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Homeschool Excellence Day Planned

from Howard Richman

A homeschool excellence day, sponsored by *PA Homeschoolers*, is being planned for Tuesday, September 19, in Harrisburg. It will include:

1. A breakfast for legislators and homeschoolers at the Harrisburg Hotel from 8 to 9:10 in the morning where student speakers will describe their home education.
2. A state-wide homeschooling science, social studies, art, and essay competition displayed on tables and bulletin boards all day in the State Capitol (East Wing) featuring top projects from homeschoolers across the state. State-wide winners will be awarded ribbons.
3. A rally and press conference on the steps of the Capitol Rotunda at 1pm where we will tell the continuing story of homeschool success in Pennsylvania.

This will be a chance to re-acquaint the legislators and the new administration about homeschool success in case issues affecting us come up in the legislature. Also it provides us an opportunity to learn about our government.

What You Can Do Now:

1. Organize an art, science, or social studies fair and then send the names of the first and second place winners to Sue Ann Means. They will automatically be entered in the state-wide competition. (A science or social studies project should take 2½'x3' or 2½'x4' of table space.)

2. You can also enter your own children's art, science, and social studies projects by sending photos and descriptions to Sue Ann Means (3485 South Park Rd., Bethel Park PA 15102, 412-854-4188). Because of space limitations (just 20 tables) we may not be able to include every project.

3. Children's essays (up to 2 pages, typed) which tell the story of a unique learning experience at home can be entered by sending them by Sept. 1 to Madalene Murphy (RD 6 -- Box 24, Wellsboro PA 16901). Winners will be displayed in Harrisburg and published in the *Back Pack*.

What You Can Do on September 19

1. Bring your family to the legislative breakfast and invite your own State Representative and State Senator to join you there. Registration forms will be included in the next issue of this newsletter (\$7.95 adults, \$4.00 kids).
2. If your art, science, or social studies project has been selected, bring it to the East Wing of the Rotunda and set it up between 10am and 11am. Then invite your State Representative and State Senator to come see it with you.
3. Arrange to meet with your state representative or senator that day. You could show them your portfolio, or maybe have your children interview them to find out what they do (prepare a list of questions ahead of time), or maybe have pictures taken with them for your portfolio.
4. After touring the Capitol, you could visit the nearby Museum of Scientific Discovery or the PA State Museum.
5. Call Sue Ann Means if you would like to help out with judging, planning, or set-up (412-854-4188).

More Homeschooled Students in PA!

According to PA Dept. of Ed. Statistics

