

# Latter-day LEARNING



2013 CONFERENCE

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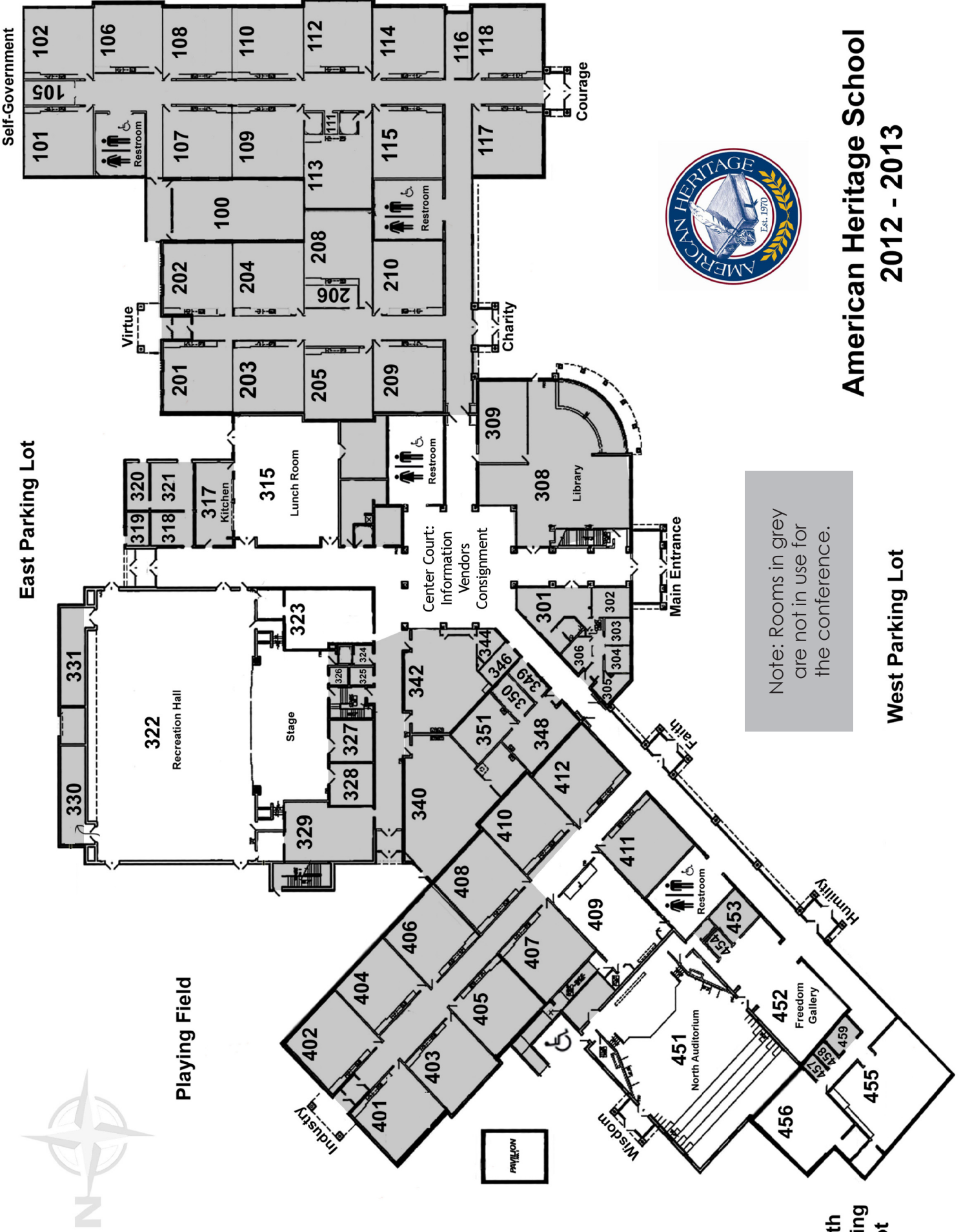
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# American Heritage School 2012 - 2013



