



Inside SDH

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CURRICULUM SHOW AND TELL NIGHT

by Jackie O.

The Curriculum Show and Tell night is scheduled for Monday, September 10.

Trying to decide whether to attend this event? Here's a quick curriculum quiz to help:

1. Usborne Internet-linked books are:
 - a) a series of books about a dysfunctional family with an aging rock star dad.
 - b) a series of visually stunning children's books exploring just about every subject under the sun—and beyond
2. Set, Blink, are Quiddler are:
 - a) a 3 point, an 11 point and a 72 point Scrabble score
 - b) a new generation of fun, fast, and furious logic and word games
3. Rainbow Resource is:
 - a) a new Lisa Frank outlet for all your rainbow and unicorn needs
 - b) a 1000 page teachers' supply catalog created by and geared toward homeschoolers offering a discount on every item
4. Rap ups are:
 - a) Arby's new low-carb lunch offering
 - b) math aids to help your kinesthetic learner memorize her times tables
5. Jim Weiss is:
 - a) a relative of a former Tucson anchorwoman running for elected office
 - b) an amazing storyteller sure to enthrall you and your child alike
6. Cuisinaire rods are:
 - a) the newest over-priced kitchen gadget from France
 - b) centimeter-width blocks in varying lengths and colors that help illustrate math concepts (they're also just a lot of fun to build with!)



If you answered "a" to any of the questions, you owe it to yourself to come to our Curriculum Show and Tell and see what other homeschoolers are using to help teach and engage their children.

If you answered "b" to any of the above questions, please come and bring some of your own tried and true learning aids. Remember curriculum can be anything! Videos, games, puzzles, audio tapes, coloring books, art kits, etc. and yes, even packaged curriculum too!

We will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Something Sweet, 5319 East Speedway (two blocks west of Craycroft, on the north side of the street). Who knows how long we will stay! So if you are running late, call my cell—we will probably still be there playing some fun games. Call or email me for more information.

ENVIROTHON MEETING

by Mary S.



I will have a meeting at park day on Tuesday, September 4 to answer any and all questions about Envirothon. This is a team competition for high school age students. Kids will learn about wildlife, aquatics, forestry, soil and Recreational Impacts on Natural Resources. A five-member team is needed to compete and all testing is done as a team. There is no individual testing. I will meet at 10:30, which will give everyone a half hour of info before SDH announcements. We can continue after announcements if there are more questions. Anyone can also email me before then for any information or questions.

I have coached Envirothon for quite a few years and moved on to the National Level in 2005 with a team from North Carolina. Every student I have had has enjoyed this contest. In 2006 I had the 2nd place team in Arizona, from Yuma, and it was the first time there was a home schooled team in Arizona.



PETER PIPER FIELD TRIP

by Amy B.

The tour for Peter Piper Pizza is set for Wednesday, September 19 at 9:30 a.m. We will be meeting at about 9:15 at the 7119 E. Broadway location (Broadway and Kolb across from K-mart) The children will make their own 7- inch pizza after the tour and will receive a free child size drink. **There will not be games running at this time!** I have been told that moms can also partake in the pizza making. I think it will be lots of fun. If you would like to sign up please let me know. If you are signed up and can't make it please email me. I have to give the manager a head count of children.

PCC "THE BIG FRIENDLY GIANT"

by Joy M.

Performing Arts at Pima Community College will present "The Big Friendly Giant" on Wednesday, September 26 at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$5 per ticket. Payment is due on the day of the show. Please RSVP to me by September 12. For a complete listing of the PCC Performing Arts calendar see <http://www.pima.edu/performingarts/seasonbrochure.pdf>

CYT "SEUSSICAL"

by Laura N.

The school days showing of CYT's "Seussical" will be on Thursday, September 27 at 12 noon. Tickets are \$4.00 per person. Please contact me by Friday, September 7 to get on the list. Payment (*made payable to CYT Tucson*) must also be made by that date. No refunds are issued, so please make sure you can come that day. We will meet as a group at Crowder Hall (U of A) and go in to the play as a group. If you can't make the school days showing, the play will also be showing September 28-30 and you can purchase tickets through me. See www.cyttucson.org for more information about this children's theater group.

