CCHE News and Events

May 2025

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CCHE MAY MEETING

Monday, May 12
7:00 - 8:30 pm
The Lighthouse Church/
Little Lights Learning Center
7808 NE 94th Ave., Vancouver
(It's in the corner of the shopping center)

USED CURRICULUM SALE JUNE 21

Do you have materials you are finished with? Need some new items for next year?
The annual CCHE Used Book Sale is coming up in June.
It's the biggest, best used book sale around. It's for home schooling families, by home schooling families.

No sitting at a table all day. You label and price the items, drop them off in the morning, volunteers sort them onto tables by age and subject to make it easy to shop, people come and find what they need, and at the end of the day, you pick up what is left.

Start labeling things now and on the day of the sale, you can bring them in the morning. The directions are on the website, along with labels you can print off and tape on, and a page where you list your items.

For more information, visit https://vancouverusedbooksale.weebly.com/

SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP

NBC Basketball Camps will be hosting a basketball camp this summer at Hockinson High School for boys and girls age 9-17.
August 2-3 from 9 am - 3 pm.
For additional information, see
https://www.nbccamps.com/basketball/camps/hockinson-basketball-camps

Visit Whole Armor Martial Arts at www.wholearmor.net.

CASCADIA TECH SUMMER SCHOOL

May 1 is the registration date for Cascadia Tech Summer school. Registration opens at 8 AM.
Students who have completed grades 8, 9, 10, or 11 are eligible to apply.
Classes begin Monday, June 23 and run for 3 weeks, until July 11 (no classes on July 4).
The classes are all day, from 8 am - 3:30 pm. Students can earn 0.5 credit.
For additional information, visit the summer school page on their website at
https://www.cascadiatechnicalacademy.org/page/summer-school-information

OMSI $5 SUNDAYS

Explore the museum's permanent exhibit halls and labs for just $5 per person on the first Sunday of each month. (Next $5 is May 4, 2025.) Tickets for the Empirical Theater and Kendall Planetarium shows, tours of the USS Blueback Submarine, as well as select special exhibitions can also be purchased for $5 per person on OMSI $5 Days. They anticipate higher traffic on $5 Days and encourage guests to purchase tickets in advance online.

Current Featured Exhibits:

Featured Events

Jurassic World by Brickman®
Runs through September 1, 2025
More than fifteen life-size LEGO brick dinosaurs roared into the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry when the Jurassic World by Brickman® exhibition opened on March 15. With over 50 large-scale dinosaurs, props, scenes, and activities made from over 6 million LEGO® bricks, the immersive must-do adventure provides inquisitive explorers an interactive and thrilling journey through stories and characters from the Jurassic World franchise.

Knowing Nature: Stories of the Boreal Forest
Runs through July 6, 2025
Explore the biodiversity of the northernmost forests while gaining important insights into their global significance through our newest exhibit, "Knowing Nature: Stories of the Boreal Forest!" This beautiful exhibit thoughtfully combines interactive experiences, stunning media, first-person stories, and commissioned objects to immerse visitors in the boreal biome. Discover the sights, sounds, textures, and stories of the Boreal Forest at OMSI.

JOY OF DANCE BALLET RECITAL

Mark your calendar for the Joy of Dance recital, to be held June 20-21

www.mindfulltutoring.com

MAY GARDEN EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

3 - Cowlitz County Master Gardener Series: Vertical Gardening
10:30-11:30 am Woodland Community Library

3- Adult Plant and Seed Swap
10:30-11:30 am Three Creeks Community Library

10- Master Gardener Series: Houseplants 101
2:00-3:30 pm Battle Ground Community Library

17 - Master Gardener Series: Hostas - Your Answer to Color in the Shade Garden
1:00-2:00 pm Ridgefield Community Library

24 - Master Gardener Series: Houseplants 102
2:00-3:00 pm La Center Community Library

31 - Master Gardener Series: Sustainable Landscaping
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Cascade Park Community Library

