

Grace Home Schoolers, Inc.

Bible-believing Christians, who desire to serve the Lord Jesus Christ while teaching their children at home, formed GHS, INC.

April 2006

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
April 3	9:45 am	“Sideways Stories” – ORT
April 3	5:30 pm	Jr./Sr. Banquet –Dixie Stampede
April 6	10:00 am	Creative Learning Days
April 7	2:00 pm	High School Forum
April ?	TBA	Ice Skating at RDV
April 12		Yearbook Order Deadline
April 14	after 4 pm	Kid’s Night Out w/ Dad
April 17,18,19	TBA	Standardized Testing
April 24	11:30 am	Book-It Pizza Party
May 1	7:00 pm	Start-Up meeting
May 5	7:00 pm	K-8 Promotion
May 8	9:00 am	Dinosaur World
May 12	10:00 am	Year End Pool Party
May 12	1:00 pm	Round Table
May 19	7:00 pm	GHS Graduation & 9-11 Promotion
May 25-27		FPEA Convention
July 31	7:00 pm	New Members Start-Up

Meeting place for most events is FBCSS: First Baptist Church Sanlando Springs

APRIL CALENDAR

Sideways Stories from Wayside School: Monday, April 3, arrive at 9:45 am Orlando Repertory Theatre – If you have already RSVP’d and have any questions please contact Susan Coulter, Coulter6@cfl.rr.com, or 407-290-8770.

Jr./Sr. Banquet: Monday, April 3, 5:30 pm, Dixie Stampede
Pre-show beings at 5:30 pm, so don’t be late!

Creative Learning Days: Thursday, April 6, 10:00 am, FBCSS

We will be meeting at 10:00 am to rehearse songs, then heading out to the nursing home at 11:00 am. Please plan on doing any special songs that you did at Fine Arts Night for the people at the assisted living home. They would really receive a blessing as you share your special gifts and talents that the Lord has blessed you with. If you play an instrument or have a special talent you would like to share that you didn’t do at Fine Arts I would like to encourage you do share it also. I look forward to seeing you there! Remember to dress a little nicer for the people ☺ **Thank You!**

ATTENTION PARTENTS WITH K - 6TH GRADERS:

Creative Learning Days 2006-07 will be taking on a new look next year!

We will be **meeting every Friday** (same schedule as Friday classes- off 4th Friday). We will begin at 9:00 am and go till 1:30 pm, offering 3 classes/week per quarter. We are looking for Moms who are gifted in teaching areas such as science/experiments, math (possibly “math superstar” program), geography, history, language arts, home economics, creative writing, music, art, unit studies, etc. If interested, please contact Janet Brandel at Jbrandel@cfl.rr.com.

Ice Skating: April, TBA

RDV Sportsplex, Maitland. It may be warm outside, but it is freezing inside! Start planning for a “COOL” time! A news blast will be sent out when the date is confirmed.

Books needed: Kartina Gammon is planning to teach Physical Science (high school level) next year in the GHS Friday Enrichment Program. She is interested in looking at some Physical Science books in order to determine which one to use. If you have a Physical Science book she can look at for a couple weeks please **contact Mary Alayon** at 407-856-8077 or Mac917@aol.com or simply bring to Friday classes any week. *Thank you.*

High School Forum: Friday, April 7, 2:00 pm, FBCSS

Immediately following the Friday classes at 2:00 p.m.

This event is for anyone planning to homeschool their child through the high school years. We have a **panel of veteran moms** scheduled to offer suggestions for this time in you and your child's home school life. They will be available to answer any questions you may have or point you in the right direction to find the answers on your own if not sure. We are also pleased to offer several **guest speakers** this year, which include a **representative from Florida Virtual School (FLVS)**, a **representative from the Armed Forces**, and the **dual enrollment director from Valencia Community College**. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning this event. **Also, please let me know if you are planning on attending by e-mailing me at LJNNugent@AOL.Com.** We would like to have enough handouts for each person. We are really excited about this event and hope that you are too.

Kid's Night Out w/ Dad: Friday, April 14, late afternoon

CALLING ALL DAD'S, GRANDDAD'S, UNCLES, OR SIGNIFICANT MALE OTHERS: On Friday, late afternoon / evening, April 14th, from whenever you can get there until DARK, we will have a **fishing / forest hiking extravaganza!** Bring your kids, food and drinks, bait, bug-spray, and comfy shoes... Mom could use a break, and the kids will have a blast! The Seminole forest entrance is off HWY 46 in Sanford, between the Seminole Towne Center / I-4 and the Wekiva River. The forest has a wonderful kid's fishing pier and a stocked pond; no fishing license is required for the children. There are also miles of great hiking, and lots of wildlife to see. Hope you can make it! Questions? Call **Angie** 407-832-6972 or **Michael** 407-832-1412 **Ritten**.

Yearbook order deadline: Wednesday, April 12 (postmarked)

Be sure to get your orders in before April 12th if you are planning to receive a yearbook at the end of the year! You won't want to miss the collection of pictures from GHS 2005-06! It has been a great year! The cost is \$20. Send your check to Dawn Harper, 508 N. Central Ave., Apopka, FL 32712

Standardized Testing: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday; April 17, 18, 19

Held at FBCSS. Questions? annewbower@yahoo.com or call 407-886-2742.

Book-It Pizza Party: Monday, April 24, 11:30 am, Sylvan Lake Park in Sanford off of Lake Markham Road (same park we had Physical Fitness at).

Each family needs to bring a 2-liter drink and a dessert to share with everyone. Please remember that each child will get two slices of pizza for the Book-It party. If you have other children coming that are not part of the program, you will need to bring a lunch for them or you may purchase extra pizza for your family. Let Denise know so that she can include that in with the order for the party. Contact Denise Stalling at Mikkils@aol.com or by phone at 407-322-0027. RSVP by Saturday, April 22nd.

