

THE LINK

STAYING CONNECTED

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Dear Families,
Home schooling provides such a rich education for boys and girls today. Learning extends from home to theater stage to the capitol building in Olympia. Many of the home schoolers participating at HomeLink have learned about opportunities in many parts of our community including music, volunteer positions, work study, missions, drama, p.e., civics, leadership, and writing workshops just to name a few. Through this newsletter, we will attempt to increase your awareness of events and opportunities which come our way.

April Thome,
HomeLink Director



Running Start Information Night!
March 22, at 6:00 pm at YVCC, in the Parker Room in the Deccio Building.

Events

Yakima Valley Community College will host Information Nights about YVCC's Running Start Program for current high school sophomores and juniors and their parents.

The Running Start program offers eligible high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to enroll in college classes at YVCC's Yakima and Grandview campuses and receive both high school and college credit.

- Get a head start on college
- Select diverse classes
- Prepare for future education and careers

For more information visit www.yvcc.edu/RunningStart

[Vision Therapy Workshop]

In this free one-hour workshop, March 1 at 7 pm, developmental optometrists will identify common vision problems that impact reading proficiency and school performance. Creekside Loop, Suite 150. Please call 509.654.9256 with questions.



Drama

Eisenhower Drama Presents
"ONCE ON THIS ISLAND"

HomeLink student,
Tori Gresham, has the lead part!

A story of an island separated by the rich and the peasants. On one side, the rich who hate the poor. On the other, the peasants who pray constantly to the gods. When one peasant girl saves a rich boy's life, the gods intervene, and the peasant girl, Ti Moune, is sent on a journey, a journey that will test the strength of love against the power of death.

Tickets available at Eisenhower High School's Little Theatre, 702 S 40th Ave., General Admission \$7*
7:00 pm on March 3,4,5,10,11,17,18,19
*also available at the door.

[HomeLink Code of Conduct]

Did you know?

HomeLink has a Code of Conduct
AND it was written by HomeLink students!

This is who we are...

- We are respectful and inclusive of all ages and genders
- We are intentional in greeting new students and helping them feel comfortable
- We dress modestly
- We are self-controlled
- We are humble
- We speak respectfully of others
- We are diligent in completing our assignments
- We respect our HomeLink facility

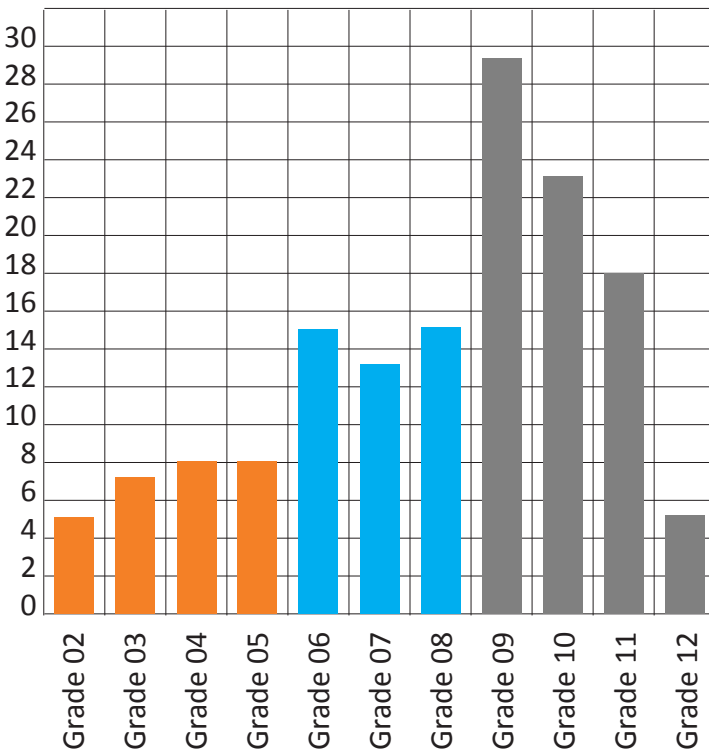


Calendar Dates to remember:

- Feb 26: Engineering Day
- Feb 27: YYSO KinderKonzert
- Feb 25: SAT Workshop
- Mar 01: Vision Therapy Workshop
- Mar 3-5: Once on this Island
- Mar 8 & 10: Teacher Appreciation
- Mar 10-11: Once on this Island
- Mar 17-19: Once on this Island
- Mar 18: Walking w/ Youth Symphony
- Mar 19: Songfest XXLL
- Mar 19: Daddy Daughter Dance
- Mar 28-Apr 1: Spring Break
- April 18, 19, & 20: Annual Assessments

REMINDER: HomeLink is a closed campus. A closed campus prohibits students from leaving campus.

144 Students @ HomeLink!



High School (9th-12th): 73 students
 Middle School (6th-8th): 43 students
 Grade School: (2nd-5th): 28 students

S P C T LIGHT..

It is an honor... to be selected as a Senate or House page.



Carlie Arreola, a HomeLink sophomore, spent a week participating in the Senate Page Program. She was sponsored by Sen. Curtis King, R-Yakima, who also represents the 14th Legislative District. Carlie is interested in a career in politics and saw paging as an opportunity to learn about government. "Paging on the Senate floor was one of the coolest things I have ever done," she said. "I liked being able to go behind the scenes and see how everything works."



HomeLink twins David and Daniel Whitmore, 15-year-olds, spent the week at the capitol, also. They participated in the House Page Program and were sponsored by Rep. Charles Ross, R-Naches, who also represents the 14th Legislative District. They are the youngest of eight siblings and sons of, HomeLink Adviser, Rebecca Whitmore.

Daniel commented that "Out of all the things that I did over the week, working in the House members' cafeteria was the best!" David noted that "Being able to explore the Capitol was really fun." Quick comments from a tiring week. (In addition to the Page Program, they attended the Boy's State Swim and Dive Championship where Daniel placed 10th and David placed 8th in 2A diving.)

The Senate/House page program provides an opportunity for hundreds of Washington's students to take part in the legislative process and observe the Legislature and other branches of state government in action. During their assigned week, pages attend classes in the page school designed to teach students about state government and the legislative process. They also listen to guest speakers, tour the buildings on the Capitol Campus and learn how to draft bills.

More information about the page program is available online at www1.leg.wa.gov/Senate/Administration/PageProgram/ or <http://www.leg.wa.gov/PageSchool/Pages/default.aspx>.