NW COLLEGE OF CONSTRUCTION CAREER DAY

Friday, May 9, 2025
10 AM - 1 PM
This event is organized to introduce high school students to careers in the construction industry. There will be booths by contractors, suppliers, trade apprenticeship programs and industry supporters. Hands-on activities will include installing plumbing, using a GPS system in excavation, using computer programs for estimating and bidding jobs, and more. There may also be opportunities to run heavy equipment in a controlled environment. Space is limited to 450 students.
For more information and to register, go to https://nwcoc.com/career-day/

Difficulties with reading? We're here to help!

For nearly 40 years, Northwest Reading Clinic, Inc. has offered diagnostic testing and daily one-on-one sessions to treat difficulties with reading, spelling, and comprehension, including dyslexia. We work with ages 5 through adult in Tigard, OR and Vancouver, WA, and offer flexible daytime slots for homeschool families.

Interested in empowering your student? Visit NorthwestReadingClinic.com today

FARMER'S MARKETS

Vancouver Farmer's Market
6th & Esther Sat 9-3 Sun 10-3

Ridgefield Farmer's Market
Overlook Park at Pioneer & Main Street Wed 3-7

Note: Camas Farmer's Market begins June 1
East Vancouver and Salmon Creek Farmer's Markets begin June 21

LA CENTER ARTS FESTIVAL

May 10 from 9 AM - 4 PM
Holley Park, 1000 E. 4th St.
Check out their Facebook Page:
https://www.facebook.com/events/1616959552472988/

THE 2025 PORTLAND WRITING WORKSHOP

A full-day "How to Get Published" writing event in Portland, OR on Friday, May 9, 2025

https://portlandwritingworkshop.com/

CHUCK E CHEESE HOMESCHOOL PLAY DAY

Second Tuesday of the month: May 13
11 am to 4 pm
$11.99 per child
No age limit

ALL KIDS RECEIVE:
90 minutes of all you can play games, reusable play pass card,
E-tickets earned from Game Play, Free soft drink and refills

CAMPING SEASON IS ALMOST HERE

The camping season is almost here. Time to get ready for your camping trips. Practice knot tying, setting up your tent, starting a safe fire, plant identification (you don't want to accidentally eat something poisonous), and any other skills you know you will need.

You might also want to practice camp cooking over an open fire or on your camp stove (whichever you will be using while gone). Recipes often use different items (freeze dried instead of frozen vegetables...) and cooking with a different heat source can have an impact on your cooking. If you will be in a windy area, you might also want to practice making a wind break for around your cooking area.

Practice setting up your camping set up in your backyard. Having a few "camping weekends" in your backyard helps you update your list of camping supplies needed. This is important. You don't want to need to make an emergency store run (especially if the local stores are closed) because you forgot something. Some items that have been known to be forgotten are sleeping bags, cooking pans, eating utensils, yellow jacket traps, jackets, protein for your camp dinners.....

If you are going to be going for a long (5-10days or more) hike, looking into light weight items is helpful!

Bush craft skills are also helpful to look into for back country backpacking or camping trips.

USING YOUR GARDEN PRODUCE

Harvestable now -

- Arugula
- Asparagus
- Chard
- Garlic Scapes
- Green Onions
- Herbs
- Kohlrabi
- Lettuce
- Pea Tips
- Radishes
- Rhubarb
- Salad Greens
- Spinach

For most of these, a nice salad is the way to go.
Asparagus is great when steamed, sauteed with herbs or barbecued.
Herbs can be used in most anything. Picking parts of herbs helps them to grow better and give you more herbs!
Rhubarb needs to be cooked. Great in pies especially with strawberries.

COMPOSTING

The public library has many books on composting.
Many people have trouble rotating a traditional compost bin. One easy option is to use a compost tumbler. You can purchase these or make a simple one.

