



## October 2018 News & Events



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### Register Now for the October PSAT

This is the month for high school sophomores and juniors to take the PSAT. The PSAT is only offered once a year so register now. The cost varies by school, but is typically around \$15. To learn which local schools are offering the test, [click here](#).

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### Fall Family Homeschool Day Nov. 2 at Hatfield Marine Science Center

Through a variety of hands-on activities, families will engage both sides of their brain by learning and experiencing both artistic and scientific connections to the ocean. [Click here](#) for details, including the program track offerings. Don't delay registering if you're interested. These fill up quickly.

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### "Created for Change: A Missions Conference for Students" by Mission Connexions Nov. 2-3

This free conference, featuring missionary speakers, break-out sessions, workshops and exhibits, is for ages 10-20. [Click here](#) for details and [scroll down this page](#) to get a synopsis and register.

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### "We Are the First Generation of Parents Who MUST Have This Talk"

## (The Digital Footprint Talk)

by Barrett Johnson

"It's a universal truth that teenagers are not yet able to fully understand the long-term implications of the choices they make today. But this generation of teens have access to a digital world that has the potential to display their bone-headed choices (and their consequences) to the world, at large. The bad news is that, once they put something out there, it's hard to get it back. Parents MUST talk about this with their kids. Here are a few things about which you might need to educate yourself..." [Read the article.](#)

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### Scholarships: Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest (up to \$30,000) & Patriot's Pen Essay Contest (up to \$5,000) - Deadlines Oct. 31

~ The Voice of Democracy 2018-19 essay theme is "Why My Vote Matters," and is for grades 9-12.

~ The Patriot's Pen essay writing contest theme is "Why I Honor the American Flag," and is for grades 6-8.

[Click here](#) for details on both. The local contact is [Bob Ford](#), (360) 518-7828.

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### Sons of the American Revolution Knight Essay Contest - \$500-\$5,000 Awarded - Deadline to Enter Dec. 31

Freshmen through Seniors in high school are eligible. [Click here](#) for details.

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### Old Apple Tree Festival Oct. 6

The family-friendly free event offers live music, tree care workshops, Vancouver Land Bridge tours, kids' hands-on arts and crafts, and food for purchase. The popular free apple pressing also returns to the event, and the public is encouraged to bring clean apples and containers to participate. [Click here](#) for details.

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### Cedar Creek Grist Mill Apple Pressing Day Oct. 27

The mill will process about 8,000 pounds of apples into apple cider. Join in the fun and enjoy free apple cider. Get the details [here](#).

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### Pomeroy Farm Pumpkin Lane

Take a hayride down Pumpkin Lane, visit the animals, try the pumpkin flume, conquer the hay bale maze, and tour the log house. [Click here](#) for more details.

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### Ridgefield BirdFest & Bluegrass Oct. 5-7

Audubon Live Bird Show, Sandhill Crane tours, family activities, birders marketplace, Cathlapotle Plankhouse tours, Native American lectures, Bird Language Workshop, watercolor painting workshop, kayak tours, bluegrass music concerts, and more. [Click here](#) for details.

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## Cool Links

### **Educational & Other**

[Discovering Egypt](#) - A stunning website with history, a hieroglyphic typewriter, 3D temple reconstructions, and more.

[14 Business Ideas for Homeschool Families](#)  
[mSpy Smartphone Monitoring Software](#)

### **Theater**

[Christian Youth Theater](#) - Portland/Vancouver

[Journey Theater](#)

[Magenta Theater](#)

### **Stuff to Do**

[School at Home Adventures Field Trips](#)

[Fort Vancouver Regional Library](#)

[Oregon Museum of Science & Industry](#)

[Oregon Zoo](#)

[Vancouver Water Resource Center](#)

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