

# *A Change is Coming...*

## NEW HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS WEBSITE!

Our team has been working on a project to transfer the Homeschool Happenings website to a different program with a new look and an up-to-date format. The new website will be introduced sometime in December 2009, but right now we're still in the process of working on it.

For now, we hope you enjoy these 7 articles we have put together for you—we know this isn't as good as a whole issue, but we promise the new site will be worth waiting for! If you would like to submit an article for publication, you can still do this by submitting it to [homeschoolhappenings@gmail.com](mailto:homeschoolhappenings@gmail.com) and it will still be considered for publication.

Thank you so much for your patience while we work to bring you a site with a fresher look, more newsworthy info, and easier access to the articles you want.

Sincerely,  
The Homeschool Happenings Staff

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# CHOCOLATE FOR LUNCH

BY ARIANA

When I wake up in the morning  
I have chocolate--a  
chocolate smoothie  
When it's cold I have  
hot chocolate  
At dinner I have choco-  
late chunks  
And chocolate chips  
And chocolate cubes  
But my mom says



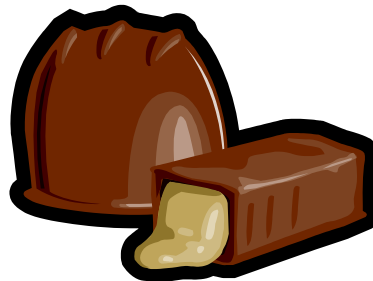
No, no chocolate for lunch  
You can't have chocolate for  
lunch  
No chocolate for lunch

But one day she said  
You've been really good  
So maybe you can have  
A little bit of chocolate  
A little bit of chocolate for lunch  
today

No chocolate for lunch  
No, no chocolate for lunch  
You can't have chocolate for  
lunch  
No chocolate for lunch

Maybe tomorrow you can have some  
too  
Or the day after  
Or the day after that

I asked my mom please  
Just a little bit  
Of chocolate milk or a Snick-  
ers  
At lunch  
But she said



You can have

Chocolate for lunch  
Oh, chocolate for  
lunch  
You can have  
chocolate for lunch  
Chocolate for lunch

No chocolate for lunch

## CONTEST

Do you love to write? Would you like to have your work published? Do you want to win cool prizes? Then enter the Homeschool Happenings Story Contest! Here's the rules:

- Write a story about anything you want. The only

limitation is that it has to have the word "ruckus" in it somewhere. Don't know what it means? Go to our website to find out!

- Your story must be less than 500 words.
- It must be original work.

- Email it to [homeschool-happenings@gmail.com](mailto:homeschool-happenings@gmail.com) before December 1st, 2009
- Good luck!

# GREEN BALLOONS DON'T FLOAT AWAY, PART II

It was Friday night, and Lizzie lay silently in bed. Her parents were out to dinner and Abigail was at her friend's party a few houses away. Lizzie could hear the loud music from where she was in her bedroom. She was thinking about Abigail again. Usually when their parents were out to dinner

Abbie and Lizzie would rent a movie and buy chocolate bars and popcorn, and after the movie was over they would go up to Abbie's room and lay on her huge bed and talk. But they hadn't in a long time. Lizzie hated--*hated* the thought that she and Abigail were growing apart. They were sisters,

how could they? She snifled into her pillow.

Suddenly, she smelled something. It smelled like... smoke! Lizzie's eyes widened. She jumped out of bed

and ran down the stairs. As she got further down, she saw a thick blanket of

smoke spreading to each room. Crouching, she dropped to her knees and crawled to the door, trying to keep her eyes open but feeling the sting of the smoke on her face. She tried the door handle--it was locked! Frantically, trying hard to breathe, she turned around to look for another exit. To her hor-

ror, a huge fire was moving quickly towards her burning everything in its path! She screamed but quickly regretted it as smoke filled her lungs. She started pounding blindly on the door, hoping she could get it open, hoping she could knock it down...

Suddenly, she heard a voice on the other side.

"Hang on! I'm opening the door!"

*It was Abbie!*

"Abbie! How--"

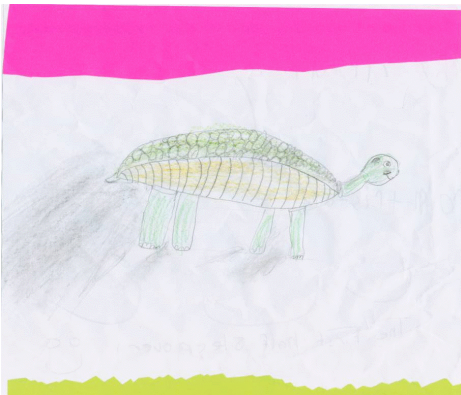
"Don't talk. Hang in there," Abigail instructed.

Lizzie heard the door open. She felt Abbie pick her up and run away from the house with Lizzie in her arms. Lizzie heard the loud siren of the fire truck--and then she blacked out.

*TO BE CONTINUED!*

*"To Lizzie's horror, a huge fire was moving quickly towards her burning everything in its path!"*

## TRISTAN'S CORNER



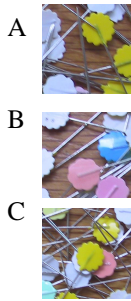
### **Homeschooling and Roses**

Roses are red,  
Violets are blue,  
I like to homeschool,  
So do you!

tristan

## PIN PUZZLE BY ANNIKA

Here's a picture of a pile of pins. Can you figure out where each of these snippets belong in the picture?



## MAYA'S QUESTION CORNER

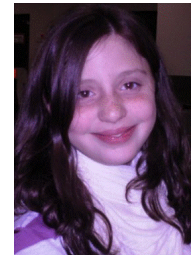
Dear Maya,  
 Sometimes my brothers and sisters interrupt while I'm studying. I've tried asking them to stop, going to my mom, and everything else I can think of. Because they distract me, sometimes I find myself not learning anything and having to go back and try learning the material again, and some-

times don't do as well on the tests as I'd like to. Can you help me?

Yours truly,  
 Not a study buddy

Dear Not a study buddy,

My sisters drive me CRAZY! If I were you I would have a little talk with them. Try not to get loud. I



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speak from experience when I say it does not help at all. Try to put them in your shoes.

Maya

# FLY BOY!

By Noah

