



THE DCHE DISPATCH
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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.

CONGRATS GRADUATES!

On behalf of DCHE we congratulate all of our high school graduates again on a job well done! Many of our graduates will be attending several institutions of higher learning throughout the country. We commend you on...

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FIELD DAY FUN!

DCHE held its annual Field Day on May 9, 2018 and it was a great success! Students participated in several fun filled activities including jump rope, tug of war, water balloon toss and more!

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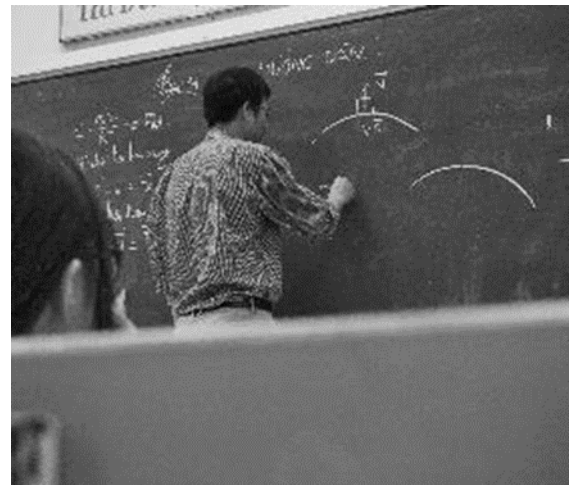
CONGRATS GRADUATES

(continued from page 1) your hard work and representation throughout the homeschool community and local community!

Did you know that [according to](#) Dr. Brian Ray of the National Home Education Research Institute (“NHERI”) homeschoolers are increasingly being actively recruited by colleges and go to succeed at college at an equal or higher rate than the general population. Also, did you know students can attend college as early as 9th grade (and in some cases as early as 8th grade) free of charge in the state of Georgia? If your child is interested in college, and you think they are ready to explore college courses, take a look at [the Georgia Student Finance Commission’s web page on Dual Enrollment](#). In Dekalb County there are several campuses where students can attend in person including:

- [Georgia Piedmont Technical College](#)
- [Georgia State University-Perimeter College](#)
- [Georgia Military College](#)

There are also several colleges which offer [online programs](#) which offer flexibility and suitability to homeschoolers.





FIELD DAY FUN

CELEBRATING THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH A BANG!

Preschool students participated in several games including simon says, red-light green-light, and jump rope. Preschool students had a blast with Simeon Says and Red Light Green Light among other games. Elementary school students had hoola hoop fun as the blue, red, and white teams competed for the win! Elementary and Middle School students went on to compete in a well fought out series of tug-of-war. Other games included Jump Rope competition, Water Balloon Toss, and Carry the Egg. Congratulations to all the Winners again!!!

Families had a great time celebrating the school-year end and bonding over new experiences. DCHE thanks it's sponsors again for providing Dekalb County School System and Publix Super Markets for providing fidget spinners and hot dogs.

Field Day is a lot of fun and promotes physical fitness as well as team work skills.

Did you know that there are several Physical Fitness and Team activities homeschoolers can participate in? Check out the following for homeschool-friendly martial arts, sports leagues and camps:

- [Upward Sports](#) (Elementary and Middle School)
- [Dekalb County Recreation](#) (Elementary and Middle School)
- [Rehoboth Baptist Church](#) (Elementary and Middle School)
- [YMCA](#) (Elementary and Middle School)
- [HALO](#) (Middle and High School)
- [AAU](#) (Middle and High School).
- [Georgia Force](#) (High School)

Also, make sure to bookmark the [Resources](#) web page on the DCHE website (www.dcheeducators.com).

SUMMER IS HERE!