ROOTS & SHOOTS

by Lara B. and Liz H.

We will have our annual Roots & Shoots planning meeting on Wednesday, September 19 from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. at Bookman's (Grant and Campbell) in the community room. We welcome everyone, all ages, to come and see what Roots & Shoots is all about, and to give any input into the activities and field trips that they would like to see happen this year. We also encourage any parents who would like to help in any way, to please do so! If there is something you or your kids are passionate about, or you happen to have a skill or know some who does about something that we could incorporate into our activities or field trips, that would be fantastic! If you don't, that's fine too, we just want to make sure that everyone knows that this is the group's group, and for everyone to feel free to participate as much as they want. It looks as if we might be incorporating Earth Scouts into our R&S group as well, and work the two groups in sync with each other. More information on that will be at the meeting too. Please look at both of the websites for more information: www.rootsandshoots.org and www.earthscouts.org. And as always, please feel free to contact us anytime with any questions you may have.

4H CLUBS

by Candace J.

I am starting two new 4-H clubs this year. The first is Clover Kids. This is for children who will be 5 by January 1st, 2008 through 8 years old. Our group can do arts and crafts, cooking, sewing, etc. I will sign children up and we can decide on meeting locations and times.

The second is Weather Project. There is a woman in the Atmospheric Sciences Graduate Program who received a grant to promote science and science experiments in 4-H clubs. She is developing a science curriculum. This project includes photography, weather experiments, field trips, presentations, etc. If you would like to join please contact me.

REMINDER

The fall membership deadline is **October 2**. Memberships will be accepted after this date but will not be included in the fall roster. Current members please remember to renew your yearly membership by **October 2**. The membership forms are available at www.tucsonhomeschoolers.org at the newsletter yahoo group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SDH-newsletter/> (in the files section). The newcomer committee will also have copies of membership forms at park day (look for them in yellow SDH t-shirts.)



TEEN CYBERBOWLING GAME DAY

by Donna J.

Save the date! Teens, CyberBowl at Lucky Strike Bowl, Saturday, October 13 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Then have some pizza and discuss possible teen activities for this coming year. With a group rate, bowling, including shoe rental, is \$7. You will also need to bring enough money for pizza and a beverage, or whatever food you would like. RSVP as soon as possible, so we will know how many people are planning to attend and we can confirm costs and make a reservation. Plan to have your parents pick you up at 7:00 p.m. Two adults will chaperone (myself included), so parents don't need to stay for bowling.

Bring your ideas for future teen activities. Possibilities include: hiking, Rocks and Ropes, a movie night, a Mt. Lemmon trip, or even volunteer work to help community organizations like the Food Bank, or ? You decide. If you are planning to CyberBowl, you must RSVP, so we can make reservations and confirm the group rate, and coordinate with parents. Lucky Strike is located at 4015 E. Speedway (Speedway and Alvernon).



GEOGRAPHY ACTIVITIES

By Donna J.



• TAKE A WORLD TOUR ... First stop: the Netherlands!

Long to travel, but can't leave Tucson? Then join SDH's Geography Club. We will travel the world, going to a different country each month. Sybelle V. will give an informal presentation on the Netherlands during our first meeting on Wednesday, September 12. It is sure to be a lot of fun. In addition to the presentation, we will have activities and snacks (bring your own beverages). Wear orange, if you want, and find out why it could be called the color of the country. If you want to do a little research on the Netherlands before the meeting, bring one interesting fact you have learned for us to discuss. All ages are welcome. The meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the children's room of the Joel Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave. RSVP's aren't necessary, but would be appreciated. This will help us plan for the meeting. But if you forget, don't let it stop you from joining us! For directions and parking information, go to:

<http://tppl.org/locations/main/parking.cfm#directions>

• GEOGRAPHY GAMES DAY

SDH's annual Geography Games Day is set for Wednesday, October 10 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Woods Library branch. As always, we will have plenty of geography games, door prizes, and snacks (bring your own beverages). I will bring the following games: Map Tangle, Borderline (Africa, Middle East, and USA editions), Across the Americas: North, South and Central America card game, National Geographic GeoBee Challenge, 10 Days in Africa, Professor Noggin's Countries of the World card game, Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?, Geo Safari Game of the States, plus other activities. If you have other games, please bring them. If you have duplicates of the games listed above bring them too to make sure we have enough games for everyone. If you don't have geography games, don't worry. Join the fun!

