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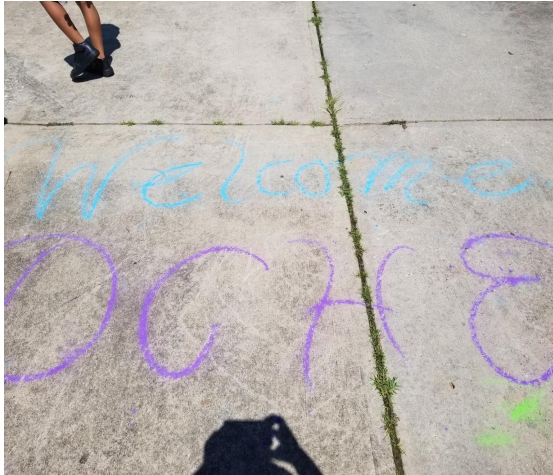
WELCOME

DeKalb Christian Home Educators ("DCHE") is a group of like-minded families who have joined together to provide Christ-centered support to the entire homeschooling community. We believe "relationship" is the key to a quality education. We are a diverse and inclusive organization that is guided by the philosophy to "love your neighbor as yourself." This publication is our newsletter distributed monthly.

DCHE HAPPENINGS

DCHE Activities for the 2019-2020 school year kicked off August 21, 2019 and Co-Op Day started September 4, 2019! Now we are in October and while the temperatures are still in the 90s Fall is Here!

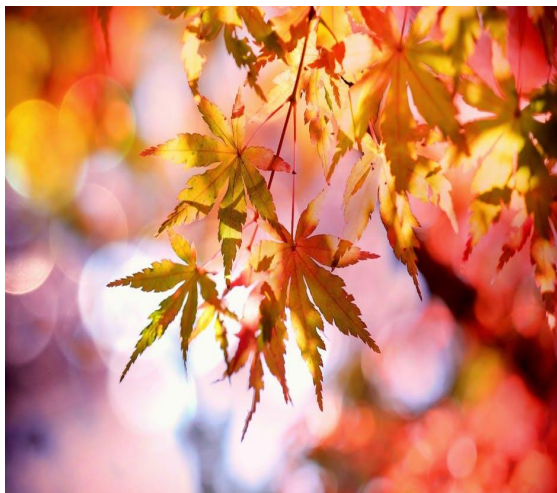
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OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

Hispanic Heritage Month, Columbus Day, Indigenous Peoples Day, and Reformation Day are all this month! Here are some resources for your homeschool!