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# WELCOME TO THE 2013 LATTER-DAY LEARNING CONFERENCE

**Saturday, April 27, 2013**

Produced by American Heritage School, 736 North 1100 East, American Fork, UT

## ADULT KEYNOTE SESSION, 9:00 – 10:00 AM

<b>Room</b>	451: North Auditorium
<b>Welcome</b>	Leland Anderson
<b>Musical Number</b>	"A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief" Vocal Duet by Ralph & James van der Beek Piano Accompaniment by Rebecca van der Beek
<b>451: North Auditorium</b>	<b>Nicholas Gentile:</b> "All Things unto Me Are Spiritual": Learning to See as the Lord Sees

## ADULT BREAKOUT PRESENTATIONS AT-A-GLANCE, 10:15 AM – 5:30 PM

Room	Breakout Session One 10:15 – 11:15	Breakout Session Two 11:30 – 12:30	LUNCH 12:30 - 2:00 pm	Breakout Session Three 2:00 – 3:00	Breakout Session Four 3:15 – 4:15	Breakout Session Five 4:30 – 5:30
<b>451: North Auditorium</b>	<b>Jill Bigelow</b> <i>Cultivating Christian Self-Government</i>	<b>Shauna Bird Dunn</b> <i>The Happiest Homeschool on Earth</i>		<b>Ruel Haymond</b> <i>Like It or Not, "Likening" is the Key</i>	<b>Youth Class</b>	<b>Youth Class</b>
<b>322: Rec Hall</b>	<b>Youth Class</b>	<b>Youth Class</b>		<b>Youth Class</b>	<b>Leland Anderson</b> <i>Memorization Strategies for Families</i>	<b>Dr. Jenet Erickson</b> <i>The Power of Parent-child Relationships in Learning</i>
<b>455</b>	<b>Lauri Updike</b> <i>Educational Methods that Empower</i>	<b>Jane Mack &amp; Nanette Wiggins</b> <i>Homeschool the "Family School" Way</i>		<b>Jane Mack and Nanette Wiggins</b> <i>The Grand Opening!</i>	<b>Diann Jeppson</b> <i>The Family Devotional</i>	<b>Linda Strong</b> <i>Teaching Young Children to Read and Write</i>
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<b>323</b>	<b>Karen Arnesen</b> <i>Using Literature to Learn Principles of the Gospel</i>	<b>Gail Long</b> <i>Pure Mathematical Enjoyment</i>		<b>Leland Anderson</b> <i>A Writing Lesson with Benjamin Franklin</i>	<b>Jane Mack and Nanette Wiggins</b> <i>The Grand Opening!</i>	<b>Panel of Homeschooling Parents</b>
<b>409</b>	<b>Maynard and Sally Olsen</b> <i>Great Activities to do on the Sabbath</i>	<b>Maynard and Sally Olsen</b> <i>Highest Priorities for Raising Valiant Children</i>		<b>Grant Beckwith</b> <i>A Father's Role in Education</i>	<b>Grant Beckwith</b> <i>Leadership: It's What You Leave</i>	<b>Don Powell</b> <i>The Proper Role of Technology in the Family School</i>

## VENDOR EXHIBIT & CONSIGNMENT TABLES, 8:00 AM – 6:30 PM

<b>Room: Center Court</b>	Guests may visit the vendor booths at no charge. They are open to the public. No conference ticket required.
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## FAMILY HOEDOWN, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

<b>Rm 322: Rec Hall</b>	The Family Hoedown will provide a night of foot stompin', hand clappin' fun for family members of all ages!
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# SESSIONS

## Keynote Address, 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Rm 451: North Auditorium



### **“All Things unto Me Are Spiritual”:** Learning to See as the Lord Sees

*Presenter: Nick Gentile*

This interactive learning experience will equip parents with Principle Approach® philosophies and practices that allow children to identify, understand, and apply truth in every learning environment and subject. In this hands-on workshop, parents will learn by doing as Mr. Gentile guides them through an exciting implementation of the “4R” (research, reason, relate, and record) methodology used by American Heritage School. Using Mr. Gentile's original research about the revolutionary transformation of Marblehead, Massachusetts, between 1764 and 1775, parents will research never-before-seen transcriptions of primary sources to reason principles from the American Revolution. They will then relate these principles to their lives today as they discuss specific ways to apply them to their needs. Finally, parents will leave with a meaningful record of their learning experience: one that they can use to guide their own children in discovering the internal principles that lead to external application as disciples of Christ. Such LDS-oriented character education transforms both minds and hearts and allows children to see as the Lord sees: that all learning can be part of a spiritual quest to attain the “measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13).

