

Calendar of Events

April 16—RW classes (make-up day) - Seat Belt safety (3-4); Armor of God (5-6)

Apr. 19—6th gr. Parent mtg.

Apr. 19-21 — 3rd—8th grade OAA

Apr. 19-23 - 1st—2nd grade Stanford testing

Apr. 19-23 — 1-2 pm - Swimming lessons—FREE Mans. Y

April 27—K-6 Curriculum mtg. 7:00 pm at RW

Apr. 30—RW classes - Grandparents Day

May 6—Velveteen Rabbit—Renaissance 12:30 pm

May 7-8—High school play

May 10-11—Outdoor Education

May 13—7-12 IS Awards/ Graduation Reception

May 14—IS Field Day K-6 or classes

May 21-22 Used Bk. Sale RW

May 22—Free sports physicals at MCS for 7-12

May 27 (note date change)—Morton 1-Room School house

May 28—RW Classes/Rain Date for Field Day—turn in textbooks, resource room items, & grade cards

June 6—Graduation

July 26-30—Summer History Day Camp—Rich. Co. Museum

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He Inclined Unto Me

This time of year can be very trying nearing the end of the school year. I encourage you to finish strong and not be distracted by spring soccer, warmer temperatures, etc.

Others may let you down or fail to fulfill your needs, but not God. go to Him first for the support you need.

Why the Lord is your best support:

1. *He's always there*
2. *He's all-knowing & all-wise*
3. *He's loving and kind*

How to avail yourself of this support:

1. *Spend time daily in reading, studying, memorizing, & meditating on God's Word*
2. *Fill your life with good Christian music*
3. *Talk to the Lord frequently throughout the day*

Finding support at home:

1. *Yourself—be good stewards of the resources He's given us, including our health. WE are not free to indulge in excesses, but must eat,*

work, and rest in ways that preserve our ability to accomplish His purposes. Take care of yourself.

"In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Trust Him at all times, ye people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us." Psalms 62:6-8

"I waited patiently for the Lord and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry. Blessed is that man that makes the Lord his trust." Psalms 40: 1,2

2. *Your spouse—Maintain a loving relationship with your spouse and remember, you are his support system too. You may need to tell your spouse how he can help you such as: 15 minutes at the end of each day with your spouse to debrief and pray about situations, agree on standards for your children's behavior and discipline, and plan times to relax together without the kids.*

3. *Your family—Enlist the help and support of your children, grandparents and relatives. Family members can and should be each other's best friends and supporters. A focus on the positive can replace problems.*

(taken from online homeschool devotional)

9 Reasons to Homeschool

by David Quine, speaker at Cincinnati Homeschool Convention:

1. Educational-mtg. individual needs, discipleship; focus on interests
2. Instructional-1st hand experiences, the unexpected
3. Developmental-teach to reason from Biblical worldview
4. Physical-phys. Contact, love, special times together just you and 1 child
5. Moral-character, standing firm; use literature & allow God to work so you see Jesus in your children.
6. Social-leadership
7. Relational-parent to child, child to child; Spiritual-relationship with Christ paramount



God is restoring the family one home at a time.

8. Personal- emphasis on a fine arts, drama, dance—free up time, job situations, etc.

Homeschooling is a move of God turning the hearts of fathers to their children.



Curriculum Issues

Please return all curriculum when you're finished with it. We are having K-6 RW classes the last Friday of May in order to hopefully, help you in getting your textbooks returned.

We would also recommend that you turn in your grade cards to your coordinator that day, so you can finish out your year properly.

If you aren't finished with your books or grades by that day, we ask that you have everything returned by the last day of school, June 4. Grade cards for 7-12th graders will be mailed to you after school is out. Items from the Resource Room

need to be turned in by that last Friday in May as well. All items need to be returned; if you would like to use items again next year, please write that on your order form and I'll make sure you get those.

Again, let me say that there is no benefit for me ordering curriculum for you except through Bob Jones, which does give us a slight discount. Other than that, you can order on your own and then even have it delivered to your house.

On your order forms, it is very helpful for us to know what you're using to teach each subject, even if you don't need to order anything.

Your coordinators will be meeting with you about curriculum selection. Curriculum for K-8 is at RW as well for your convenience when we're having classes.

Please do not pay for curriculum at the time you turn in your order. There are things you may need that I have on the shelf and have been bought with auxiliary funds that may not cost you at all; I will figure the bill and send that to you.

Let me know if you have any specific questions; I'd be glad to meet with any of you.

Outdoor Education

Check out their website: www.heartlandretreat.com
Details can be found under resources & teacher packet.

