crafters, knitters, sewers, bakers, tinkerers, fly-fishing-lure-makers, and creators of anything useful and interesting!!

It’s time to get busy crafting! PCHEA hosts its 2nd annual craft fair on *Saturday, December 3rd from 9 to 12* at Heritage Church in Shawnee.

Anyone who is a member of PCHEA is invited to come set up a table, including graduated children, moms and dads (family businesses are welcome).

The cost is 5 dollars per 6-foot table—crafters can split a table and cost with another willing crafter. Tables are limited, so reserve your table now!! Call or email Nancy Schwab to reserve your table.

(225-7116 or willsouthwest@integrity.com)

Looking forward to the many talents of our wonderful families!!

Note: Table fee will go towards the cost of advertising in the local paper as well as helping with our *End of the Year Awards Banquet* in the spring.



Note: Keep Collecting Box Tops and Earn Money for PCHEA

Last year PCHEA was able to collect enough Box Tops to earn \$61 for our group. We will use money raised through this program this year for something fun at the end of the school year, so keep clipping and collecting!

There are two collection times—October and March. Trisha Houghton is our “Box Tops Coordinator”, so save your box tops and pass them on to her by mail, in person at PCHEA events, or however you fancy at your convenience. **Thank you!**



As always, additional information, as well as new events and topical discussions are available at the

Yahoo-group website—groups.yahoo.com/group/PCHEAGroup

—and the *PCHEA* website—pcheahomeschoolers.blogspot.com

What's that? Have an itch to organize an event to list on the newsletter? *Awesome!* If so, please contact **Ruth Smith, Tom Kordsiemon, or Nancy Schwab** by email or phone.

Note: Please submit any event by the 15th of the month before the event is to happen. Failure to submit event by the 15th could very well mean that your event does not make the next month's newsletter.



The End.