## Session One, 10:15 am – 11:15 pm

Rm 451: N Aud



### **Cultivating Christian Self-Government**

*Presenter: Jill Bigelow*

What are some practical ways we can help cultivate Christian self-government within the hearts of our children? How can we help them to responsibly act, instead of merely being acted upon? How can personal and family worship, a “house of learning,” family work, music, mealtimes, and “wholesome recreational activities” help empower our children to conduct themselves as Christians?

Rm 455



### **Educational Methods that Empower**

*Presenter: Lauri Updike*

This presentation will provide teachers from every setting with the learning pathway to success. We will explore the methodology of 4R-ing (Research, Reason, Relate and Record) in order to create a Word Study. The steps of 4R-ing embody the wondrous process of learning. The scholar is guided to establish Christ as his First Cause, to reason from His word in the effort to think governmentally, to relate the truths and principles reasoned to his own heart and mind in such a way that he can be truly creative, and to produce a record of this process that will bless his own life and the lives of others. Teachers/Parents will participate in these methods in order to empower them to lead children in these paths. The fruit of these processes is the educated mind and consecrated heart of youth who are able and willing to go forth and change the world for the glory of God.

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# SESSIONS

Rm 456



## **Class #1: Homeschool the "Family School" Way**

*Presenters: Jane Mack and Nanette Wiggins*

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Rm 323



## **Using Literature to Learn Principles of the Gospel**

*Presenter: Karen Arnesen*

Reading a book is one of the greatest pleasures there is, but too often we read only to find out what happens. Literature of all kinds, however, is much richer than a mere series of events. Literature can make us more compassionate, teach us gospel truths, and fill our lives with beauty. We will learn how to evaluate literature and how to read and teach literature so that all its richness influences us. "Nothing touches the soul but leaves its impress, and thus, little by little, we are fashioned into the image of all we have seen, heard, known, and meditated. And if we learn to live with all that is the fairest and the purest and the best, the love of it all will, in the end, become our very lives." This is what literature can become for us.

Rm 409



## **Class #1: Great Activities to do on the Sabbath to Bless You and Your Family**

*Presenters: Maynard and Sally Olsen*

This class will focus on using the Sabbath day to spiritually strengthen the family, emphasizing home-centered Sabbath activities. We learn the doctrine of the Sabbath day and what modern prophets have instructed us to do on the Sabbath day to bless families. We will review the purposes of the consolidated meeting schedule and its application for family time on Sunday. Specific ideas and activities for family gospel study time will be presented and discussed.

## **Session Two, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm**

Rm 451: N Auditorium




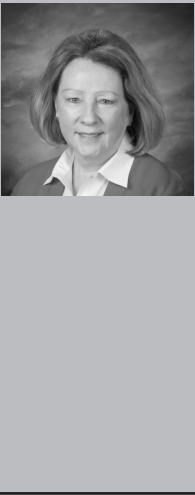


## **The Happiest Homeschool on Earth**

*Presenter: Shauna Bird Dunn*

"Somehow I can't believe there are any heights that can't be scaled by a man who knows the secret of making dreams come true. This special secret, it seems to me, can be summarized in four C's. They are curiosity, confidence, courage, and constancy" (Walt Disney).

To all who come to this happy presentation...WELCOME! Shauna will present principles and practices discovered through her 10 years of homeschooling and 17 years of parenting that invite curiosity, bolster confidence, fortify courage and foster constancy in your home. Fostering an environment that allows children (and yourself) to develop the four C's of Success will give your family the tools to scale great heights and make dreams come true.







