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Homeschooling Through Thick and Thin

So here you are, partially through the school year, with the excitement of new curriculum textbooks already worn off. You may be far behind your original lesson plans, far behind where you hoped to be at this point in the school year, and more than ready for fall break, if you have one built into your schedule (if not, you may want to hastily add one).

So how do you deal with "those days" we'd all rather not remember, rather not talk about? The ones that can go south even before breakfast, with loud bickering among the children, outright defiance of your authority, refusal to settle down and get to the books, one thing after another spilled on the table and dripping on the floor?

If you consistently deal with such things 100% of the time calmly and quietly, with the self-assured and even-tempered attitude of a godly Proverbs 31 woman, that is tremendous!

If you do not, and your mouth speaks shrill, harsh words at a decibel level far higher than they need to be spoken, here is a thought: run to your Heavenly Father and tell him you are sorry, tell your children you are sorry, and ask for His help in handling it better next time.

We all want our children to see us as strong, wise adults who have it all together. That approach is human pride and does our children no favors. We need to let them see firsthand how desperately we as adults need Jesus and His help every moment of every day. Our children need to see us give our troubles, our tempers, and our frustrations to Him alone. They need to hear us ask forgiveness when we are short-tempered with them or their dad. In short, they need to see us walk the walk and do what we expect them to do as Christians. It is not weakness; it is humility. They need to see it can only be done with God's help. Life can only be lived well with God's help.

So that was for the bad days. What about the good days? In all things give thanks. Let the children see you doing it. Let the children hear you doing it. Be sure to tell them why you're doing it: because God says so. Scripture is filled with it. When times are good, give thanks. When times are not good, still give thanks. Let them see you thinking on whatsoever things are good, true, lovely, and of good report (Philippians 4:6-8).

Did I fail very much as a Christian homeschool mom? Oh yes! Did my children see me at my worst? Unfortunately. Did God help me in the tough days? When I swallowed my pride and asked Him to, He absolutely did.

You are in a battle, doing the hardest, most thankless tasks for people who may never think to thank you until after they are grown, many years from now. You are raising the next generation, our nation's hope for the future. It is worth getting it right. Going straight to God in the hard times and the good times (and letting your children see you do it) is some of the best training you can give them.

Debbie Humphries homeschooled from 1988-2004, and she helped to homeschool four grandsons during their early elementary years. Members of SCAIHS during its first year of existence, she and her husband Alva were among the families taken to court by their school district that year. Serving in the Elementary Department of SCAIHS for 20 years was one of the greatest and most fulfilling joys of her life. Now happily retired, she loves being available to help her children with the grandchildren at a moment's notice, and reading (something there has never been enough time for since 1988).

SCAIHS STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

SCAIHS students are doing wonderful things! If your students have received awards or special recognitions, please let us know so we can include their accomplishments in future issues of SCAIHS Advantage. Congratulations to the following SCAIHS students:

Jadon Aos has been studying **Special Effects** for movies. He has been working on sketches, sculpting with various materials, pouring latex masks and then air brushing the masks. Jadon has had a couple mentors in the business guide him in his high school studies. Pictured to the right are a sculpture and a completed mask.



Isabella Birket, (below) a 10th grader from Camden, had a wonderful 4H poultry show season! She and her pullet, Clementine, brought home several blue ribbons and many championships. Isabella was also elected to the **4-H State Teen Council** and is a **4-H ambassador**.



Mitchell Birket, (right) a 4th grader from Camden, had a successful 4-H poultry show season. He and his pullet, Piper, brought home many **blue ribbons**, including one from the 2017 SC State Fair.



In a cab ride from Wall Street to LaGuardia airport, **Nolan Bohan**, age 11, turned to his mom Kristin and asked, "Did that just really happen?" Nolan is passionate about the stock market, and he is capitalizing on the freedom homeschooling affords him. Every day when the market opens, Nolan logs onto his computer to see how his portfolio, which he manages through a free app called Robinhood, is doing. He loves learning about companies and how the market is affected by world events. This past October, Nolan and his mom, with the help of some gracious friends, took a personalized tour of the **New York Stock Exchange**.



