



February 2017

Our 21st Annual Conference!

Registration is almost ready!

[Join us](#) May 26 and 27 in Sussex, N.B. for a plethora of tools to utilize on your homeschooling journey. Be encouraged, educated, and empowered by speakers, resource-providers, and supportive networking options!

We are excited to have Steve Demme, creator of the [Math-U-See](#) program, as our special speaker. Steve is also the founder of [Building Faith Families](#) and has a vast array of subjects to talk about. Check him out! Then come see him in person!

"I have a strong desire to see a balanced biblical view of the family be restored. I believe God has a wonderful plan for the Christian family and am committed to



Around the province!

What are your peers up to?

Our friends at Fundy Home Educators participate faithfully, every year!



Canada's (unofficial) Walk for Homelessness! [The Coldest Night of the Year](#) is a super-fun, family-friendly walking fundraiser that raises money for the hungry, homeless and hurting in 100+ communities across Canada. Since 2011, they have raised \$12 million dollars. Mark it on your calendar for 2018.

News from HSLDA

Items for praise and prayer

from the HSLDA office...



The board of directors of The Home School Legal Defence Association of Canada (HSLDA) and the Canadian Centre for Home Education (CCHE) is pleased to announce the appointment of Peter Stock as President of HSLDA and CCHE.

Peter and his wife, Tarah, and their four children currently live in Orillia, Ontario where they have been homeschooling for the past ten years. Peter brings a wealth of experience to this position that makes him highly suitable as President. By education and employment, Peter began as a geologist, then quickly moved into many other areas as well. Peter is a writer and journalist having worked with the Alberta and BC Report for two years as the Parliament Hill correspondent. Peter spent many years in the political and legislative arena starting as the

National Affairs Director for the Family Action Coalition in Ottawa, where he served for three years. Peter has been integrally involved in the political and legislative process at a national level having served as a legislative assistant for four years and as a political chief of staff to a Member of Parliament for eleven years. Peter, through this experience, understands well the process and intricacies of drafting legislation and the art of influencing those in authority. Peter was pivotally involved in drafting bills and orchestrating the implementation of important legislation.

This experience uniquely prepares Peter to lead HSLDA and CCHE in advancing home education across Canada.

Peter is currently transitioning into the position on a part-time basis and will fully assume the role of President effective March 6, 2017.

Peter is assuming the role of President from Paul Faris who has served with HSLDA in an outstanding manner for the past fourteen years. Paul's leadership has been greatly appreciated and will be sorely missed. Paul will continue to work with Peter in the transition until April. The board of HSLDA and CCHE thanks Paul for his role in the work and ministry of HSLDA and CCHE over the past fourteen years, and we would ask all to join us in that thanks.

The board welcomes Peter and knows that he will serve HSLDA and CCHE well as we continue to advance the freedom to choose and to enjoy the benefits of home education across Canada.

Sincerely,
The Board of Directors of
The Home School Legal Defence Association of
Canada and Canadian Centre for Home
Education

Canada Turns 150

Birthday celebrations all year long!



Make the most of your Canada 150! An [amazing website](#) full of ways to participate and

celebrate, compliments of our federal government! Just a tiny sample of what jewels you will find as you peruse - 150 ways to get active like a Canadian, a Sharing Dance that ALL can learn, FREE Discovery Pass for Parks Canada and 150 years of history lessons!

Take note: Two great contests worth considering - [Canada Day Challenge](#)

- [Innovation 150](#)

Starting to plan for summer?

Register early, space is limited!



Huntsman Marine Science Center is offering some [amazing courses](#) ! Early bird discounts apply.



Home and School with Heart

The Winter Blues

From a mom who suffers

"Today I don't want to be a Homeschool Mom.

No seriously, I don't.

I wake up and the covers feel heavy as well as my heart.

The warmth of my bed beckons like a cocoon to wrap myself in, until winter is over and I'm finally ready to emerge."

Find the rest of the story [here](#).



Great is His Faithfulness

Spring ALWAYS follows winter!

To print and put on your fridge as a reminder



Welcoming the season

Activities for all



From various sources-

- *Learn about the Vernal Equinox*
- *Prepare egg dishes & share them with friends*

- Decorate your home with spring flowers
 - Wear green, the color of life
 - Begin a new project
 - Have a picnic (indoors or out)
 - Wax [poetic](#) about the beauty of spring
 - Fly a kite
 - Splash in a puddle
 - Trace your arm and use colored popcorn to make a tree full of blossoms
 - Make a graph and start checking the temperature regularly
 - Get a rain gauge to watch
 - Blow bubbles
 - Listen to classical music that celebrates spring, like [Antonio Vivaldi's "Four Seasons"](#)
 - Go for a walk and look for signs of spring
 - Have a scavenger hunt and look for objects that are green
 - Make spring rolls
 - Tune your bike
 - Learn some [life cycles](#)
 - Make some fancy garden stepping stones to decorate your yard
 - Plan a garden, then plant one
 - Set up a bird bath and/or feeder
 - Press spring wildflowers and make bookmarks for Mother's Day gifts
 - Check local - what animals are waking up? what birds are returning? what flowers will be poking through?
 - Read lots of books on spring
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- And if all else fails there's always spring cleaning!

Legislative Tour

A united front



HENB is pleased to organize our biennial field trip to the Legislative Building

on Tuesday, March 14.

There are two tour time options for families:

1. 11am-12pm tour (appropriate for all ages)
2. 12pm-1pm tour (appropriate for all ages)

The house begins sitting at 1pm and all are welcome to sit in the balcony for as long as you would like.

Cost: FREE for HENB families
\$10/ family for non-member families

Why not make a day of it in Fredericton? Other great Fredericton field trip options include:

- Science East, one block from the Legislature building (get a discount when you show your HENB card at the door!)
- Beaverbrook Art Gallery, across the street from the Legislature

To register, please email [Dawn Cumberland](mailto:Dawn.Cumberland@hcnb.ca) or if you have any questions about Fredericton field trips, don't hesitate to ask.

Be sure to include the following information in your registration email:

Name:
Names and ages of children:
HENB member number (if applicable):
Preferred tour time:

The \$10 payment for non-members can be paid at the door but once you reserve, the registration fee is non-refundable and will be collected at conference if you do not show up. Cancellations can be fully refunded until March 7th.

Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with helpful educational links if you would like to prepare your children or follow up with some enhancement activities.

If Your Graduate Has Post-Secondary

Rod would love to speak to you!

If your home school graduate has attended a post-secondary institution, please contact HENB President, [Rod Cumberland](mailto:Rod.Cumberland@hcnb.ca) to further strengthen our bargaining position when HENB negotiates for less restrictive admission requirements for home educated students.



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"An observant child should be put in the way of things worth observing."

-Charlotte Mason

"Profound thought is conveyed in language of very great simplicity and purity."

-Charlotte Mason