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Rm 323		<p><b>Pure Mathematical Enjoyment</b>  <i>Presenter: Gail Long</i></p> <p>Family Math will cover a variety of topics: math curricula that are designed for homeschoolers, supplemental resources, integrating math with other subjects and topics, and applying math at home.</p> <p>Family Math will add the spark of interest or enthusiasm for numbers, patterns, and problem solving.</p> <p>Additionally, in the afternoon, participate in a Make &amp; Take Workshop with “hands on” opportunity to discover Pure Mathematical Enjoyment for yourself and your family.</p>
Rm 409		<p><b>Class #2: Highest Priorities for Raising Valiant Children Who Will Work Miracles for the Lord Now and Throughout Eternity</b>  <i>Presenters: Maynard and Sally Olsen</i></p> <p>This class will present prophetic counsel on how to make your home a gospel-centered home. We will discuss experiences on the role of parents and children in making this happen and the blessing it is to the entire family. We learn the five highest priorities that the First Presidency has counseled parents to have in our homes. We will teach and share activities and ideas for teaching children the gospel. We will share specific ways to help your children set and achieve spiritual, temporal, physical, academic, and social goals.</p>

**Lunch Break, 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm**

# SESSIONS

Session Three, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Rm 451: N Aud		<p><b>Like It or Not, “Likening” is the Key</b>  <i>Presenter: Ruel Haymond</i></p> <p>The focus of this presentation will be on the relate step in the 4R process. Learning will ultimately lead us away from the mark if we do not relate or “liken” what we learn to ourselves. Using a examples from the scriptures, the Declaration of Independence, the US Constitution, and great literature, the key likening concept of “Is it I?” will be asked and applied again and again.</p>
Rm 455	 	<p><b>Class #2: The Grand Opening!</b>  <i>Presenters: Jane Mack and Nanette Wiggins</i></p> <p>One magnificent blessing of educating children at home is family unity. Nannette Wiggins and Jane Mack are excited to present a daily practice that increased unity during their 25 years of homeschool experience. It's a practice that continues to knit together the hearts of their children across generations. Come learn about how “The Opening” can be a simple, delightful, and productive prelude to the Family School portion of your day.</p>
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Rm 323		<p><b>Class #1: A Writing Lesson with Benjamin Franklin</b>  <i>Presenter: Leland Andersen</i></p> <p>In this hour, attendees will experience first-hand an engaging, inductive strategy for helping youth develop secondary-level essay writing skills. Benjamin Franklin’s “Remarks Concerning the Savages of North America” and other selected “surprising reversal” essays will be used as effective models. Attendees are sure to enjoy this interactive writing class, and may improve their own writing skills in the process!</p>
Rm 409		<p><b>Class #1: A Father’s Role in Education</b>  <i>Presenter: Grant Beckwith</i></p> <p>Based on the turbulent family life of Abraham Lincoln, this class provides examples of how fathers can carry the “weight of the world” without neglecting their most important roles as husband and father. Specific emphasis will be placed upon a father’s responsibility as a teacher in his family.</p>