I need your payment as soon as possible. Required paperwork and items to pack were put in your folders.

The following have signed up: 2 Overly, 3 Dixon, 5 Walthour, 2 Glover, 2 Kerrigan, 2 Cyphers, 2 K. Earhart, 2 Heining, 4 Gregg, 4 Hoskins, 1 Reel, 3 Starling, 3 Frontz, 1 Neumann, 2 Adams, 2 Hignite, 2 Jones, 1 Delzoppo, 1 Scheurer, 1 Massa, 1 Hillman, 2 Zerby, 2 Golias, 2 Riggenbach.

Junior high/High school students are welcome to attend as well.

Here is our tentative

schedule:



Monday, May 10

9:30 am—Arrival, orientation
11:15 am—Heart Hike
12:00—lunch
1:15 pm—Team Challenge & Group Problem Solving
2:45 pm—Wilderness Survival
4:30 pm—activities
5:10 pm—flagpole
5:15 pm—dinner
6:15 pm—cabin time
6:30 pm—relays
7:15 pm—campfire & worship

8:00 pm—Evening Hike
10:00 pm—Lights Out

Tuesday, May 11

7:00 am—Rise & Shine
7:45 am—flagpole & devotions
8:00 am—breakfast
9:15 am—Archery & Construction Zone
10:30—Construction Zone & Archery
12:00—lunch
1:15 pm—Ohio Living History
3:30 pm—Depart

Cost will be:
\$50/student & \$30/adult attending.

Payment is due in full by the end of April. Thank you.

The amount you owe was written on the papers about this event in your folder. Let me know if you have questions.

It's more important what you are than what you do.

Friday Ranchwood Classes

Class pictures are still available for \$5 each at RW. They are available in the Resource Room; please put your \$5 payment in the envelope there when you take the picture.

Please note the days you're scheduled to help.

Field Day will be Friday, May 14, at RW. The rain date will be Friday, May 28. Following field day, students will be awarded certificates noting an obvious character trait in their lives. Those awards will go to grades K-6. You are certainly welcomed and encouraged to give us your input.

Grandparents Day (or Your Hero Day) is April 30 during RW classes from 10-2. Your grandparents or others special to your children, are welcome to spend the whole day, or a shorter time. If you want your child to go out to lunch, just make sure I have a note from you. Grandparents are also welcome to eat lunch at RW as well. We will have extra chairs in the classrooms for adult participation.

Rules: Just a reminder about our dress code—please make

sure your students are coming dressed in plain navy or khaki skirts or pants and plain colored polo or oxford shirts. Hair length is not to be touching the collar and is not to be hanging over the ears or in the eyes.

Junior high students here for classes at RW are also expected to follow this same dress code.



What is your Worldview?

Ask yourself:

1. What are my loyalties?- time? Resources? What things make you commit?
2. What are your longings- what is your definition of success?
3. What are your loves?- with what or whom are you most intimate?

4. What are your liturgies—what do you do every day?

Teaching Boys

by Andrew Pudewa
(From MidWest convention)

Important information:

- Boys don't hear as well as girls
- Boys see differently
- Teaching is more effective if boys & girls are segregated
- Boys draw verbs; girls draw nouns
- In writing, boys write verbs & adverbs; girls write nouns & adjectives
- Boys learn better standing; make chairs optional
- Give boys the freedom to hurt (play rough) each other or they will hurt themselves
- Children like to do what they're good at
- Children want to do what they think they can do
- Children hate to do and will refuse to do what they don't "believe" they can do (no matter what you say.)



7-12 Awards Reception

For the May 13 7-12 awards/ graduation reception I really need to hear from you concerning activities, accomplishments, whether academic or otherwise. I'd like to honor each student with something. Unless your student is at MCS for classes, they will not be recognized at the MCS awards assembly, but at our event.

This will be a formal event, requiring students to dress up; refreshments will also be served. Grandparents and family are of course invited to attend as well.

We will be honoring students in grades 7-12, but especially our two seniors, Gareth Oldaker and Jessica Pounds. I need to hear from you.



Don't Know what to do with Your Home School Papers. . .

- Save student work on a jump drive
- Scan student projects or hand-writing and save to jump drive
- Video student activities
- Set up blogs, Skype for relatives far away
- Self publish student work



High School

Courses next year? I'm sorry that the high school schedule isn't available until toward the end of June. As soon as it's available, I'll be calling each 7-12 family. Until then, we can only plan tentatively.

OGT test results will be available online to MCS May 17. I'll let you know as soon as possible about your student's results.

