

Surface Creek VISION News

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Give Our Kids A VISION For The Future!

September 2010

Quote of the Month:

“Education is not the answer to the question. Education is the means to the answer to all questions.”

~ William Allin

Educator Directory

Please check out our new 2010-2011 Educator Directory. You may get a copy from your RC or by stopping by the office. Our Educator Facilitator, Dan Ihnot, has information about educator classes and other educational opportunities in and around our community.

Summer Enrollment Open Now

Does your family benefit from:

- *Resource Consultant support?
- *Additional funding materials?
- *Activities and enrichment classes?
- *Specialist assistance (Guidance Counselor or Learning Specialist, etc...)?

Do you have homeschooling or traditional-schooling friends who you think might want the same things?

Surface Creek VISION is offering a referral bonus during our open enrollment season! If you refer new learners to our program, and they are actively enrolled on the October 1st "Official Count Day," your family will be eligible for additional funding for the 2010-2011 school year!

Rules:

- 1) Tell your friends about the great support and resources you receive as a Surface Creek VISION family!
- 2) All new learners must complete the application and enrollment process.
- 3) After October 1st, we will put an additional \$100 per full-time new learner and \$50 per part-time new learner into YOUR learner account!

Eligibility

If your Learner is involved in a fall sport at either the High School or Middle School level you must report every week, by Thursday noon, to the SC Vision office whether or not they are eligible for play. If we do not hear from you we will assume they are NOT eligible and will report that to the perspective schools. Eligibility is determined by either the parent or RC affirming a passing grade in each class. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Language Lab

Nora Resz is offering a one hour language lab. This lab is an opportunity for learners to receive tutoring and practice in order to gain confidence and skill. All learners studying a language are invited. There will be a total of seven labs starting September 23rd. There is a \$30 fee for the semester. Please call office to reserve a space.

Spanish Class Offered

Nora Resz is offering Spanish classes for Vision learners. The classes will be held once a week at the SCV office. For more information and to enroll learners, please call Nora at 856-7376.

Learning Styles Profile Now Available

- Are you struggling with finding curriculum that works for your learner?
- Does your learner have a hard time with comprehension, memorization or retention?
- Is your learner bored or unmotivated?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, the online Learning Styles profile might be right for you. Get immediate results that will help you individualize curriculum based on your learner's unique learning style. This is great for families with more than one learner to help focus on individual needs. Along with the profile, the Learning Specialist, Paige Lieberman, will also be available to do follow up consultations with RCs and families.

Cost: \$15 for a K-2nd grade profile, \$25 for 3rd-12th grade online profile, \$50 for families. This can be deducted from the learners' accounts and divided between learners in the same family.

How to Sign Up: Talk to your RC about ordering the profile and then email Paige Lieberman at surfacecreekls@gmail.com to request a form. After receiving the form from you, the Learning Specialist will order the online profile and you will receive a username and password to access the profile.

If you have questions or concerns, contact Paige at surfacecreekls@gmail.com

Calling All Students Grades 9—12

Mr. Don Pyle, Guidance Counselor, will be contacting each of you to set up a one-on-one conference about your goals and plans for after graduation. He offers his services including several easily accessible tools to help you plan for and prepare for your specific dreams and goals. Please call Don at the Vision office to set up a convenient time. Please set up an appointment during the first semester.

EXPLORE Test

All 8th and 9th grade learners are invited to take the EXPLORE test the morning of September 21st. You all should have received a personal letter inviting you to take the test. For more information or to sign up please call Don Pyle at the Vision office.

Vision Funds

Per our Contract of Agreements, items purchased with VISION funds are not to be sold for personal financial gain. When you are no longer using an item that is still in good condition, it should be returned to the VISION office. We are trying to build our inventory so that all learners can benefit from having less to purchase with each year's funds. We will take back non-consumable curricular materials, complete sets of manipulatives, equipment, instruments, computers, and the list goes on! Please consult your RC before disposing of any items purchased with VISION funds; however, it is never appropriate to sell items for personal profit.