- Here is one from HGTV : https://www.hgtv.com/outdoors/landscaping-and-hardscaping/how-to-build-a-diy-compost-tumbler
- Here is one from the Family Handyman : https://www.familyhandyman.com/project/diy-compost-tumbler/?srsltid=AfmBOoojF3t-yak5OLW3Q6y9czTLFAcM7uTR9je73FnmOfKMNcbDdmrN

GARDEN PLANNING, PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE

Gardening information from ***The Timber Press Guide to Vegetable Gardening in the Pacific Northwest*** edited by Lorene Edwards Forkner.

PLAN

- Assess the growing season: jot down notes in your garden journal about
  - weather condition
  - plant performance
  - favorite varieties

PREPARE AND MAINTAIN

- Keep up with weeding and patrol for pests (especially slugs)
- Go out after dark with a flashlight to hunt cutworms
- Protect vulnerable crops from pests by tenting them with horticultural fleece
- Monitor and tend indoor seedlings
- Douse cut-and-come-again greens with a liquid feed to promote strong regrowth

WALKING OBSERVATIONS

As you walk around your yard, neighborhood, trails, or refuges watch for signs of plant growth.

- What flowers do you see?
- Have the trees changed?
- What changes do you see in the bushes?
- Changes in weeds show growth, too.

MONTHLONG MAY CELEBRATIONS

- ALS Awareness Month
- American Cheese Month
- Better Speech & Language Month
- Correct Your Posture Month
- Global Employee Health & Fitness Month
- International Drum Month
- Melanoma Awareness Month
- Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month
- National Barbecue Month
- National Bike Month
- National Blood Pressure Education Month
- National Brain Tumor Awareness Month
- National Chamber Music Month
- National Dental Care Month
- National Egg Month
- National Foster Care Month
- National Get Caught Reading Month
- National Hamburger Month
- National Inventors Month
- National Mental Health Awareness Month
- National Miniature Garden Month
- National Military Appreciation Month
- National Photography Month
- National Preservation Month
- National Salad Month
- National Salsa Month
- National Strawberry Month
- National Stroke Awareness Month
- National Water Safety Month
- National Wildfire Awareness Month
- Older Americans Month
- Skin Cancer Awareness Month

SOME FLOWER FUN SHEETS

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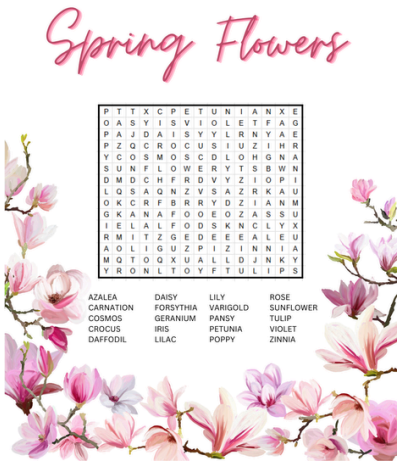

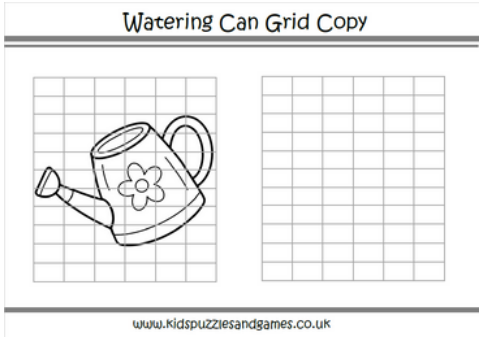

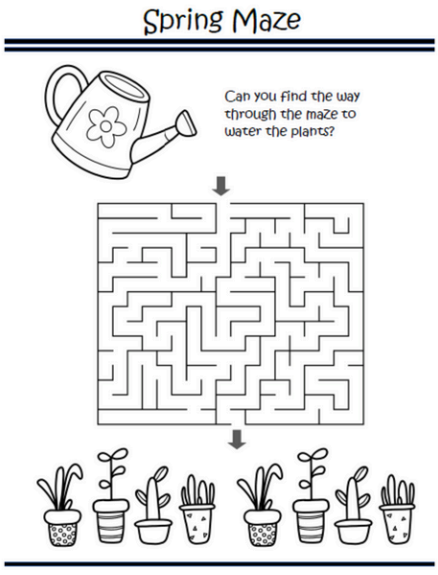

NOTE: Puzzle keys will be published next month.