New courses coming to MCS: It has been finalized, but it looks like all juniors will be

required to take a Financial Responsibility course (1/2 yr.) using the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace curriculum. The other half of the year will be LDR 150, a course through Indiana Wesleyan University on "Life Calling." I strongly encourage juniors and seniors to take this course.

Websites to check out:

Www.collegeplus.org—I went to several workshops at the convention from this group.

They are encouraging students to complete college in high school using the CLEP and DANTES testing. The speaker completed all 4 years of college with a bachelor's degree for \$5000 using this method. Check it out! Very interesting!

Free 7-12 sports physicals done by Mansfield Family practice will be held Saturday, May 22 starting at 8:30 a.m. at MCS. Watch emails for specific times and details.

HS play—mtg. Monday, April 19 in the choir room—see Mr. Mowry

Field Trips

Morton One Room School House May 27 (Note date change due to a conflict with band at MCS)

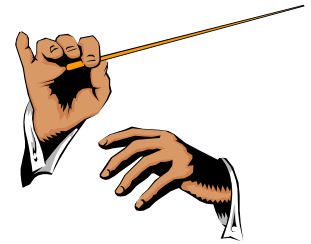
This is for 4th–6th graders with 3rd graders being permitted if there is room. The following have signed up: 2 Frontz, 1 Gregg, 1 Hignite, 3 Walthour, 1 Neumann, 2 Johnson, 1 Massa, 1 Heining, 1 Beveridge. 3rd graders on waiting list: 1 Hignite, 1 Gregg, 1 Young, 1 Heining. This event is free but limited to 25. Students will actually be participating in an old-fashioned one room school-house for the day. There isn't even water available. Only 2 adults are permitted to stay; I'm not sure who that will be yet, but JoAnn Walthour will probably stay. They are sending us a packet of information which I'll pass on to those signed up soon.

Velveteen Rabbit—May 6—

Renaissance Theatre—12:20 pm Cost is \$3.50/person. Recommended for pre-k–3rd grade. Mark your calendar .now. Study guides are available online at www.chilrenstheatrefoundation.com. The following have signed up: 3 Starling, 3 Zerby, 4 Maurer, 3 Surber. We have 7 spaces left.

April 19-23—Swimming Lessons at the Mansfield Y— 1-2 pm— please note the date change

limit of 45—free! - The following have signed up: 2 Starling, 4 Walthour, 2 Overly, 1 Neumann, 1 Browning, 3 Gregg, 4 Golias, 3 Adams, 2 Hignite, 2 Frontz, 1 Scheurer, 3 Maurer, 4 Gardner, 3 Heining, 2 Hoskins, 1 Hillman, 1 Glover, 1 Delzoppo, 2 Trumppower, 2 Dixon. Let me know right away if you can't attend. The following are on the waiting list: 1 K. Earhart, 1 Dixon, 2 Cyphers, 1 Surber. Watch for emails if an opening comes up. These lessons are free this year due to a conflict last year.— worked out good for you!



Operation Bridge Builder Orchestra Program—Monday, May 24—FREE—12:30 pm

Renaissance Theatre.—This is an extension of the program provided by the Woodwind Ensemble done at RW. This is for all ages. Please let us know soon if you'd like to go.

Saturday, May 1 at 2:00 pm at First Alliance Church— **Jessica Pounds senior recital** with violin. Come support Jessica's many years of accomplishments!

Reminder: Unless the field trips involve activities outside where you might get dirty, students are expected to be wearing this same dress code as RW or campus wear.

“Shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life. . .”
Philippians 2:16



Athletic Requirements

Any IS student that wants to play sports in high school must take at least one class at MCS (in the actual brick and mortar building). The after-school classes would also satisfy that requirement. Classes taken at NCSC, online, or other options not in the building will not be substituted for this requirement.

After School Classes

JoAnn Walthour and I will be overseeing the after school classes next year. There will be no registration fee assessed this year with only independent home schoolers being charged the building fee. We do ask you to sign up as soon as possible so we have an idea of interest for each class.

The high school sequence will now be Anatomy, Physical Science, and Biology. Next year, Brad Kentosh will be teaching Anatomy to 9th -12th graders. He will continue with Life Science/

Integrated Science for 7-8.

Starting with next year's 9th graders, all MCS students will be required to take Physical Science. It has been found that students struggle with Chemistry if they've not had that course.

I highly recommend the Bible classes taught by Mr. Robbins for high school, as well.

Jayne Stahlke will be teaching a ceramics class and a painting/drawing class. These will be signed up by the semester, not the year.