Vision Sponsored Classes

September 10th –Camp Cedaredge SC Vision Fall Event

12:00 Paintball

3:00 to 6:00 Ropes Course, Beach Volleyball, Giant Swing, Climbing Wall, & Bump and Jump

6:00 Dinner

3:00 to 8:00 Miniature Golf, Basketball, and Beach Volleyball

8:00 Camp fire and S'mores

September 23rd – Fall Crafts Class 10:00 a.m.

September 24th -Field trip to the Black Canyon. Program focus will be geology. We will meet with the geology educator at the South Rim Visitor Center. We will spend an hour or so there, then drive to Warner Point. At Warner Point we will have lunch at the picnic area, then hike the Warner Point Trail. We will finish at Painted Wall overlook.

9:30 until 12:30.

September 28th -Free Class on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Bobby Jimenez, Native American flute player, will present a demonstration of different kinds of flutes and flute playing.

October 8th – Field Trip 1:00 to 3:00 Cross Orchards Living History Museum.

Costumed interpreters at the Museum's Cross Orchards Historic Site offer you opportunity to step back in time. Stroll around the beautiful grounds and check out the historic buildings. The large barn/packing shed and bunkhouse are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Who knows, maybe you will get lucky enough to have a cookie baked from the Bunkhouse woodstove.

Reminder: A \$25.00 fee deducted from Learner Funds covers all entrance fees for SC Vision sponsored field trips!

Community Events

September 9th- Pianist Sam Rotman is coming to the Chapel of the Cross for a concert on Thursday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. Rotman received his bachelor and master of music degrees from the Julliard School in New York City. Admission is by donation.

September 11th—Black Canyon Astronomical Society and the City of Delta Recreation and Cultural Department are co-sponsoring a star party at 8 p.m. Meet behind Bill Heddles Recreation Center in Confluence Park. Bring your own lawn chair. Learn about our solar system, the planets, stars, galaxies and how to observe them. This event is free but pre-registration is recommended. Call 874-0923 for more information.

September 22nd— A free presentation on the local wildflowers of the Redlands, Black Canyon and Grand Mesa on Wednesday, Sept. 22, from 1-3 p.m. at the Stolte Shed in Cedaredge. Learn where they are, when to see them and then how to find these natives as well as some interesting information about their growth and propagation.

For further information call Rae-Ann Simmons at 856-7809.

Usborne Books & More Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Surface Creek Vision Book Fair! We are able to gain free books for the unit study boxes available to check out at the office. We will be closing the book fair on September 15, so please order before that date. The website you can order from is: <http://www.myubam.com/ecommerce/main.asp?sid=Z2884&gid=100747901&BFID=BF33735> or go to funtasticbooks.com and click on the Surface Creek Vision Book Fair link on the right side of the page. If you have any questions or would like to buy directly from inventory, please call Tanya Simler at 856-6623.

Surface Creek Vision

Annual Fall Event

Friday, September 10th at Camp Cedaredge

19934 Highway 65

12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. ~ paintball only

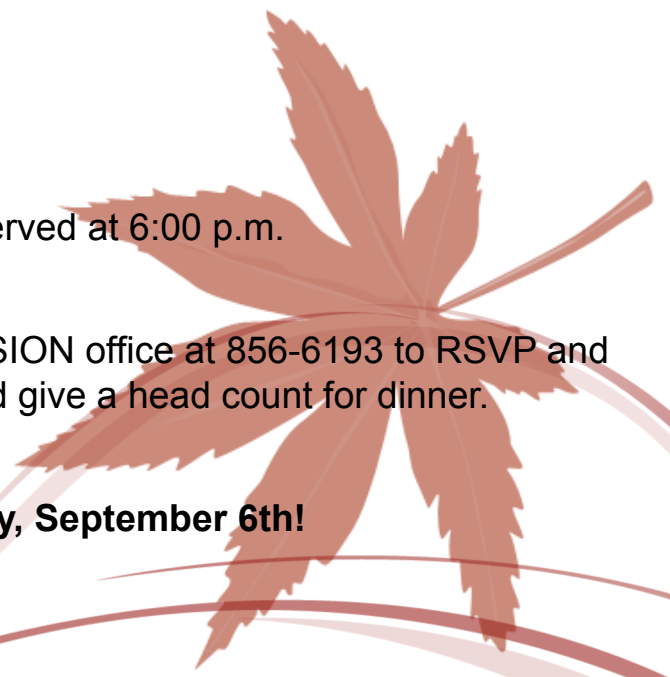
3:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. ~ all other events