For parents, this is a great opportunity to check out games you may be thinking of purchasing, and a great time to share games that your family owns and likes. Information will also be available on the National Geographic Bee and future Geography Club meetings. We will meet in the small meeting room at Woods, which is located at 3455 N. First Ave. For direction go to <http://tppl.org/locations/woods/>



• PIMA COUNTY HOME EDUCATORS NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE

Save the date! Saturday, January 5, 2008
National Geographic Bee Study Sessions
Thursday, November 29, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, December 6, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, December 13, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

PARK DAY is Every Tuesday
SDH members meet at Fort Lowell Park
(Glenn and Craycroft) every Tuesday.
Announcements are held
at 11:00 a.m.

BEGINNERS QUILTING CLASS

by Lara B.

(This has been updated from last month, so please consider this the right information.)

I am doing a beginners quilting class at my house (I live NW). I am not charging anything for the class, but you will need to purchase your own fabrics. It will be for kids around 8-ish thru teen. Unless they are older, the parent will need to stay to help their child - cutting fabric and using a sewing machine can be somewhat dangerous. It's up to the parent to decide if their child(ren) is old enough (ability and concentration level) to do this class, with their parent helping as much as needed. Also, each family will need to bring their own sewing machine. (Some machines use a different presser foot for the quilting step, so please check and make sure to bring your machine's correct quilting foot.) If the parent would also like to do a project, that's certainly fine too, just remember your family participants to sewing machine ratio, and how much you think your child(ren) will need your hands-on help with their own project. If you have a cutting mat and/or rotary cutter w/ a guide ruler and/or fabric scissors, you can bring those too to the first class, but I have those and we can take turns as needed. My house isn't very big, so I need to limit the number of families. I have room for a one maybe two more families, and if more are interested beyond that, then I will see if I can make more room. And please don't think this is just for girls! Boys can pick masculine or superhero fabrics if they wish, or make a holiday gift for someone.

We will meet once a week for two hours to work on it. The steps are 1) measuring and cutting the fabric pieces need; 2) piecing (sewing together all the pieces to have your final top layer); 3) layering and basting the three layers of the quilt (top pieced layer, batting layer, and back layer); 4) quilting (sewing the three layers together); 5) binding (edge). If your project is something other than a regular quilt (like a tote bag or a pillow), then there will be a couple other steps too.

Though I have only done hand piecing and quilting in the past, I am currently doing a machine-pieced king-size quilt (though I will hand quilt it - and that could take me a year to do). This class's projects will be machine pieced and quilted. (As hand quilting takes a very long time!)

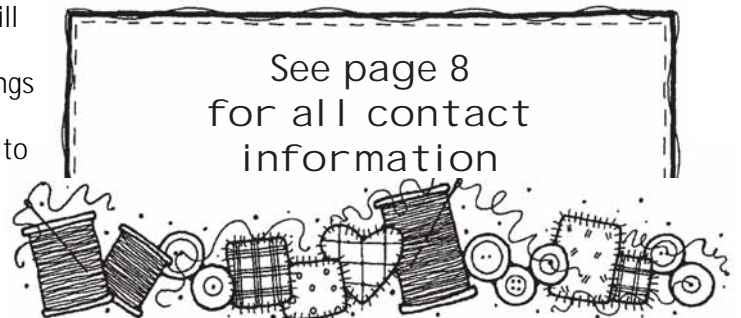
I have picked out some beginner projects for everyone to choose from; from regular little-sized quilts, to tote bags, to pillows, to pillow covers, to wall hangings. And once a project is chosen you can then pick whatever fabrics you want to use; whatever color scheme and patterns you'd like! We will meet at the NW Bookman's on the SE corner of Ina and Thornydale to sit together and everyone pick their project. Then we will go next door to Hancock Fabrics for everyone to purchase their own fabric and thread needed. I will show everyone the quilting fabrics (which is what should be used for a beginner's quilt) and you can cut loose (no pun intended). You could spend up to about \$7 dollars per yard, down to a dollar per yard for the sale or clearance fabrics. I can't predict what will be on sale the day we will be there, but there always seems to be something on sale. Our projects won't take more than a yard or two total, depending on what you pick to do, so it really won't be very expensive at all. Also, Hancock sends out fliers very often that have a 40% off one cut of regular priced fabric. I do not know if one of those will be in effect on the day we are there, or how you might get one if you are not on their mailing list, so it's up to you to look into that if you want to. Since batting (the middle layer that adds the puff) usually comes in sizes much larger than the projects we will be doing, I will buy the batting, and then each person will get a cut from me in the size that they need. Reimbursement to me for that will be no more than \$5 per project.