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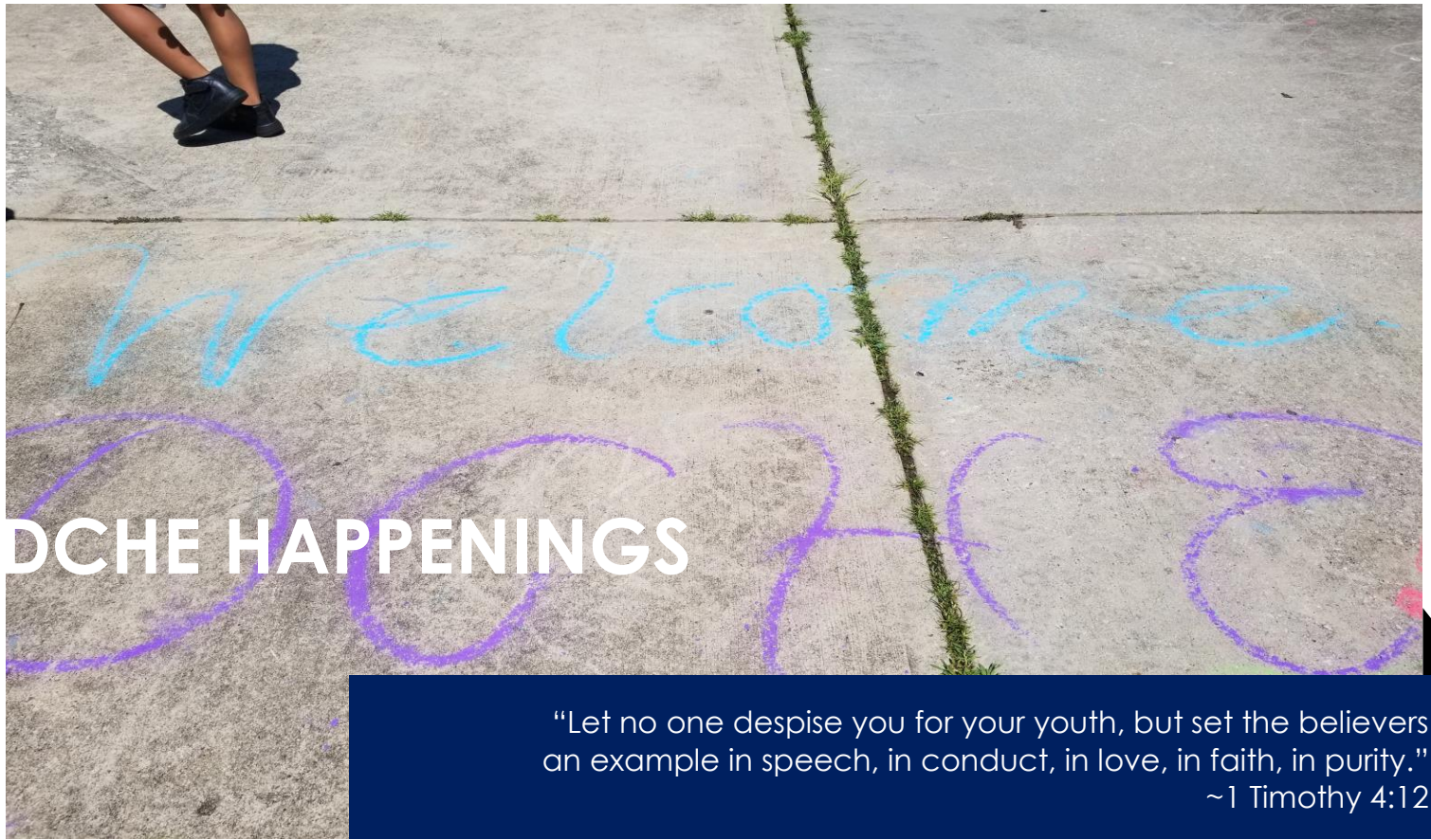


CURRENT EVENTS

Check out our listing of Current Events for details on clubs, teams, activities, support meetings, conferences, reading programs, and public events.

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(continued from page 1) DCHE is back in full swing with our Classes, Teams, Clubs, and Activities!

Classes: Question: Como se dice awesome? Answer: With [DCHE Spanish Classes](#)! Our Spanish classes are taught on Co-Op day by Instructor Brandee Martin. The classes include both elementary level and middle-school level.



Teams: This year's [Bible Quiz Team](#), [Science Olympiad Team](#), and [FIRST Lego League Robotics Teams](#) are actively underway with exciting competitions in the metro-Atlanta and throughout southeast region.

Our *Bible Quiz Team* is lead by our very own DCHE President Emeritus Coach Michelle Shaw and Coach Althea Penn. Bible Quizzing is ramping up to another year of fun edification as homeschoolers practice mental and physical agility in Hebrews, 1 Peter and 2 Peter this year! Please pray for our Bible Quiz Team as they prepare to participate in the October 19th competition in Blytheville, AK.

Our *Science Olympiad* is also ramping up again this year with Coach Corretta Ponder as they prepare for their Invitational which takes place on November 16th in Marietta, GA.

Last but not least, our **FIRST Lego League Robotics Teams**, led by Coach Lavinna King and Coach Nicole Doyle, are excited to compete again this year. Last year our team, Cozmo Palladins, won 1st place in the Project Category and advanced to state level competition. This year we are blessed to have 2 teams: a boys team and girls team (which is sponsored by Girl Scouts). Pray for our FIRST Lego League Robotics Teams. Both our boys and girls teams will attend a regional Game Workshop on October 4th and Scrimmage on November 1.



Clubs: Lots of fun things happening this year again also with our Clubs including [Chess Club](#), [Science Club](#), [Elementary Speech Club](#), [Gavel Club](#), and [Community Service Club](#).

