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Child Abuse & Prevention Awareness Calendar

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- April 5th Community Library Room CDA 12:00pm-4: pm 208-292-2681
- April 9th Children's Village Charity Auction/Buffer CDA Inn 5:00 pm 208-667-1189
- April 14th Our Kids Our Business Capstone breakfast CDA Inn 8-9:30am 208-667-8112
- April 19th Stewards of Children Training KMC 6-9 pm 208-666-2149
- April 22nd ICARE Family Skate Night @ Skate Plaza 6 - 9 pm 208-676-1515
- April 22nd CAPAC Awards/Dessert @ Red Lions Templins 3-5pm 676-1515
- Join the community in preventing the abuse & neglect of our nation's children.
The pinwheel represents America's efforts to stop child abuse.



Computers for Kids

Computers for Kids, Inc. (CFK) of Boise are a non-profit organization that works to provide computers to students who may not be able to afford them. They work closely with several corporate sponsors and seek grant funding and donations to provide the equipment. Your family may be eligible to receive a used computer for a very small cost. Computers for Kids invite students to apply to receive a Pentium IV computer. The cost is a \$35 processing fee. Each computer is loaded with two educational software programs. Students wishing to apply must complete the application and the one page essay. Applications are due to Computers for Kids by May 31, 2010. If you are a grandparent or a relative raising another relative's child the processing fee will be waived. Call 208-345-0346 or visit their website at www.cfkidaho.org. **Scholarships are available for students on the lunch program for K-12th grade. No student will be turned down. However, they do have limited scholarships each month. When filled, students will be added to the next available class. Scholarships only cover the processing fee. Any additional equipment must be paid by the student applying. Application is attached. To apply for a scholarship, please indicate it on the application. Allow 4 - 8 weeks for processing.**



R.A.P. Meeting
The 2nd Monday,
April 12th at the
Jewett House
1501 E. Lakeshore Dr.
Coeur d'Alene, ID
A light lunch will
be provided at no
cost.
Glenda Weaver
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*Mission is to:
"Build healthy families
by promoting broad-
based community
collaboration and
coordination to combine
resources to reduce
substance abuse,
increase literacy, and to
reduce the duplication
of services."*

*Kootenai County Kin-Care
Committee c/o KACF
610 W. Hubbard, Ste. 123
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814*

*Mission of Kootenai County
Kin-Care Committee is to:
Advance Community Support
for a Safe and Nurturing
Environment for Children
Raised by Relatives.*



Kite Building Workshop

With spring finally here, the blustery breezes are perfect for launching and flying a kite. So set some time aside and give your kid a hand with making a kite on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Conducted by Boy Scout Troop 226. For more information contact Sally Johnson at 208-704-2080

Kindergarten Registration Set for April

The Coeur d'Alene School District has scheduled April 27 as registration day for kindergarten. A child must turn 5 on or before September 1 to be eligible for kindergarten. When registering, parents/guardians should bring the youngster's certified birth certificate, immunization record and proof of residency, such as a rent receipt or a utility bill. Borah, Bryan, Dalton, Fernan, Hayden Meadows and

Winton elementary schools will hold registration from 9:30 am to noon. Children who live within the Sorenson Magnet School attendance zones will also register from 9:30 to noon at that school. Five year olds who live in the Atlas, Ramsey and Skyway attendance zones will register at the Hayden Kinder Center located at the corner of Government Way and Hayden Avenue. The Kinder Center asks that students with the last names of A-L register between 9 am to 11 am, and M-Z from 1pm to 3 pm.

I-DEA Assists Parents with Home-School

There are a number of reasons why parents and guardians choose home as the best place to educate their child. At Idaho Distance Education Academy, (I-DEA), staff offers support and assistance to families who have decided this is the best choice. I-DEA is an accredited K-12 tuition-free public charter school.

Parents/Guardians and certified teachers work together to provide an effective, individualized, educational experience for each student. Every family is assigned an I-DEA Contact Teacher who provides support and assistance in the selection of curriculum and educational resources that best meet the child's needs and learning style.

The I-DEA parent/guardian provides instructional support to the student in the home each day. Parents/guardian are able to tailor instructional strategies to meet the learning style, academic level and interests of the child. Parents have access to a number of choices in quality researched-based curriculum and materials that support student learning.