# SESSIONS

Session Four, 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

Rm 322: Rec Hall		<p><b>Class #2: Memorization Strategies for Families</b>  <i>Presenter: Leland Andersen</i></p> <p>In this class, attendees will learn effective memorization concepts and strategies for families with children, youth, and young adults in the home. Strategies to be addressed include appropriate passage selection, use of music, storytelling, games, tracking systems, routines, performances, incentives, and praise. Sample scripture and poem lists will be demonstrated and shared with attendees.</p>
Rm 455		<p><b>The Family Devotional</b>  <i>Presenter: Diann Jeppson</i></p> <p>Which teaching tools and methods can we use to instill enduring virtues in the hearts of our children? The family devotional is a key system for the effective transference of virtue and truth. This class will invite you to assess the effectiveness of your system for teaching these most important ideas and will assist you in creating, maintaining and enhancing your own family devotional. You'll receive resources and helps to assemble the components of an impactful daily devotional. We'll also discuss strategies for overcoming roadblocks to holding successful, regular devotionals.</p>
Rm 456		<p><b>Teaching Young Children to Read and Write</b>  <i>Presenter: Linda Strong</i></p> <p>There are few things more gratifying than to watch the skill of reading and writing open up to a child. We will begin this class by laying the foundation of the blessing of the ability to communicate through language and the importance of being good stewards of this gift. We will discuss the importance of phonemic awareness such as rhyming, and hearing beginning, middle, and ending sounds in preparing a child to read. The ability to decode words phonetically is an asset to any child in developing reading skills. As a child uses the skills of phonetic decoding, spelling, reading, and writing words, he is able to create his/her own sentences. Excitement for reading is guaranteed when a child is able to read his or her own writing.</p>
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Rm 409		<p><b>Class #2: Leadership: It's What You Leave</b>  <i>Presenter: Grant Beckwith</i></p> <p>Leadership is more about what you do than what you say. Even more – leadership is about what you leave. This class draws upon Spencer Kimball's "Jesus the Perfect Leader" and David Bednar's "Patterns of Leadership" to draw out principles of leadership that apply as much to self and family government as they do to corporate and public government.</p>

# SESSIONS

Session Five, 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Rm 322: Rec Hall		<p><b>The Power of Parent-child Relationships in Learning: Out of Small Things Proceedeth that which is Great</b>  <i>Presenter: Dr. Jenet Erickson</i></p> <p>Research has repeatedly shown that parent-child relationships have a powerful effect on learning. Because of the significant role of relationships in learning, the home is the most natural setting for learning. This session will discuss the role of parent-child relationships and how to capitalize on the natural home environment to create a Home of Learning. Inspiring learning methods will be presented along with insight about how they can transform ordinary patterns of daily family life into rich and transformative sources of learning.</p>
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Rm 456		<p><b>Teaching Your Little Ones: A Privilege and an Opportunity</b>  <i>Presenter: Angie Blad</i></p> <p>Birth to five is such an exciting time for children and parents! The brain, heart, and spirit are ripe for development, and it is our privilege as parents to participate in nurturing that process. This class will prepare you to teach your little ones, by discussing appropriate expectations for: self-care, working and helping in the home, pre-reading, pre-writing, and beginning math skills. This presentation will be based on Sister Blad's experiences working with her own children, including a special needs daughter, her involvement in teaching two different homeschool Preschool/Pre-K programs (ages 1-3; and ages 4-7), and extensive research and application of the Montessori model of education.</p>
Rm 323		<p><b>Panel of Homeschooling Parents</b>  <i>Presenters: Various</i></p> <p>Come prepared to ask your most compelling questions to this terrific panel of parents. When you arrive, you'll be given a card on which to write your question. The moderator, Karen Arnesen, will give the panel the opportunity to share their wisdom and stories. Don't miss this chance to listen to the voices of experience.</p>
Rm 409		<p><b>The Proper Role of Technology in the Family School</b>  <i>Presenter: Don Powell</i></p> <p>Just as President Benson taught that there is a proper role of government, there is also a proper role of technology in the Family School. Come learn what that role is and how to incorporate it in your Family School. This presentation will include actual examples that you can start using in your Family School immediately while you teach and engage your children.</p>

# MEET THE PRESENTERS



**Leland Anderson** is Principal of Grades 7-12 and Director of Home and Distance Education at American Heritage School. He joined AHS's administrative team in July 2008. Prior to this, Mr. Anderson graduated from Harvard University with an EdM in School Leadership and received K-12 school administrator licenses in Utah and Massachusetts. He completed an administrative internship at Madison Park High School, the largest technical-vocational high school in Boston Public Schools. He was also a Visiting Fellow at Innosight Institute in 2008-2009. He and his wife, Gina, are the parents of four daughters and two sons.