If for some reason you do not want to do the step of picking out your own project and going to the fabric store to pick out materials, but would rather just show up the first day of starting the project and get to work on it - then give me an idea of what you'd like to do, and I can pick it out and have the fabric and supplies ready, and figure the cost of it for you to pay when you get to the first class.

Class schedule:

Mondays September 17th thru October 29th 1-3pm, except for Sept 24th - no class that day.

Sept 17th we will meet at Bookman's at 1:00pm to decide on our projects, and then walk next door to Hancock Fabrics to get what we need. The following Monday, Sept 24th will be skipped, and then Oct 1st will be our first meeting at my house to get started on the project. Since this is my first time doing a class, I am just making my best guess at how long it will take us to do our projects, plus some might finish faster than others depending on skill and project. I've figured on five meetings (not counting the getting-supplies day), but we may very well end sooner, and possibly need a bit more time - we'll just have to see how it goes. I live near Ina and Thornydale on the NW side of Tucson - right off of I-10 (the Ina exit is NOT closed). We will have tea/coffee/juice and cookies at the end of each class. Call or email me to sign up, and if you have any questions, please let me know!



MATHEMATICAL MYSTERY TOUR

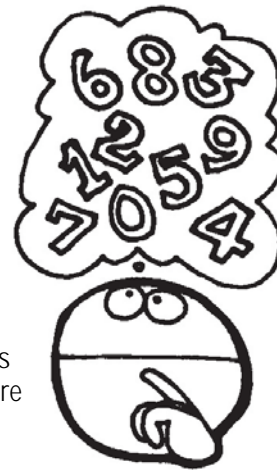
By Sybelle V.

In October we will start a Mathematical Mystery Tour. Interested youth will meet weekly and learn about and explore Fibonacci Numbers and the Golden Rule (among other things) through activities from the book "A Mathematical Mystery Tour - Higher Thinking Math Tasks" by Mark Wahl. For information on the program go to Mark Wahl's website http://markwahl.com/mathematical_mystery_tour.htm

I think the program is for 12 to 15 year old youth, but it would completely depend on the person. The program is visual and hands-on. I will not make it a lecture or classroom style performance! We will learn about the relationships of things that are seemingly unrelated. To help you determine if your child would like it, read the website. In particular, this is a quote that might help: "Many pre-algebraic, early algebraic, and geometrical math skills are exercised and conceptually expanded in the process. The new supplement takes skills further into algebra. Some skills used are calculator skills, mental math, infinite processes, numerical patterns, powers of numbers, ratios, metric measurement, graphing, degree measurement, triangle areas, and geometric design."

If you would like to see the book, I will bring it to park during park days in September (however, I will not be there on the 4th and will be arriving after announcements on the 11th). Or you can email me or call me with questions or to meet somewhere on a different day for you to look at the book. I would request you do not make your child do this. I am not a professional teacher and not interested in making youth participate if they don't want to be there.