MAY CALENDAR

Start-Up Meeting for 2006-2007 School Year: Monday, May 1, 7:00 pm, FBCSS

Please mark you calendars!!! This is the only mandatory meeting required all year. At this time, you will need to sign up for your volunteer position, receive your new notebook insert pages and sign up for upcoming/year-long activities. If you would like to chair one of the GHS events, please let a Steering Committee Member know as soon as possible.

K-8 Promotion Night: Friday, May 5, 7:00 PM, FBCSS

This is a night to celebrate all those accomplishments made during the school year! We love to honor the children for all of their hard work this year. If you were a chairman for a committee that will be presenting awards, you will need to contact Janet Brandel at Jbrandel@cfl.rr.com so that she can put you on the schedule. Families who will be attending the ceremony will be asked to bring finger foods to share at the reception following the presentations. You will need to **RSVP no later than April 10 by filling out the Promotion Certificates form** on the last page of this newsletter. This is needed in order for your child to receive their certificates that night.

End of Year Evaluations:

Cisa Simmermacher is a professional teacher and is certified with the State of Florida. She is available to evaluate your child or children by appointment only for \$45.00. If you are interested, please call for an appointment at 407-696-7572.

Dinosaur World: Monday, May 8, meet at 9:00 am to carpool

Meeting at McDonalds at 436 & I-4 (next to Steak & Ale)

Located in Plant City. The month of May 2006 will be "Home School Month".

All home school students and their families will receive the park's group rate discount of **\$6 per person**. Besides over 150 life-size dinosaurs displayed outdoors, Dinosaur World has an indoor museum with exhibits such as authentic dinosaur eggs and bones. At the Fossil Dig, visitors find authentic fossils to take home. A movie, playgrounds, picnic areas, and interactive stations enhance the educational experience at dinosaur World.

Located on I-4 between Tampa and Lakeland, Dinosaur World is a short trip from many central Florida locations. For more information on Dinosaur World contact the park at 813-717-9865 or e-mail Florida@dinoworld.net. Please contact Janet Brandel at Jbrandel@cfl.rr.com if you are interested in joining us for this fieldtrip!

Year End Pool Party: Thursday, May 12, 10:00 AM –12:30 PM

Westmonte Park – Make a splash into summer at the end of the year pool/yearbook signing party! Everyone should bring: your yearbook (if you purchased one), pen, picnic lunch, towel, and swimsuit (girls of all ages need to wear a modest one-piece bathing suit). Come and join GHS for a great time of fun and fellowship! **Everyone is welcome!**

Round Table Meeting: Thursday, May 12, 1:00 PM, Westmonte Park

After the pool party and picnic, we will be having our annual Round Table Meeting. This is your chance to share with the Steering Committee any ideas and suggestions you have about the activities for this year and for the upcoming 2005-2006 school year. It is a very informative meeting, and we need your help to continue to make GHS a success. If you are not coming to the pool party, we would still love for you to come to the meeting. Supervised play will be provided during the meeting time for moms with younger children. Come prepared to share ideas for next year's activities!

GHS Graduation and 9-11 Promotion: Friday, May 19, 7:00 PM

First Baptist Church of Apopka, 411 S. Highland Ave., (off Hwy 441)

You will not want to miss one of our most exciting events! ALL families involved in the Graduation/Promotion Night will be contacted as to what you will need to bring to help with the reception. You will need to **RSVP no later than April 10 by filling out the Promotion Certificates form** on the last page of this newsletter. This is needed in order for your child to receive their certificates that night.

FPEA Convention: Thursday – Saturday, May 25-27

Gaylord Palms Resort

For more information you may visit online at www.fpea.com, or call 1-800-ASK-FPEA. Also, check your FPEA Convention guide that you should have already received in the mail for a complete convention schedule and registration info.

Remember: Deadline for submission to the May newsletter is April 20. Please submit information to Janet Brandel at Jbrandel@cfl.rr.com.

We would like to extend *a great big Thank You* to Laura Nolette, Deborah Leadbeater, Terry Tindel and Judy Walker for putting together the Fine Arts Night and Science Fair in March. It was a lovely evening, which allowed the students to really shine!

A special Thank You to **Susan Coulter** for organizing all the plays this year! They have been wonderful! **Linda Gable** has organized several field trips that have turned out to be a great experience for our young people, too! *Thank you so much!*

We also appreciate **Cisa Simmermacher** heading up Presidential Physical Fitness again this year! *Thank you* for your hard work! Our kids had a good time and felt a sense of accomplishment.

Promotion Certificates

If you desire a Promotion certificate for your child/ren at the Promotion ceremony, we need information from you postmarked no later than **Monday, April 10**.

Please complete the form below and send to:

Cindy Beach,
1557 Crawford Dr.
Apopka, FL 32703

or e-mail to: cbeaches5@yahoo.com

If you are unable to attend the GHS Awards Promotion Night for grades K-8 (May 5) or Promotion/Graduation for grades 9-12 (May 19), but would like to have certificates, you may send a self-addressed manila envelope with postage along with the information form.

Remember, this must be postmarked by Monday, April 10.

Someone from the Promotion committee will call you by Monday, May 1. If you do not get a call, we did not receive your information.

Please write your child's name the way you want it to appear on the certificate.

Please be sure to write neatly.

Parents Name _____ Phone _____

Name: _____ promoted from _____ to _____

Name: _____ promoted from _____ to _____

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For additional children, please use the back of the form.

We will have ____ (number of people) attending the **K-8 Promotion**.

We will have ____ (number of people) attending the **9-12 Graduation/Promotion**.

*“Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD,
that walketh in his ways.”*

Psalm 128:1