**Karen Arnesen** is the author of the history and literature portions of American Heritage's Family School - Year 1 and is the homeschooling mother of seven children ages 14 to 28. She learned about home schooling before she was married and fell in love with the idea. All of her children have been taught at home until high school, where they take music and AP classes, but do not graduate. She taught eighth grade in public school and at UVU (then UVSC) and worked for the Ensign magazine before she got married. She currently teaches a five-year honors and AP Literature class in her home for a wonderful group of home school students. She loves being with her family, reading, traveling, camping and hiking, knitting, crocheting. She does not love exercising, but she does it six days a week. She is looking forward to her first grandchild in June. She has daughter on a mission and a son and daughter leaving in May and June 2013.



**Grant Beckwith** is Head of School at American Heritage School. Prior to joining American Heritage School's administration in 2005, Mr. Beckwith was a practicing attorney for the Washington D.C. office of Nixon Peabody LLP. A member of the Utah Bar, the Virginia Bar, and the District of Columbia Bar, Mr. Beckwith is a graduate of the BYU Law School and also holds bachelors and masters degrees in accountancy and information systems from the Marriott School of Management. Mr. Beckwith has lived and worked in Moscow Russia, New York, New York, and Washington, D.C., and grew up in various parts of the United States including Utah, California, Texas, Florida, and Wisconsin. He and his wife, Candice, are the parents of four children and are honored to be involved with American Heritage School.



**Jill Bigelow** is a member of American Heritage School's Board of Trustees and served for many years as principal organizer and as a teacher for a home school co-op which has served over a hundred students and their families. She also develops curriculum, provides inservice trainings, and serves in her church. She and her husband, Rob, adore their ten children and thirty-four grandchildren. They raised a musical family (and much of their own food), and Jill loves cultivating the gift of music in children. But most of all, she loves nurturing her family through daily music mentoring, weekly "Grandma School," annual reunions and Cousins' Camps, and writing family history.



**Angie Blad** is a homeschool mother. She describes her key to sanity (and therefore happiness) as waking before her children, and using that time to get ready, pray, read scriptures, study, and indulge in any other worthwhile and "selfish" behavior (in that order)! Although her degree is in Elementary Education, Angie's first love is Early Childhood (birth to 3) due to the critical shaping of the brain, heart and spirit that takes place during those early years. When it comes to homeschooling, the Blad Family is in their third year, with 5 of the 6 children learning at home. An exciting addition to their school routine has been their involvement in the LDS Commonwealth (Foundations of Liberty) that Angie helped establish in their community in Omaha, Nebraska.



**Shauna Bird Dunn** is a nationally published author. She has served on the American Fork Library Board of Trustees, as the 2010 Utah Young Mother of the Year, and she currently serves on the Children's Literature Association of Utah Board of Directors. She and her alter egos, The Book Fairy, The Book Diva, and The 'Book-aneer,' work hard to create ravenous readers out of children in and near their home in American Fork, Utah. Her husband Brent claims that she suffers from OTTD (Over The Top Disorder), a condition that prevents her from doing things "the boring way." A mother of five home schooled bookworms (ages 6-17), Shauna earned a Bachelor of Science in Business from Eastern New Mexico University, a Juris Doctorate from the J. Reuben Clark Jr. School of Law, and a Master of Public Administration from the Brigham Young University Marriott School of Management.

# MEET THE PRESENTERS



**Jenet Jacob Erickson** teaches classes in the School of Family Life at Brigham Young University and is a graduate of American Heritage School. She currently serves on American Heritage School's Board of Trustees as chair of the Teacher Development and Curriculum Committee. Her early educational background includes several years of homeschooling, private schooling at American Heritage, and public high school. She completed a bachelor's degree from BYU in Nursing with a minor in harp, and then after completing a PhD in Family Science at the University of Minnesota returned to teach at BYU. Prior to the birth of their first child, she was a full-time assistant professor for three years in the School of Family Life at BYU. She and her husband, Michael Erickson, are the parents of a 2 ½ year old daughter and a 3 month-old son. In spare moments now Jenet enjoys teaching part-time at BYU and doing editorial writing for the Deseret News.