I would like for anyone interested to email me. Also let me know what (part of what) days your young person cannot meet. My preference goes to meeting in the early afternoon, but I will try to accommodate as many as possible with the meeting time. I anticipate meeting for about 2 hours at a time, maybe a little longer to also have time for a snack (we will need to have some kind of food to complement the fun!). Since I don't live in town we will probably meet either at Bookmans or a library or, if someone wants to offer the use of a home or community meeting space that would be even better!



ARIZONA OPERA SECOND SIGN-UP

by Donna J.

Last chance— now is the time to get tickets for Arizona Opera's 2007-2008 Student Dress Rehearsal Program. The deadline for submitting your ticket orders and checks is September 12. This second sign-up will be the final opportunity to order tickets with SDH this year. So don't forget! Tickets are \$6 each for students and \$12 each for adults. Dress rehearsal information is outlined below. In addition, there is a free look-in scheduled in March. It is a glimpse behind the scenes, showing the work involved in creating an opera. This free one-hour program is a lot of fun and appropriate for all ages. It was a big hit with younger SDH kids last year.

To sign up, let me know how many adult and how many student tickets you want for each opera and send me a check to cover the entire cost of your order. Be sure to also include your phone number and email address. Mail everything to my home address, which you can find in the roster. Please make your check out to me, so I can consolidate our payments. If you have any questions about ordering tickets, call or email me.

All the dress rehearsals take place at the Tucson Convention Center Music Hall, 260 S. Church. For more information, go to Arizona Opera's website: <http://www.azopera.com>

- Donizetti's Lucia Di Lammermoor – Thursday, October 4, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

Bound by family honor yet secretly sworn to another, Lucia is forced to marry a man she does not love. With the signing of the marriage contract, her tragic fate is sealed. Set in 17th century Scotland, against the atmospheric Lammermoor Castle, love and deceit conspire to lead Lucia towards insanity.

- Strauss' Die Fledermaus – Thursday, November 8, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

Strauss' comic romp has been the toast of audiences since its debut in Vienna in 1874. As the sun rises after an evening of hidden identities and frivolity, the Bat's revenge is realized. Metropolitan Opera star, mezzo-soprano Stephanie Blythe returns to Arizona in the role of Prince Orlofsky.

- Mozart's The Magic Flute – Thursday, February 28, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

With the aid of a magic flute, Prince Tamino is guarded on his journey towards spiritual enlightenment. Layered with visual allegory and sublime lyricism, it awakens our visual and aural senses.

- OPERA LOOK-IN – FREE! – Saturday, March 1, 2008, 12 noon

This program is designed to give a behind-the-scenes glimpse of opera theater. Students are shown demonstrations with sets, lighting, sound, special effects, costumes, wigs and make-up. The look-in ends with a performance by a main-stage artist, followed by a question and answer period. The look-in ends with a performance by a main-stage artist, followed by a question and answer period.

ARIZONA THEATRE COMPANY SECOND SIGN-UP

by Donna J.

Don't miss your chance to see some great plays! I will be doing a second sign-up for Arizona Theatre Company's student matinee series. The deadline to get your order and check to me is September 12. Student tickets are \$8 for each performance, except for the musicals, George Gershwin Alone and The Pajama Game, which are priced at \$10 each. Adult tickets are \$15 for the plays and \$18 for each musical. All performances take place at the Temple of Music and Art in downtown Tucson at 330 S. Scott Ave.

To sign up, let me know how many adult and how many student seats you want for each performance and send a check to cover the entire cost of your tickets. Be sure to also include your phone number and email address. Mail everything to my home address, which is in the roster. Since ATC wants us to submit only one check, please make your check out to me, so I can consolidate our payments. Also, please remember, since this is our second sign-up, I can't guarantee tickets and I will refund your money if seats are not available.

Play information is listed below. Descriptions are taken from an ATC flyer. The actors are available for discussions with the students after each matinee. For more information, check ATC's website: <http://www.aztheatreco.org>.

If you have any questions regarding signing up, please call or email me.

- **George Gershwin Alone** – Tuesday, October 2, 2007, 10:00 a.m.

Music and Lyrics by George Gershwin and Ira Gershwin, book by Hershey Felder

Evoking Gershwin's famous radio broadcasts of the 1930s, this musical play explores the life, talent, and spirit of the legendary composer.