Nolan is pictured at left with Seaport Securities owner Teddy Weisberg, affectionately known as the "Mayor of Wall Street." Both Nolan and his mom agreed it was the most unforgettable field trip they've ever taken.

First graders **Emily Cambre** and **Owen Keefer** (right) of Lexington proudly display their **Pizza Hut "Book It"** reading certificates. The "Book It" program encourages children to read more by rewarding their reading. Enrollment is closed for the current school year, but information on how to enroll for 2018-19 school year is available at <http://www.bookitprogram.com/teachers/enrollment.asp>



Mary Kathryn Davidson won **13 ribbons** at the **SC State Fair**, including three in the adult categories. Her first place awards were in the categories of Tree Ornament - large; Decorative Painting; Youth Embroidery; Youth Any Other Article Fabrics and Threads; Youth Homemade Article; Youth Jewelry; Youth Recycled Article. Second place awards were in Youth Textile Craft; Youth Any Other Article Handicraft; Shell Work; Youth Crocheted Article; Youth Knitted Article; Youth Plastic Craft.

Mary Kathryn also entered the **Celebrating Art Summer Contest**. Her drawing "**Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright**" (right) will be published in the book "Celebrating Art." She will hear later if she is a Top Ten Winner.

The Celebrating Art Contest has awarded thousands of dollars in art supplies and free books. Students and teachers can share in the rewards by entering the art competitions. Contests are available to elementary, middle and high school students and are held three times a year. For more information, visit <https://www.celebratingart.com/>



ANSWERS FOR PAGE 3: 1. 4 "The lot's" = For the lot's 2. Yellow bell pepper 3. "Raining cats and dogs" 4. "apples and oranges" 5. just in case 6. redhead 7. once in a blue moon

Taj Green (right), K4, has been exploring human relationships with nature and animals and learning about those relationships in the past, present and future. A few of Taj's favorite learning experiences included a trip to The **Environmental Education Center**, a **guided bird-walk**, and a **live animal interaction project**. She was able to learn about the history and significance of the Saluda River area, get introduced to bird taxonomy, and she also learned about living and non-living components in garden soil by making an earthworm terrarium.



2017 SCAIHS graduate **Alyssa (Micah) Metts** (left) for receiving the **South Carolina State Fair's "Ride of Your Life" scholarship**. Each year the fair awards 50 scholarships to South Carolina high school students planning to pursue their studies at any public or private college, university or technical college in the state.



Peryn Sulser (right) completed over 27 hours of community service which included making shoes for children in India, raking yards, picking up trash, singing at retirement centers, making gifts for the elders, and helping decorate and clean churches. Peryn's commitment to community service has helped her earn the **Bronze President's Volunteer Service Award**.



SCAIHS high school senior and member of the Richland Library Teen Advisory Board, **Josiah Washington** (left), joins Executive Director Melanie Huggins as Richland Library received the **2017 National Medal for Museum and Library Service** during a ceremony at the **National Archives Museum in Washington, D.C.**, on July 17, 2017.



Congratulations to our **41 elementary students** and **25 middle school students** who qualified for **Duke University's 2017-2018 Talent Search!** We are so very proud of you!

For more information on the program, please click HERE: 4th-6th grade <https://tip.duke.edu/programs/4th-6th-grade-talent-search>, 7th grade <https://tip.duke.edu/programs/7th-grade-talent-search>



SCAIHS student Liam McCullough created these Rebus puzzles for fun. We hope you enjoy them, too!

1. The lol
The lol
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2. bell pepper

3. D C
C D o D a
a o g o t
t g g

4. apple orange
orange apple apple
orange apple

5. cajustse

6. head

7. moonceon

SEE ANSWERS ON PAGE 2!