EASTER FUN KEYS

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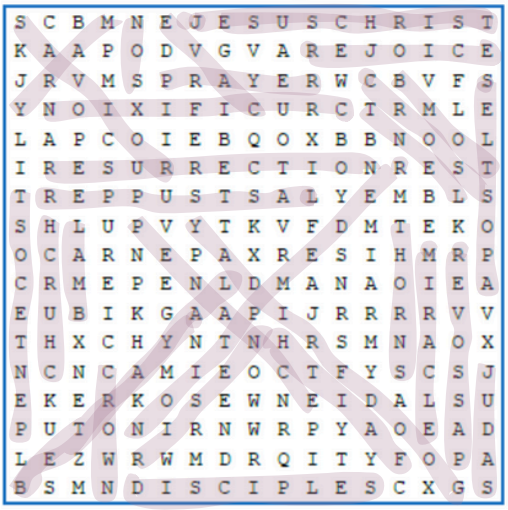
Easter Story Wordsearch



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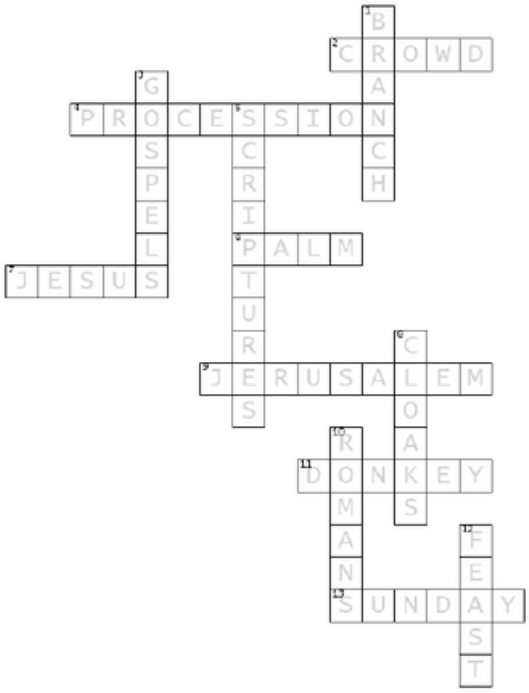
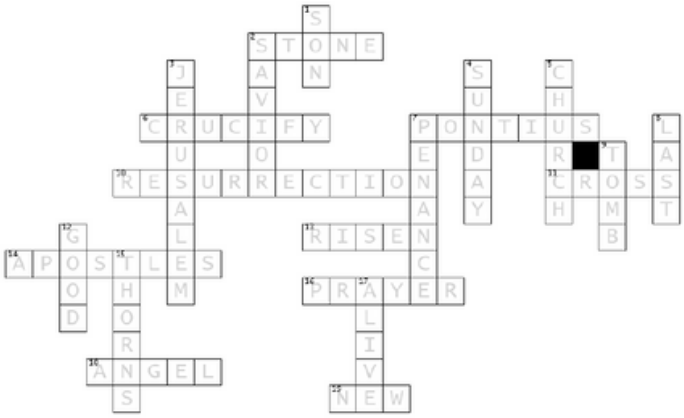