**Nicholas Gentile** is currently a full-time instructor for Seminaries and Institutes of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and also enjoys teaching an after-school directed readings seminar—"The Minutemen and Their World"—for American Heritage School. He has absolutely loved helping students to reason and relate principles in his on-campus and Home and Distance Education American History and World History courses at American Heritage School, where he has received the Rosalie J. Slater Award for instructional excellence. Prior to teaching at American Heritage School and The Fenn School in Concord, Massachusetts, Mr. Gentile earned a 4.00 GPA and a Master of Arts (MA) degree in American History at Brandeis University, where he was a Crown Fellow in the PhD program and mentored by the Pulitzer-Prize-winning historian David Hackett Fischer. He earned a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in History from Brigham Young University, where he graduated summa cum laude as the valedictorian of the History Department, the recipient of the Outstanding Undergraduate in History award, and an Edwin S. Hinckley Scholar. He has published several articles in scholarly journals, including one about Thomas Jefferson's philosophical sympathy for Native Americans in the May 2010 issue of *We Proceeded On*. He is also the author of "Would He Calm My Storms?"—an article about the Lord's hand in his battles to stand for truths about marriage and family during his years at The Fenn School—which was published in the September 2012 *Ensign*. He and his eternal sweetheart, Christina, are passionate about teaching their soon-to-be four children to see gospel principles in the world around them and believe that, regardless of where children learn, education should be—first, last, and always—a stewardship of heart and home.



**Ruel Haymond** is a teacher of American Government and Economics, World Literature, Senior Thesis, and Constitutional Studies at American Heritage School. He is the husband of Tresa Marshall Haymond and the father of seven children, ages 6 to 20. He and his wife began homeschooling their children when their oldest was six years old and have experienced just about every combination of educational practices and experiences possible. From Commonwealth schools to personal mentors to private education to public education, they have diligently sought the Lord's guidance to know what is best for each individual child. Ruel has been teaching at American Heritage School for six years and considers himself greatly blessed to teach there.

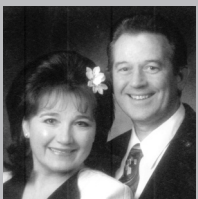


**Diann Jeppson** is owner of Family Forum, chairman of the Family Forum conference, co-creator of the Family Builder Program, and is the Latter-day Learning Conference Program Coordinator. She is the founder and former President of the American Youth Leadership Institute. She has served on a number of non-profit Boards, enjoys administrative work, and is wholeheartedly engaged in the grand adventure of family building and community development. She and her husband, Adam, live in West Valley City, Utah and have four daughters and one grandson. She enjoys working as the business manager for her husband's gunsmithing business. In her leisure time, she enjoys singing with her daughters and hiking in the Wasatch mountains. She is delighted to be a part of American Heritage School team, and for the opportunity to assist with the success of Latter-Day Learning.

# MEET THE PRESENTERS



**Gail Long** is a math teacher at American Heritage School. She has an innate love for learning and teaching. She earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics, with a minor in education, from the University of South Florida. She received her master's degree, graduating with honors, from Lesley College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She has significant classroom experience at the junior high, high school, and college levels, including with the Saxon Math curriculum. Mrs. Long has recently been serving as a math instructor for the AHS Home and Distance Education program. One of her greatest strengths is connecting with her students in the classroom, which she even managed to do over the internet and by telephone. Mrs. Long includes a variety of activities in her classroom and has successfully received grant monies for math manipulatives, computers, and robotics. She and her husband, John, have three children and six grandchildren. Gail has worked with youth and adults in both the Church and community. She has a passion for preparedness and has taught whole wheat cookery, canning and dehydrating classes at Colorado Mountain College, and participated in community preparedness fairs. She enjoys collecting fabric, sewing, designing quilts, and eating chocolate.



**Dr. & Mrs. Maynard and Sally Olsen** are popular presenters at BYU Education Week and parents of 12 children. They met at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. They married in the Oakland, California temple. Maynard attended medical school and is a family medicine physician. His medical training took them to North Carolina, New Jersey, and Hawaii. They lived in San Diego for 18 years and then moved to Orem, Utah. Dr. Olsen was called to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where he presided over the Texas Houston mission for three years. Sally was selected as Utah's Mother of the Year in 2011. They have eight daughters and four sons; Dan, Angela, Nathan, Adam, Lani, Lori, Tim, Lacy, Sheree, Sarah, Marie, Jaylene, and a foster daughter, Cherie Fisher Begay. Their youngest, Jaylene, is 14 years old. 10 of their children have graduated from Brigham Young University and four sons and five daughters have served missions. One daughter is currently serving in Russia. Dr. and Mrs. Olsen reside in Orem, Utah and rejoice over their 12 children and 32 grand-children, ages 6 weeks to 16 years.