- **Touch the Names** – Friday, October 26, 2007, 10:00 a.m.

Conceived by Randal Myler and Chic Street Man, with original music by Chic Street Man

A deeply powerful tribute to the men and women whose names live forever on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the loved ones they left behind, taken verbatim from the letters and mementos left at the base of the wall each day.

- **The Pajama Game** – Tuesday, December 11, 2007, 10:00 a.m.

Music and Lyrics by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross

Book by George Abbott and Richard Bissell

Directed by David Ira Goldstein

Bright and brassy. Sexy and sassy. There's unrest at the Sleep Tite pajama factory when Sid and Babe sit on opposite sides of the negotiating table clashing over a seven-and-a-half cent raise. But love threatens to shut down the plant as the battle of the sexes plays out in this rollicking classic from the Golden Age of musical comedy. *The Pajama Game* is a hit parade of irresistible songs including "Steam Heat," "Hernando's Hideaway" and "Hey There (You with the Stars in Your Eyes)." Stitched together for ATC by the same creative team who delighted us with the sold-out hits *My Fair Lady* and *The Pirates of Penzance*, *The Pajama Game* is a rambunctious pillow fight full of jazzy songs, hot dance and exuberant laughter.

- **The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde** – Tuesday, January 29, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

By Jeff Hatcher, from the story by Robert Louis Stevenson

A story of inner demons and evil unchecked in a theatrically intense, intimate and fiendishly clever new telling receiving its world premiere at ATC.

- **To Kill a Mockingbird** – Thursday, March 6, 2008, 10:30 a.m.

Based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Harper Lee, adapted by Christopher Sergel

A great American classic and one of the most beloved coming-of-age stories ever written, this moving tale of life in rural Alabama during the Depression is filled with heartache and joy, conflict and conciliation.

(Please note I have dropped *The Clean House* from the line-up, since we only had one family sign up. Since it contains mature themes and language, it might not be appropriate for some kids, depending on their age. It actually seems like it might be a good play for a moms' night out in April. Adult groups of eight or more get a 20 percent discount on ATC's regular ticket price. Let me know if you are interested. I also have a copy of the script, if anyone wants to read it. Or you can take a look at the synopsis on ATC's website.)

HARRY POTTER CLASS by Kim B.

I have had a huge response to the Harry Potter class! Class starts on Friday, September 7 and runs through December 14. The classes are every Friday from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the Bookman's on Grant and Campbell. If you have signed up but are unable to attend the first class please let me know. We have over 20 students signed up and we will be trying to sort into houses on that first day so I will need to know if students are missing. I initially wanted to close the class at 20 students, but a couple of parents have offered to help me, so I am willing to see what happens on the first class. We may be limited on space since we are meeting in the community room at Bookman's and it is not that big. The first class will be an introductory class and we will do the sorting so you do not need to do any preparation. Thanks so much for all of your interest and enthusiasm!

ROSTER CHANGES

by Lori O.

Our SDH Roster was developed back when the group was quite small. Times have changed, and maybe it's time for the roster to change as well. I would like to start this year fresh with a different style of roster which would be smaller, and would only include:

- Parents' Names (last name would be included as there are many Loris, Jennifers, etc., but last initial would be an option)
- Childrens' first names/ birthyear only (optional)
- Email address
- Phone number
- Part of town (NW, Central, Vail, etc.)

There are a couple of reasons I would like to make these changes:

- 1) The very large roster we have today (125+ members) is difficult to scan through, members often cannot find whom they are looking for.
- 2) Members have expressed security concerns about having their addresses published, along with the ages/names of their children (some people provide incomplete information because of this). (However, please note that with your name/phone number, an internet search can turn up your address unless you have taken steps to remove this information).

I have retained the childrens' birthyear (optional) as this is a convenient piece of information for people looking to target activities toward particular age-groups. I have added 'part of town' as new people often want to meet people in their vicinity.

I welcome your feedback/suggestions on these changes. I would like to make the roster useful, without making anyone uncomfortable. Please let me know what you think. If you have an idea for an easy-to-read format for this info, I welcome that suggestion as well.