A portion of the student's educational allotment may also be used toward instructional support in approved elective courses, such as music and dance lessons, or participation in recreational sports and physical fitness activities. Eligible high school juniors and seniors may also use student allotment funds for tuition expenses for pre-approved college courses, for which they may receive dual credit for both high school and college. I-DEA offers year around enrollment for grades K-8; fall and spring semester enrollment is offered for grades 9-12. Applications for admissions for the 2010-2011 school years will open April 13, 2010. For more information call: Karen at: 208-661-5099 www.idahoidea.org.

Don't forget about the **Idaho Virtual Academy**. I wrote about it in another newsletter last year. You now have an option of choosing between these two schools. You can get more information about Virtual Academy at www.k12.com

4th Annual Hayden Kite Festival

The 4th annual Hayden kite festival will be on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 12:00 PM. Pack a picnic lunch and make it a fun day for the family. Enter the Kite Festival and win prizes for the best flyer, largest kite, smallest kite, most unique and many more! If you don't have a kite, make one. Attend the kite-building workshop that is on page 2 of this newsletter. This will be a fun event! Go fly a kite!

Hayden Kite Festival

All Ages Welcome!

FREE!

April 17, 2010 at 12:00 PM

Broadmoore Park located on Broadmoore Drive in Hayden, Idaho.

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The Department of Health and Welfare will be closed every other Friday due to budget cuts. So mark the following dates on your calendar for the closer of the DHW: 4/2/10, 4/16/10, 4/30/10, 5/14/10, 5/28/10, & 6/11/10.

Butterscotch or Chocolate Haystacks

2/3 cup peanut butter

1 (12 oz.) pkg. butterscotch chips

1 (3 oz.) can chow mein noodles

*1 cup chopped walnuts or peanuts (optional)

*Instead of chopped nuts, you can use crunchy peanut butter and omit the nuts.

Melt the peanut butter and butterscotch chips. Mix in the noodles and nuts until coated well. Drop by teaspoon onto the wax paper. Put into the refrigerator until set.

For variety, our family also likes chocolate haystacks. Just substitute chocolate chips for butterscotch chips.

You could also wait until the butterscotch haystacks harden and then dip half into melted chocolate for a colorful look.

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KINCARE
Coalition

KINCARE Coalition Leadership Committee's Work Plan: Support the development of community partnerships that will develop strong relationships with kinship families and work in partnership to improve, expand and sustain programs and services to kinship families.





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GAP/RAP Mission is to:
Make the world a better place for those children whose parents are unable or unwilling to assume the legal & moral responsibilities of parenthood.

Are You A Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle, Cousin or Sibling Raising a Relative Child?

Join our RAP or GAP Support Group if you need a listening ear or some new ideas. Join us at:



Relatives/Grandparents As Parents Support Groups

The RAP Support Group meets the second Monday of the month at:

Jewett House
1501 E. Lakeshore Drive
Coeur d'Alene, ID

RAP provides information & support to kinship care givers through sharing information and guest speakers. We stay aware of the laws and proposed legislation that impacts kin care givers & children. Contact:
Glenda Weaver 208-769-7096

Idaho Kinship Project
3202 Wedgewood Loop
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815



Easter Egg Hunts



The hunt sponsored by the Kootenai County Fire and Rescue that has been held at Q'emiln Park in Post Falls will no longer be held due to time constraints with other community events.

- Community Egg Hunt sponsored by Real Life Ministries, Saturday (April 3) 10 am, Post Falls High School, for ages through fifth grade, special needs included.
- Faith Ministries Church, 5073 E. 16th Ave., Post Falls, Saturday (April 3), 9 to 11 am, free breakfast, games, photos with the Easter Bunny, 3 age groups. For more information call 773-0236.
- Coeur d'Alene Church of the Nazarene, 4000 N. Fourth St. Saturday (April 3) 10:30 am. Kids through sixth-grade. For more information call 667-3543.
- Community United Methodist Church, 1470 W. Hanley Avenue, 10 am, Sunday (April 4). Kids through the fifth-grade. For more information call 765-8800.
- Coeur d'Alene City Park. Easter Sunday. For information call 667-6393.