Our weekly **Chess Club** has started out with a bang again led by International Chess Master Mr. Stephen Muhammad as old and new club members engage in learning and mastering chess strategies and techniques.

Our **Science Club** meets every other week and has been tons of fun as students explore Physical Science with circuits and building activities. Science Club is led by our Science Olympiad Coach, Corretta Ponder.

This year's Speech Clubs includes an **Elementary Speech Club** for students ages 5-10 and a **Gavel Club** (aka Junior Toastmasters) for students ages 11+. The Elementary Speech Club meets every other week and students are having a blast getting to know one another with introductory speeches and persuasive speeches. Our Gavel Club has also been exciting with it's Toastmasters Junior curricula.

Our **Community Service Club** completed their first service project on September 27 serving Ethne Health Clinic providing moving help. Please pray for our Community Service Club and prayerfully consider serving in the next service project on October 25 at Toco Hills Community Alliance which will consist of organizing donations.

Activities: Throughout the school year we will have several Special Events including: [Spelling Bee](#), [Social Studies Fair](#), [Science Fair](#), [Career Fair](#), [Field Day](#), and [Graduation](#). Most activities will take place in Spring Term of 2020. **Make sure to check the [DCHE Website](#) regularly for dates of Activities!**

Field Trips: DCHE students attended their first field trip of the school year on September 11 at the Georgia Institute of Technology Paper Museum. This field trip consisted of an educational workshop dedicated to the art and science of paper. **Please make sure to check your [\[dchehomeschoolers\]](#) emails for upcoming fieldtrips!**



FALL IS HERE!

Autumn, Astronomy, and Meteorology

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Where does fall occur in September? In the Northern Hemisphere of the Earth, which contains half of the Earth that is north the Equator, Fall began September 22. Fall, also referred to colloquially as Autumn, is one of the 4 seasons each of which contains an astronomical start (September 22) and a meteorological start (September 1). According to [The Old Farmer's Almanac](#), "The astronomical start date is based on the position of the Sun in relation to the Earth. The meteorological start date is based on the 12-month calendar and annual temperature." ([Almanac, 2018, para 3](#)).

So now that we know why fall occurs in September, what are characteristics of Fall? Fall is generally characterized with it's cooler weather, leaves turning brown/orange, leaves falling, and fall harvest (pumpkins, cranberries, squash, and sweet potatoes).

How does fall occur in September?

The Earth's rotation on it's axis began on Day 1 with God's establishment of earth as a sphere ([Proverbs 8:27](#), [Isaiah 40:22](#), [Job 26:10](#)) and the establishment of time with 24 hour cycle day according to [Genesis 1:1-6](#). Further, the Earth began to orbit around the Sun on Day 4 after God's creation

of the sun according to [Genesis 1:14-19](#). This orbit around the Sun established seasons. Psalm 104:9 says "He made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting." So when we think about each season God has provided, we can faithfully attest to His goodness in Creation. The first human to orbit into space, orbit the Earth, and confirm it's spherical shape and rotation through observational science occurred in 1961 with Yuri Gagarin. However, the Old Testament has affirmed these realities for centuries and was written in 1550 to 6th century B.C., thousands of years prior to modern space explorations.

Homeschool Resources

Take a look at the resources below:

- Video: [Answers in Genesis: Creation Week: Day One](#)
- Video: [Why do Leaves Change Colors in the Fall?](#)
- Video: [Fall Leaf Science Experiment](#)
- Video: [How do Pumpkins Grow?](#)
- Unit Study: [Apologia: The Science of Autumn](#)



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OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

Hispanic Heritage Month, Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples Day



Hispanic Heritage Month started on September 15 and ends on October 15. The purpose of this month is to acknowledge Hispanic and Latino Americans contributions to our nation's culture. This month was codified into law by President Lyndon Johnson on 1968. For more information visit the following: [The Library of Congress: Hispanic Heritage Month](#).