The Last Supper Word Search

EASTER STORY



WEATHER KEYS

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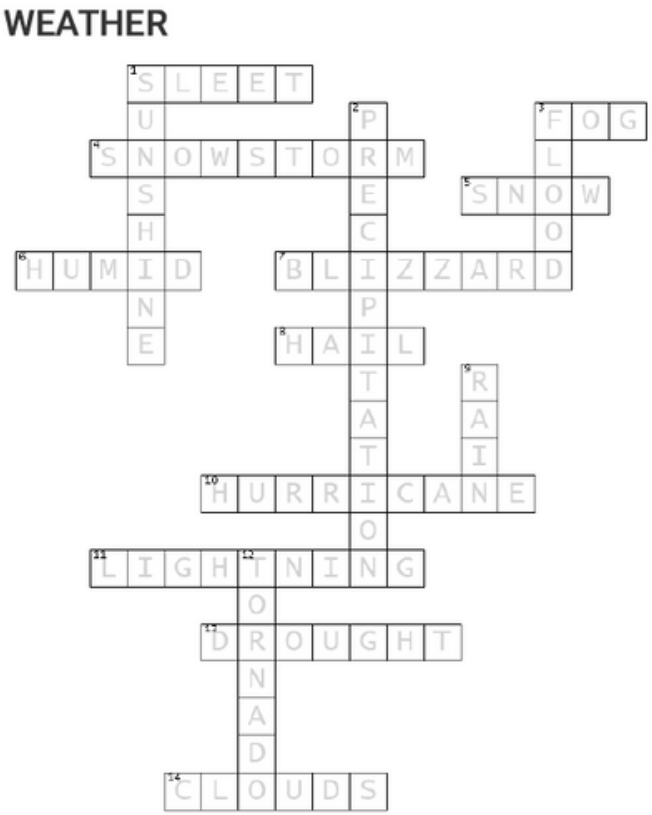

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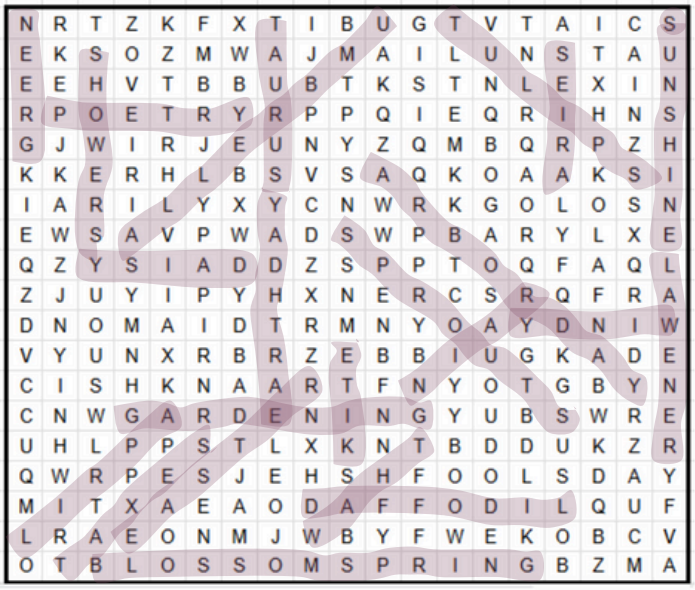

MONTHLY MEETINGS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE UPCOMING HOMESCHOOL SUPPORT MEETINGS
Regularly held on the second Monday of the month
TIME: 7:00 - 8:30 pm
LOCATION: The Lighthouse Church/Little Lights Learning Center
7808 NE 94th Ave., Vancouver
Enjoy fellowship and refreshments with other home schooling parents.

May 12
June 21
Used Curriculum & Resources Sale

FIELD TRIPS WITH DEADLINES

FIELD TRIP POLICY: To accommodate all families wanting to go on field trips, we will be asking for a deposit of $3 per person or the field trip fee at the time of registration. If it is a free field trip, the deposit will be returned at the time of the field trip.
If you need to cancel, please contact the field trip coordinator at least 24 hours in advance so those on the waiting list have the opportunity to attend.
Thank you for your understanding.

Schools on Trains - May 15 - Deadline was April 25

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