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Around the province!

What are your peers up to?

Have you ever wondered what other homeschool groups do? Do you have a favorite outing that your group does regularly?



Here at the River Valley Home Educators, we do a gym day every other Friday for 1 1/2 hours and finish off with a potluck snack! Sometimes we rent a couple of courts from the local civic center and sometimes we play relays and other team oriented games in the gym of a church. We make it a point to play some active games to get the blood flowing! It provides a social time, practice at leadership (captaining a team), and

good physical activity. Let [us](#) know what you do with your group.

News from HSLDA

Items for praise and prayer

Good news in Alberta!



A successful and favourable agreement has been reached in the Trinity/WISDOM case in Alberta!

After many months of uncertainty and stress, the AB Gov has agreed to reinstate Trinity/Wisdom as a private school and homeschooling program. This means that families registered with WISDOM can stay with them and will not need to take any further action.

Read the [Trinity/WISDOM statement](#) on their website.

HSLDA would like to congratulate Jay Cameron, lawyer for Trinity/WISDOM, for the excellent job he has done in this case on behalf of Trinity/WISDOM. HSLDA also wants to mention the tireless work that AHEA has done on behalf of homeschooling families in Alberta.

There is bound to be an ongoing discussion about the political environment surrounding homeschooling in Alberta, and so HSLDA is committed to continuing to support the homeschool movement in Alberta. However, this decision in favour of WISDOM certainly does speak to the unreasonableness of the approach of Alberta Education, and should dissuade them from taking similar action against other private schools. This is a victory for parents across that province.

Watch the HSLDA blog and our regular emails for any details as this story, and its surrounding issues, continue to unfold.

For now, congratulations to Trinity/WISDOM and to homeschooling families in Alberta for this victory!

What will YOU do in a provincial crisis?

When provincial governments change policy and negatively encroach on homeschooling freedoms, how will you respond? How should we respond? As individuals who represent a larger community, we need to think more broadly about these crises and respond appropriately. Lisa McManus and Kerry Mullenix show us how.



Save the Date - May 26 and May 27, 2017!

Conference is coming!

Steve Demme, founder of the [Math-U-See](#) program, will be our special speaker this year. He is also the founder of [Building Faith Families](#) and has a vast array of subjects to talk about. Below is an excerpt from his [website](#). Feel free to check it 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 understanding more about this divine institution from His perspective." Steve Demme

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!

Highlights for February- February 15 is [National Flag of Canada Day](#).

- [Black History Month](#) with [virtual museum and treasure hunt](#)

Looking for something to do?

New Brunswick has lots to choose from!



[Turn Up Your Winter](#)
inside and out!

Home and School with Heart

Great new read

From a homeschooling pioneer

Sally Clarkson has just released her latest book, co-authored with her son Nathan.

"Join Sally and Nathan as they share their stories from a personal perspective as mother and son. If you are in need of help and hope in your own journey with an outside-the-box child, or if you're an adult trying to make sense of your differences, you'll find deep insight, resonance, and encouragement in the pages of this book."

For the book and more, click [here](#).



Hot Chocolate for everyone! Warming up winter's way



A [new take](#) on an old favourite! Yum

Fun winter experiments Brr...only in the cold

Cool (pun NOT intended) [experiments](#) for scientists of all ages.



Legislative Tour

A united front



Join other home educating families from around the province for a tour of our provincial government facilities in **March** and a chance to observe our Legislature in session. Stay tuned for details!

It's that time of year!

Preparing for Post Secondary

Most colleges and universities offer events to help students transition from high school. The following are just a few of those happening around the province.

[UNB Transition to University Events](#)

[Winter Open House: Future STUdent Campus Takeover](#)

[24 Hour Crandall](#)

[Student for a Day at NBCC](#)



Thanks for filling out the survey!

We are excited about your responses!

If you were unable to complete the survey but would still like to, [we would love to hear from you!](#)



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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