Columbus Day is Monday, October 14. In recent decades, the day has been observed as Indigenous Peoples Day in various cities, counties, and states throughout the country (including South Fulton, GA). Similar to Labor Day, Columbus Day's history is complex and has impacted all Americans. Columbus Day is a national holiday which commemorates the anniversary of Italian explorer Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Caribbean islands of Bahamas and Turks and Caicos on October 12, 1492. It is typically celebrated on the 2nd Monday of each October. His voyage was funded by Spanish royalty. For more information on Columbus Day see the resources: [Christopher Columbus: What Really Happened](#), [Christopher Columbus Arrival 500 Nations Native Americans](#) and [When Worlds Collide](#).



Indigenous Peoples Day is on Monday, October 14. Indigenous People refers to the original or native inhabitants of a specific region. In America, the Indigenous Peoples are often referred to as Native Americans. The patterns of migration suggest that Native Americans arrived in North America post-flood, thousands of years prior to Columbus' arrival in the Caribbean, during the Ice Age after crossing the Bering Strait from present day East Asia (Russia). In response to growing knowledge on the history of Columbus Day, many U.S. cities and states have changed the day to Indigenous Peoples Day to honor the original inhabitants of American soil. For more information on Indigenous Peoples Day see: [Indigenous Peoples Day](#), [Is it time to say goodbye to Columbus Day?](#) and [National Geographic: America Before Columbus](#).



REFORMATION DAY

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October 31 is the anniversary of the day which Martin Luther nailed his 95 Thesis to the door of the All Saints' Church in Wittenburg on October 31, 1517. It was during 1517 that Martin Luther also began [communion with the Ethiopian Orthodox Church](#). Some have speculated whether that pre-empted his changed perspective of Catholic Eurachrist as well as Papal Authority. Martin Luther's [95 Thesis](#) further defined the Protestant Reformation and the resultant Protestant Church as we now know it. John Calvin and Huldrych Zwingli, reformed contemporaries of Luther, refined their reformed theological distinctions further as spurred on by Luther's 95 Thesis. Martin Luther himself was Catholic in the Augustinian order, a student and practitioner of St. Augustine of Hippo's teachings on Biblical Theology heavily influenced by the Apostle Paul and foremost Jesus Christ our Lord. While Luther posted his 95 Thesis, many attribute the father of the Reformation to Augustine.

Historically, the Protestant Reformation challenged Papal authority both ecclesiastically and politically. The Protestant Reformation reinforced the Authority of Scripture espoused in [John 14:6](#) "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."" and the Supremacy of Christ, and Christ alone, to redeem mankind as reflected in [Matthew 23:9](#) "Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven."

CHURCH HISTORY FIGURES

Augustine of Hippo

- Article: [Augustine of Hippo](#)
- MiniBook: [St Augustine of Hippo MiniBook](#)

Martin Luther

- Article: [Martin Luther](#)
- Worksheet: [Protestant Reformation](#)

John Calvin

- Article: [John Calvin](#)
- Worksheet: [2nd Year History: Reformation John Calvin](#)

Huldrych Zwingli

- Article: [The Spread of the Zwingli Reformation](#)

REFORMATION DAY ACTIVITIES

- Video: [Martin Luther and Reformation Day](#)
- Article: [What is Reformation Day?](#)
- Lapbook: [Reformation Day](#)



CURRENT EVENTS

Below is a list of DCHE and community wide events occurring in September.

DCHE EVENTS:

1. [Co-op Days](#) – October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 9:30AM – 4:30PM
2. [National Beta Club](#)** – October 8 @ 11:30AM
3. [Support Meetings](#) – Various (@ Eastside Academic Classes)
4. [Community Service Club](#) – October 25

Check www.dcheeducators.com regularly for updates

Per The Shepherd's Christian Homeschool

PUBLIC HOMESCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS:

1. [Mitchem Farm: Fun & Learning Homeschool Day](#) – October 7 @ 9:30AM
2. [Georgia Aquarium: Homeschool Day](#) – October 8 @ 9AM
3. [Atlanta Zoo: Homeschool Day](#) – October 9 @ 10AM
4. [MHHE: Homeschool Day](#)* - October 16 @ 9:30AM

Check respective hyperlinked websites regularly for updates

PUBLIC COMMUNITY EVENTS (FREE):

