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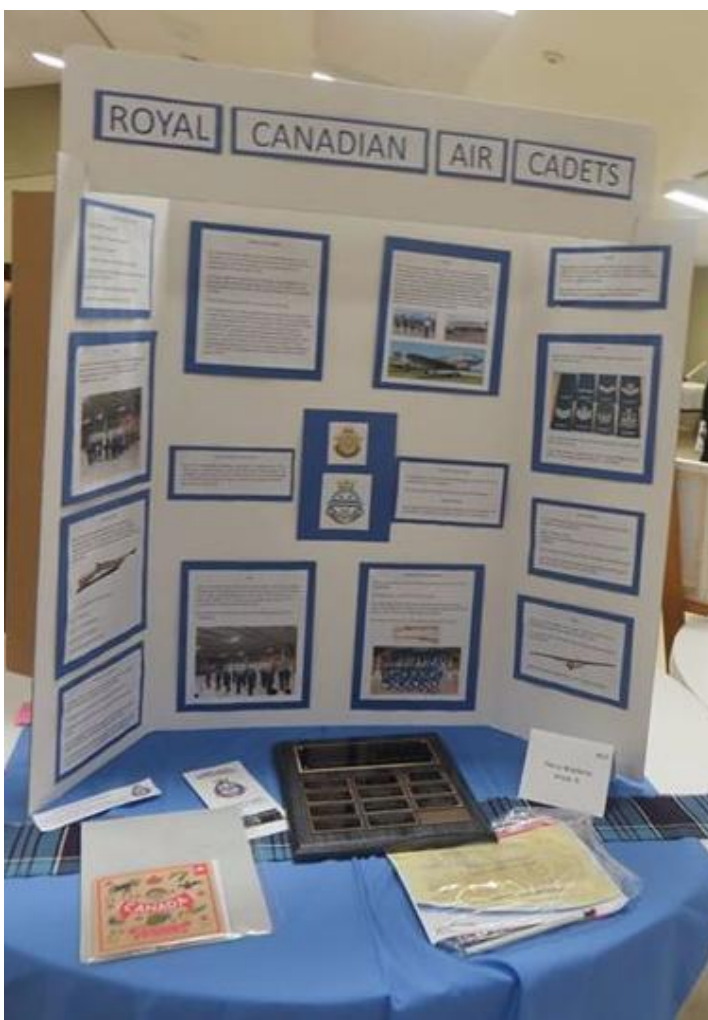
Our 21st Annual Conference - May 26 & 27, 2017
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Around the province!

What are your peers up to? Same as you!



to Canada and history. 2017 is obviously our 150th!

The [Heritage Fair](#) is a history fair, where students can research a particular historical event, person or place, and present the fruits of their labour to other students and judges.

Most local support groups hold a local fair. The Home Educators of New Brunswick host a regional fair in Saint John.

The local fair is non-competitive and is a small, relaxed event. The regional fair is competitive, with prizes awarded in a number of different categories. Both events provide excellent opportunities for home educated students to present their work to a wider audience.

There is usually a theme, for example, The World Wars, but students can also research a subject of their choosing, relating

This is a fun way to learn about Canada's past and also gives the students the chance to learn from each other. It is also a great way to meet other home educators and share ideas and encouragement. ~ Nicky Middleton

News from HSLDA

Items for praise and prayer

Welcome President Peter Stock



It is with great excitement that we introduce to you today HSLDA's new president, Peter Stock. Peter and Paul Faris sat down for a quick video update to introduce Peter to you. It is a bittersweet video as it is Paul's last video update for HSLDA, and his presence will certainly be missed. At the same time, it is a great encouragement to hear from Peter and to imagine the future of homeschooling in Canada. As Paul mentions, the potential for growth and progress is immense.

Without further ado, meet Peter!



What perfect timing for Peter to join the HSLDA family. As he said, he will be travelling across the country to various homeschool conferences. Make sure you stop by the HSLDA table at your local conference and introduce yourself to Peter.

HSLDA would like to thank you for your encouraging words and your support through this transition process, and for your well wishes to Paul as he begins a new chapter in life. The HSLDA family is truly amazing! We are grateful to be a part of your journey.

In the comments, would you welcome Peter in with greetings, and send Paul off with kind goodbyes? And let's look forward to all that this new season for HSLDA and for homeschooling in Canada will hold.

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!

Anyone gearing up for the Stanley Cup playoffs?



A [history lesson](#) (day 17) and more!

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

Lessons from a young girl

Though separated by centuries

The [one word](#) homeschool moms need to say more often.



Assessment

Are you where you want to be?

It is no surprise that assessment in home education is as varied as each of our homes. As our schooling ranges from formal to informal so do our assessments. Assessment

assumes a criteria. Do we know what the criteria is? Did we choose the criteria? Do our learners know what the criteria is? Is it a moving target? There are many questions we can ask ourselves but probably the most important is how does this criteria relate to the goals of our home education. There is value in being purposeful in determining our goals and objectives because then they can inform our curriculum (what we learn), our methodology (how we learn) and our assessments (when have we reached mastery). There are many types of assessment that occur throughout the learning process (diagnostic, formative and summative to name a few). There are also many different ways to assess knowledge or performance as varied as listening to your child read to taking the SAT. The type of assessment and the method of assessing are secondary to knowing where you want to be.

"Feedback is a free education to excellence. Seek it with sincerity and receive it with grace." Ann Marie Houghtailing

To help: ["If assessment is the end, then what was the beginning?"](#)
[Types of Assessments](#)

~Kari Dunfield

Easter

Activities for all



A couple links missing,
but we think you'll love what you find [here](#).

Legislative Tour

A united front

March 14, 2017 was a fun day! We had a tour of the Legislative Building and then got to sit in on the assembly. Each MLA was given an introductory letter containing a summary of our recent survey and a sweet treat prepared by Melanie Eigheneer. The building itself is very interesting if you enjoy old buildings and amazing carvings. If you have never been there and enjoy history, it is well worth your time. From a free standing (at least when it was built) spiral staircase to the original library (the only part that was not destroyed in the fire of 1880) to the huge pictures of King George V and his wife Queen Mary which were reportedly just "found" in an attic, it is amazing. The size of the rooms and the height of the ceilings indicate the grandeur that the builders and

designers of 1882 wanted this place to portray. The modern additions of the brass chandeliers has continued this feeling if not increased it. Aside from the impressiveness of this building, the staff and tour guide were friendly and professional. Several of the MLAs took time out of their busy day to come and speak with our group and to thank us for coming, but probably the best part was to have Premier Brian Gallant come and greet us and have his picture taken with our group while we were gathered on the famous spiral staircase. ~Lora Carter



Caton's Island

Homeschooling Family Camp

Cabins are full, but tenting is still an option for the 22nd-25th of June.

Price: \$275/ 3 nights with accommodations, food, and activities included.

\$100 deposit required to reserve your spot!

Contact [Dawn](#) for more details.



LabEx 2017

Compliments of Crandall University



A great opportunity for home schooled high school students!
Crandall University's LabEx 2017 will be held the week of May 8th - 12th
Crandall's Science Department is accepting applications from students
who are a minimum of 16 years of age and who have had at least one year
of Grade 11 high school science.

It is intended for students who are thinking about going to university, but
have not had senior high school level science laboratory experience.

The program includes ten, 3 hour, high school level laboratory sessions in
Biology and Chemistry.

The majority of students who typically attend are home schooled or attend
private schools and the number accepted is limited.

Please see [here](#) for all the details.

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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