- ◆ Mini Golf
- ◆ Beach Volleyball
- ◆ Paintball (guns, protective equipment & 200 rounds of ammo will be provided for a fee of \$15.00. Paintball will be open from 12:00—3:00 p.m.)
- ◆ High Ropes Course (\$21.50 fee and opens at 3:00 p.m.)
- ◆ Climbing Wall (\$5.00 fee and opens at 3:00 p.m.)
- ◆ Giant Swing
- ◆ Bump & Jump
- ◆ Bonfire for S'mores

Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

You must call the Surface Creek VISION office at 856-6193 to RSVP and sign up for paid activities and give a head count for dinner.

RSVP by Monday, September 6th!



DIBELS Assessment

DIBELS Assessment window is now open and will remain open until September 17th. You should be expecting a phone call from DIBELS Assessment coordinators to schedule a time that you can bring your child/children in for their assessment. This assessment is required for all learners K-3.

Be Aware

The Surface Creek VISION program has received information regarding a suspicious person that has been attempting to gain entrance to local resident's homes by telling them that he is "from the school" and was sent to "fix their computer." The Surface Creek VISION program will never send anyone to your home without notifying you in advance. Further, we do not do "house calls" for computer related issues. Should you receive a visit from this person, we encourage you to contact the police immediately. Please contact Amy Miller at the office if you have further questions.

Thank You

Thank you to all our families for participating in our Registration Days and Paragon System Training! We enjoyed seeing each of you and look forward to serving you and your learners in the coming school year!

Parent Accountability Committee

Parent Accountability Committee Forming Soon! Returning members of the Parent Accountability Committee will be contacted in the next week to set a date for the first meeting of the new school year. Contact Amy Miller at the office if you'd like to be included in this group this year!

Thomas Jefferson Education Opportunities

A "Face to Face with Greatness" seminar will be offered on September 17th and 18th in Montrose. Liz Ackerman is hosting and it will be taught by the former president of George Wythe University (George Wythe was the mentor of Thomas Jefferson), Shannon Brookes. He has retired from University life on a mission to share TJED with as many families and teachers around the country as he can. Cost is \$155.00 per person or \$275.00 per couple. Registration is limited to 70 participants. For more information or to register, please contact Liz at 970-249-1033.

The next opportunity is a class Anna Gilmore will be holding which complements the Face to Face with Greatness Seminar. She is holding it for 7 Fridays between September 24th and November 19th. This is an opportunity for adults to get together in a weekly class and experience a Thomas Jefferson Education for themselves. You can't effectively share with others something you have not experienced personally. It is open to members of the community who are interested in beginning their own classical education, but it is specifically aimed at educators. If you are interested please call Anna Gilmore at 970-216-7849 or email at anna.gilmore@gmail.com

Scantron

Our Scantron assessment window is now open for 2nd—10th grade learners. Scantron is a computer-adaptive test that lets you quickly pinpoint the proficiency level of your child, across a range of subjects, that correspond with the specific standards of your state. This provides for more accurate student placement; diagnosis of instructional needs, including instructional adjustments; and measurement of learner gains. Please contact your RC if you are interested in learning more about Scantron or assessing your child.