1. [Apple Stores: Various Workshops](#) - Various
2. [Microsoft Stores: Various Workshops](#) – Various
3. [Home Depot: Kids Workshop](#) – October 5 @ 9AM
4. [High Museum of Art: Second Sunday](#) – October 13 @ 1PM
5. [NorthEast Georgia History Center: Family Day](#) – October 13 @ 1PM
6. [EAA: Young Eagles Rally](#) – October 19 @ 8:30AM
7. [Michael C. Carlos Museum: Free Admission Day](#) – October 18 @ 1PM

LIBRARY EVENTS (FREE):

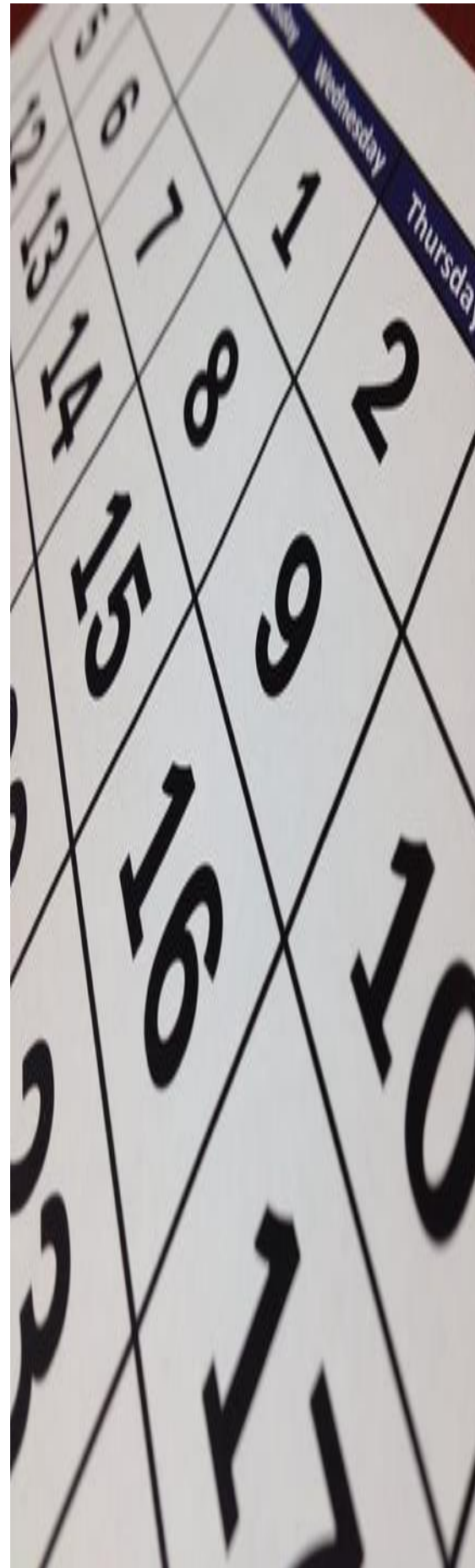
- [DeKalb County Public Library](#) – October @ Various
- [Clayton County Public Library](#) – October @ Various
- [Atlanta Fulton County Public Library](#) – October @ Various
- [Gwinnett County Public Library](#) – October @ Various

HOME EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (FREE):

- Homeschool Summits: Homeschool Family Relationships Summit 2019
- [NASA: Educator Professional Development](#) – October @ Various
- [IEW: Experience Excellence in Writing](#) – October 22 @ 8:30PM