SDH 2007-2008 DATES LIST

Park Days	Tuesdays Aug 21-May 20	
Homeschool Info Night	TBA	Heather M.
Game Days	each one TBA	
	every month or so	Ester S.
Roots & Shoots Club	each one TBA	
	about twice per month	Lara B. and Liz H.
Harry Potter Class	Fridays Sept 17-Dec 14	Kim B.
Tee-Shirt orders	Oct 2 thru 23	Lara B.
Geography Game Day	Wednesday, Oct 10	Donna J.
Fall Clothing Exchange	Tuesday, Oct 16	Christine S.
Halloween Festival	Tuesday, Oct 30	Heather H.
Talent & Art Show	TBA	Laura C.
Biography Dress-Up Day	TBA	Theresa W.
Geography Bee	Saturday, Jan 5	Donna J.
Fall Music Recital	Thursday, Dec 6	Victoria M.
Holiday Ornament Making,	TBA	Donna J.
Zoo Holiday Tree Decorating,	TBA	Donna J.
New Year's Eve Bowling	Monday, Dec 31	Donna J.
Spelling Bee	Friday, Feb 1	Valerie W.
Valentine's Exchange	Tuesday, Feb 12	Heather H.
Group Photo	Tuesday, Feb 12	Lara B.
Science Fair	TBA	Donna J.
Career Day	TBA	Donna J. and Eileen D.
Spring Clothing Exchange	Tuesday, Mar 4	Christine S.
Pot-Luck Event "Visual Arts"	Tuesday, Mar 18	Lara B. and Valerie W.
Spring Music Recital	Thursday, May 1	Victoria M.
May-Day Event	Tuesday, May 6	Heather H.
Parents Planning Meeting for 08-09 year	TBA - Sometime in May	Lara B.

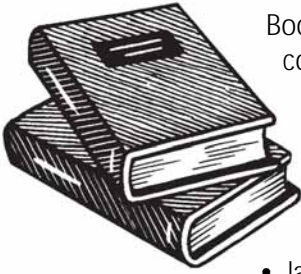
View the monthly
SDH CALENDAR at
<http://supercalendar.com/view.html?a=1539>



If you are scheduling an event, please contact Lorraine W. to get it on the SDH calendar.

SDH MONTHLY PARENT OPPORTUNITIES

Parents' Book Discussion Group - September 20



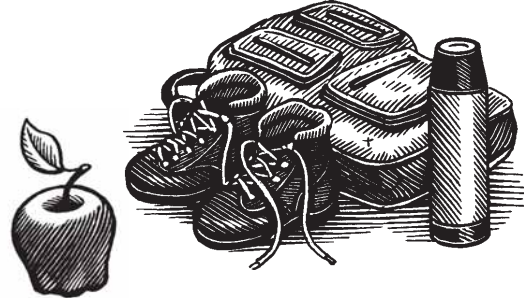
Book Group is always the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. and you are welcome to come whether you have read the book or not. We meet at Denny's (3655 E Speedway - two blocks west of Alvernon).

- September: *What Was She Thinking?: Notes on a Scandal* by Zoe Heller
- October: *Middlesex* by Jeffery Eugenides*
- November: *Tomorrow's Children* by Riane Eisler
- December: *Liquid Jade: The Story of Tea East to West* by Beatrice Hohenegger
- January: *The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness* by Simon Wiesenthal

* Note: Middlesex has a long waiting list at the library, if you'd like to borrow my copy, let me know and I'll get it to you ASAP. Also, if you plan to get any of the other books from the library, you may want to look into reserving them ahead of time.

Moms' Coffee Night - September 26

Held on the last Wednesday of every month at Denny's (3655 E. Speedway - two blocks west of Alvernon) from 7:30 p.m. to midnight (or any time in between).



Dads' Coffee Night - September 5

Held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Borders on Oracle.

SDH Park Day - Every Tuesday

Playground area of Fort Lowell Park (at Glenn and Craycroft). Announcements are held at 11:00 a.m.



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