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## "THE SMART SCOOP"

Homelearning News for December, 2008

### DON'T MISS THE SECOND ANNUAL FRASER VALLEY HOME LEARNING EXPO !!



The second annual Fraser Valley Home Learning Expo 2009 will take place at the new Abbotsford Recreation Centre on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. Please note that this is NOT the long weekend in May. Attendee online registration opens in January, 2009.

The new website: [www.fvhomelearningexpo.ca](http://www.fvhomelearningexpo.ca) is being updated & will go live to the public at that time ~ please check back often!

Last year's Expo was indeed a great success and interest has increased dramatically, so much so, that Expo Organizers have moved the event to this new state-of-the-art facility.

Expo Keynote Speaker will be David Smith, author of Mapping the World by Heart and If the World Were a Village. David will share with parents, how to teach geography across the curriculum and how to effectively use his award-winning books in your home.



As well, twelve (12) Parent Workshops will be offered throughout the day. The workshop prices are included in admissions tickets, however prior registration is encouraged to ensure that you are able to attend the workshops that most interest you.

Over 14,000 square feet will provide for attendees, two exciting areas to explore ~ a 7,000 sq foot Children's Exploration Centre plus a 7,000 sq foot Vendor Hall:

- The Vendor Hall will offer a variety of vendors in over 40 booths!! Most of your favourite resource providers are certain to be there! As well, representatives from public and independent DL schools will also be on hand to talk to families about their program offerings.
- The Children's Exploration Centre. In this area of the Expo, there will be a wide offering of FREE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES where students can explore music lessons, martial arts, fencing or dance classes, visual arts, and more!

SCIENCE WORLD returns to the Expo this year offering a full day of FREE hands-on activities for kids:

i) **Building Structures from Newspapers** ~ This very popular hands-on activity will run all day long, inviting kids and parents to study and build huge structures from recycled newspapers!

ii) **Make & Take Science** ~ Kids can work with the Science World volunteers to conduct a science experiment project, then take it home!



Children may enter the Expo at no charge to explore and take part in all of the children's activities. Admission to the Expo for adults will be \$15 which is great value as each paid \$15 ticket will include admission to three (3) parent workshops. These workshops will be located directly across the hall from the Vendor Hall and Children's Exploration Centre.

To purchase your admission tickets and to reserve your seat in the workshops, pre-registration is required. Securing a seat in each workshop will be allotted on a first-come, first-served basis, so you are encouraged to register early. Due to limited space, parent workshops will be limited to parents only please. The Abbotsford Recreation Centre has an excellent childminding service just doors down from the Exhibit Hall and Workshop Rooms ~ fees will apply.

### Important Expo Information Recap

Expo Date: Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009  
Expo Times: Keynote Address: 8:30 am - 10:00 am  
Exhibit Hall Hours: 10:00 am to 5:30 pm  
Location: Abbotsford Recreation Centre  
2499 McMillan Road, Abbotsford  
Registration Opens: January, 2009 (check website below for date)  
Parents: \$15 ~ Access to Vendor Hall plus 3 workshops  
(registration fee can be charged to your family account)  
Children: Free ~ Access to enjoy all activities at the Expo  
Website for Info & Reg: [www.fvhomelearningexpo.ca](http://www.fvhomelearningexpo.ca)

As a family currently homelearning, or for those parents considering homelearning or homeschooling for their children, you won't want to miss this highly informative & interactive Expo. It is designed to encourage families to explore all of the homelearning opportunities available in our province. Children and parents alike will come away, excited and inspired about homelearning or homeschooling options for their family!



Be sure to mark Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 on your calendars !!

## ROSETTA STONE PRICE ADJUSTMENT

We have just received notification from Rosetta Stone Head Office that all homeschool software prices will be going up effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. If you are contemplating purchasing Rosetta Stone in any of the 31 languages available, now is the time to make that purchase. Current and future pricing are listed below for your reference. Please contact us via email: [enquiries@shopatsmarts.com](mailto:enquiries@shopatsmarts.com) on or before December 30<sup>th</sup> to guarantee the current pricing on any software purchase ~ thank you!



<u>Level or Bundle</u>	<u>Current Pricing</u>	<u>Future Pricing</u>
Level I	\$219 US	\$259 US
Level II	\$249 US	\$279 US
Level III	\$269 US	\$299 US
Level I/II Bundle	\$349 US	\$419 US
Level I/II/III Bundle	\$499 US	\$549 US

## SMARTS HOLIDAY HOURS

SMARTS will be closing for the holidays. Our last day of business will be December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 and we will reopen for business on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009. We will ensure that all orders are sent out before we close. If you have any immediate questions or concerns during the holidays, feel free to contact us at: [enquiries@shopatsmarts.com](mailto:enquiries@shopatsmarts.com)

On a personal note, we'd like to wish you a Happy Holiday Season with your family and friends. We certainly don't take for granted, our loyal customers ~ we'd like to thank you again for your continued support throughout the year. We look forward to assisting you in 2009 to ensure your home learning journey in 2009 continues to be a successful one! Wishing you and your family all the best in the New Year,

Tom & Karen Brown



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