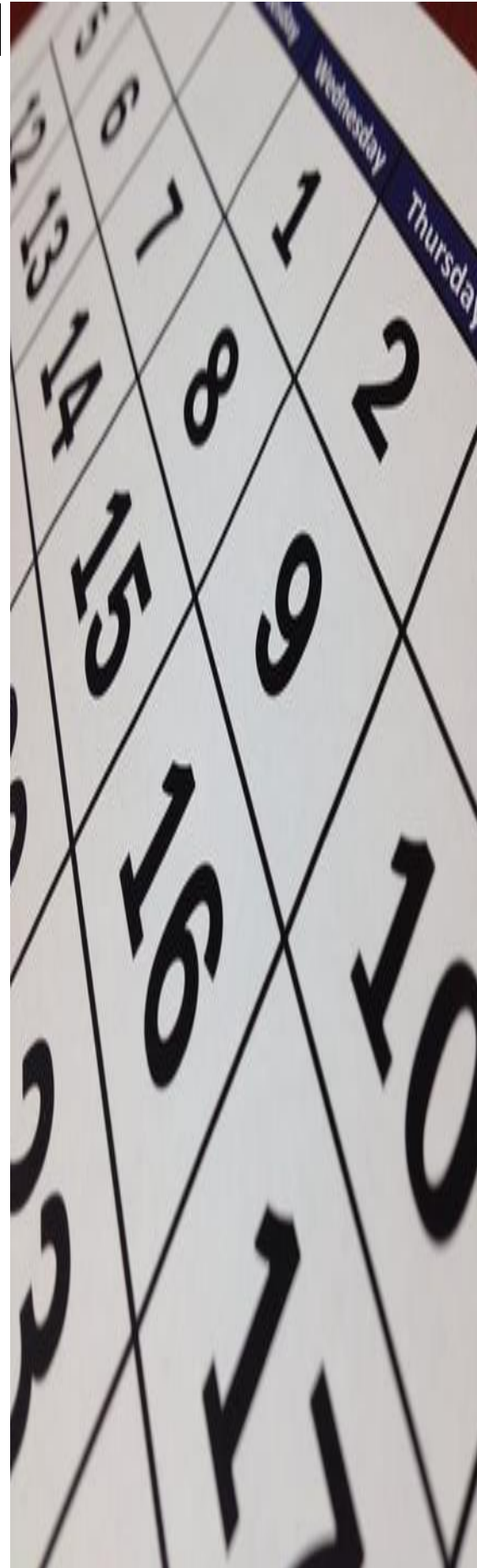
SCHOOL YEAR READING PROGRAMS:

- [Atlanta Braves Student Achievers](#)
- [Pizza Hut BookIt](#)
- [Six Flags Read to Succeed](#)



YEAR-ROUND FIELDTRIPS (FREE):

- [CDC Museum](#)
- [Zoo Atlanta: Library Pass Program](#)
- [Southeastern Railway Museum: Library Pass Program](#)
- [National Parks: Every Kid in a Park](#)
- [Bear Hollow Zoo](#)
- [State Botanical Gardens of Georgia](#)
- [Noah's Ark](#)
- [Georgia Tech Museum of Papermaking](#)
- [The King Center](#)
- [Heritage Park Veterans Museum](#)
- [Georgia Museum of Natural History](#)
- [Georgia State Capital](#)
- [Governor's Mansion](#)
- [Jimmy Carter Presidential Library & Museum](#)
- [McDaniel Farm Park](#)
- [Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield](#)
- [Museum of History and Holocaust Education](#)
- [Marietta Fire Museum](#)
- [National Archives of Atlanta](#)
- [Anne Frank Exhibit](#)
- [Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta](#)
- [Atlanta Contemporary](#)
- [Georgia Museum of Art](#)
- [Hudgens Center for the Art](#)



FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Thank you for reading this month's Newsletter. May your fall be filled with joy!

VERSES OF THE MONTH: (From the Bible Quiz Bowl Team Study Schedule)

Hebrews 1 - 6

RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

Autumn Pumpkin Chilli

PRAYER CORNER:

1. **Shanna Smith:** Continued prayers for Shanna Smith's mother, Bathsheba Patterson. The Smith family is asking this community to pray for the successful removal of a brain tumor. If two or more are praying: Heavenly Father, We come to You in one accord in the Name of Jesus according to Matthew 18:19.
2. **Families:** Pray for all families edification, protection, and transportation
3. **Classes, Teams, Clubs, Activities, Fieldtrips:** Pray for the success of all DCHE activities
4. **Bible Quiz Team:** Pray for the success of the upcoming October 19 competition in Blytheville, AR.
5. **Robotics Team:** Pray for the success of the upcoming regional Game Workshop on October 4
6. **Science Olympiad:** Pray for the success of the Invitational on November 16