Annual Used Book Sale

This year's used book sale will be held Friday night, May 21 from 6-9 pm and also Saturday morning from 9-11 am. At Ranchwood School.

After many years of hearing of the conflicts with a Saturday morning sale due to soccer games, etc. we have decided to open Friday night also. I do realize that some folks come from a distance so the items may be totally different Friday night and Saturday. I'm not sure if people will tend to come more on Friday then take their things that didn't sell that night.

Your coordinator will be meeting with you to go over curriculum in advance of

this sale so you will be more informed about what you will want to look for at the sale.

I will be ordering workbooks and texts next week so you have them to look over and make an informed decision.

We ask that you return textbooks as soon as you're finished with them. Like last year, textbooks will be passed out as soon as most of the books have been returned so that I can fill your orders.

This year we have scheduled our last RW class to be May 28 in hopes that will help you in returning curriculum.

Those of you that help with the set-up Friday May 21, are welcome to browse through the selections and make your purchases before we open to the public at 6:00 pm.

Of course, we will need cashiers and help with laying out our tables as always. Some of you have gotten to be pros at this after all your years of helping. Thank you.

If you have books that you'd like to sell, I'll get a flyer with information on how to mark those books soon. The bulk mailing will go out next week.

This is an excellent venue to sell curriculum you're finished with.

*Trust in the Lord
and do good; dwell
in the land and enjoy
safe pasture.
Delight yourself in
the Lord and he will
give you the desires
of your heart.*



Misc. Info:

Summer History Day Camp for children who have completed grades 3,4, or 5 July 26-30 from 9:30-2:30 each day. Snacks and a sack lunch are served. Cost is \$75 for the week. Registration forms are available at RW. Topics covered will be : Who were the first pioneers to Richland County? What were those homes like? How did they make them? What did they eat?, etc. This is held at the Richland county Museum

If you have a child in your family that ill be in **Kdt. IS next year**, please let me know so I can get you the form that needs to be filled out. It's only a one page form that needs returned with a \$15 application fee if you already have other students in the IS program.

Elementary yearbooks are in: I ordered 3 extra in case any of you would want to order when you saw how nice they are. The cost is \$19.00. Let me know if you'd like to buy one. The following ordered: Browning, Gardner, Gregg, Heininger, Hignite, Hillman, Hoskins, Walthour, Glover.

DVDs of the IS Talent Show are available for \$5 each. I have put the following in folders: Hignite, Delzoppo, Gregg, Bal-litch, K. Earhart.

Please **check your emails every day!!** There will be many important details sent out since this is also your May newsletter.

If you have not registered for next year yet, it would be very helpful for our planning if you would do that as soon as possible. If you plan to leave the program, I need to know that.

Testing

For any elementary students interested, the **STAR test** is available to be taken either at the IS MCS office or at RW. It doesn't take long at all; I need to have your child entered into the system before they can take the test, so let me know beforehand. This will give you the reading grade level.

Testing April 19-23

Grades 1-2

Stanford Achievement Test:
1st - 2nd graders - Stanford testing - Monday - Thursday
1st grade will also be doing Otis Lennon testing

Grades 3-8

3- grade - Reading & Math - Monday & Tuesday at RW
4- grade - Reading & Math - Monday & Tuesday at RW
5- grade - Reading, Math, Science- Monday - Wednesday at RW
6- grade - Reading & Math - Monday & Tuesday at RW
7- grade - Reading & Math - Monday & Tuesday at RW
8- grade - Reading, Math, Science- Monday - Wednesday-at MCS

I am in need of two people to help with an outdoor recess for first and second graders. 3rd-7th graders are not permitted an outside recess but will be given breaks inside.

Remember, 5th graders bring protractors; 6th-8th graders need to bring calculators. Rulers will be provided for 3rd graders.

For all testing, students are to bring 2 #2 pencils and a snack. Specific instructions were mailed to you in a separate mailing



Shakespeare

Summer Dance/Theatre Program

offered this summer: I recently received information about a dance/theatre program to be offered for 6 weeks this summer. The lady is a home school graduate and is a Christian. She has been trained in professional dance companies and universities. The dance program will include: modern, hula, improvisation, nontraditional partnering, & dance composition.

The drama portion is taught by a young man that taught acting at the University of Hawaii. One of the theatre options for this summer is a Shakespearean theatre intensive. In these classes, students will study the history of Shakespearean theatre, an appreciation for the language, the performance techniques and incorporation of individual creativity. This will culminate in a performance of selected scenes.

If you're interested or want more information, email Betsy at saccenti13@sbc.edu.

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this. He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. Be still before the Lord and wait for Him.

Psalm 37:5-7