Whether you homeschool year round or take summers off, summer is a fun time to enjoy the weather and retreat on a staycation or vacation as a family. Summer can also be a good time for reflection and planning. Summer is also a great time for students to participate in camps and read. Take a look at the resources below:

CAMPS:

[Connect Church East VBS](#)

Dates: June 11-14 | 8:00am – 3:00pm | Cost: FREE

[Proskuneo School of Arts Camp Encounter](#)

Dates: June 4-July 27 | 9:00am – 3:00pm | Cost: 20\$ Per Student Per Week

[Microsoft Stores](#)

Dates: Various Dates & Times | Cost: FREE*

[Apple Stores](#)

Dates: TBD | Cost: FREE*

* Parent must stay with student during camp

SUMMER READING PROGRAMS:

[DeKalb County Public Library](#) – May 26 – July 31

[Lifeway R.E.A.D.](#) – June 1 – August 31

[Barnes & Nobles](#) – May 15 – September 3

[Half Price Books – Feed Your Brain Summer Reading](#) – June 1 – July 30

[Atlanta Hawks Check it Out Reading Challenge](#) – Dates not specified

[Atlanta Braves Home Run Reader](#) – Dates not specified

HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCES:

[The SouthEast Homeschool Expo](#) – July 26-28

HOMESCHOOL BOOK SALES:

[Johnson Ferry Used Book Sale](#) – June 2 | 9:00am – 12:00pm

[BHG Used Book Sale](#) – June 9 | 9:00am – 2:00pm

[L.I.F.E. Used Curriculum & Book Sale](#) – June 30 | 12:00pm-3:00pm



FULL STEAM AHEAD

Did you know that [according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), STEM disciplines are projected to grow more than 9 million by 2022 (BLS, 2014)? According to the [National Science Foundation](#), approximately 40% of students in the United States are proficient in STEM disciplines (NSF, 2014).

As home educators, we have an exciting opportunity to directly impact our learners exposure to and competency of STE(A)M disciplines. DCHE offers [Robotics Club](#) and [Science Olympiad](#). Additionally, there are several FREE K-12 events you can explore at Microsoft Store, Apple Store, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Fernbank throughout the school year. There is also FREE curriculum and STE(A)M materials you can obtain FREE of charge. Home Educators can join the Civil Air Patrol as an [Aerospace Education Member](#) for \$35.00 and receive up to 12 [STEM Kits Free](#) of Charge! Take a look at the resources below and have fun planning your STEAM filled school year!

DCHE CLUBS:

[Science Olympiad](#)

[Robotics Team](#)

YEAR ROUND STEM EVENTS:

[Fernbank Science Center](#) (Astronomy Day, Snake Day, Birds Day, Earth Science Day, etc.)

[Microsoft Events for Students](#)

[Apple Kids and Parents](#)

[LEGO Store Monthly MiniBuild](#)

[Young Eagles Program](#)

[Home Depot Kids Workshops](#)

[Pike Nursery](#) (Free Kids Class Series)

Georgia Institute of Technology ([Kids@Kollege](#), [Hands on Future Tech](#), [National Robotics Week](#), [Junior STEM](#))

University of Georgia ([College of Veterinary Medicine Open House](#))

CURRICULUM:

[Civil Air Patrol Aerospace Education](#)



FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Thank you for reading this month's Newsletter. May your summer be filled with lots of rest.

VERSE OF THE MONTH:

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
And through the rivers they will not overflow you.
When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched,
Nor will the flame burn you.
For I am the LORD your God,
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior;"
Isaiah 43:2-3a

RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

SPINACH & STRAWBERRY SALAD WITH FETA



(Genius Kitchen, n.d., para 1)

INGREDIENTS

7 -10 cups fresh Baby Spinach
(washed, dried and stems removed, or use as much as desired)
5 cups sliced fresh strawberries
1/4 cup toasted sliced almonds (candied almonds are good too!)
1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese (can use more)

DRESSING

1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar (or use raspberry wine vinegar or white wine vinegar)
1/4-1/3 cup white sugar
1 pinch paprika
1 -2 tablespoon poppy seed

DIRECTIONS

In a large bowl toss the spinach with the strawberries and toasted almonds.
In another small bowl whisk together all dressing ingredients, starting with 1/4 cup sugar and adding in more to taste, then pour over the spinach; toss to combine.
Sprinkle the feta over the top of salad.
Serve immediately.