**Don Powell** is Manager of Information Systems in the College of Fine Arts and Communications at Brigham Young University, where he has worked for the last 14 years. As manager, he enjoys helping the faculty of his college better use technology in their daily work and especially in the classroom. Don and his wife Sylvia have been using the "Principle Approach" to home school their nine children since Don first attended a conference at American Heritage School's Pleasant Grove campus in 2000.



**Linda Strong** is a kindergarten teacher at American Heritage School and author of American Heritage School's Pre-K to Kindergarten online History, Language, and Literature courses. She began teaching at American Heritage School more than 20 years ago. Having graduated from BYU, she has a composite bachelor's degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. A longtime resident of Utah, she has traveled as far as Korea and New Zealand but has always called Utah County home. After teaching Kindergarten for three years in the public school system, Mrs. Strong retired for several years to raise seven children. During this time, she also conducted a preschool out of her home. Her family is unique in that it is multi-cultural. Of her seven children, four are adopted - two from Korea and two from India. She and her husband Mark are now the grandparents of 14 and they have enjoyed the experience of blending different backgrounds in their family. "Words cannot express my gratitude for the blessings that I have received from being at American Heritage School," Linda says. "I love teaching and cherish my association with the children, patrons, and faculty of this wonderful school."

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**Lauri Updike** is a seventh grade core teacher at American Heritage School. She was born in Alberta, Canada. She is the oldest daughter of Wilson and Iona Lauritzen. She graduated from BYU in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in English and German. She is the mother of three sons, four daughters, and six beautiful grandchildren. Mrs. Updike is passionately involved in church, politics, civic affairs, and education. For the past 35 years Mrs. Updike has been an advocate of principle-based education. She home schooled her own children from 1985-1999, took part in a High School Co-op - Christian Co-operative Learning Center from 1999-2002, has been a Teacher Trainer for Utah Boys Ranch, and the in-service Director for American Heritage School. She enjoys the privilege of teaching her scholars at American Heritage School. Each summer she conducts American Heritage Tours for students and their families to Virginia and Washington, D.C. Mrs. Updike loves to read, research, hike, travel and eat cookies.



**Jane Neubert Mack** is a consultant to The Family School and co-author of The Family School -- Year 1 Geography. She is a native of Orem, Utah. Her husband Spencer is a Financial Consultant, and they are currently serving together at the MTC in a Japanese Branch. At this time they have 7 children and 19 grandchildren. She enjoys a good road trip, being with her family, gardening, doing family history work, and biking. Jane home schooled her children for 22 years with much of that time being spent alongside her sister Nannette Wiggins and her children.



**Nannette Neubert Wiggins**, like her sister Jane Mack, is a consultant to The Family School and co-author of The Family School -- Year 1 Geography. She lives in Orem. She is the mother of five and the grandmother of seventeen. Her husband Marvin is retired from 40 years of service as a librarian at BYU. She and her husband are currently serving as missionaries in the Church's Addiction Recovery Program. Nannette graduated in elementary education from BYU. She loves to bike, swim and walk along the river, write, and sing. She has been involved in Homeschool for over 30 years.

Together Jane and Nannette have great passion for home education and desire others to have the same wonderful opportunity and experience they had of teaching their children "family style," using gospel principles. Jane and her sister Nannette are currently writing the geography lessons as well as helping to edit all Family School materials. They feel so blessed and excited to be part of such an amazing team of writers, designers and others who are moving this great work forward at American Heritage School. It is surely a dream come true!

# VENDOR EXHIBITORS

Open 8:00 am – 6:30 pm, Center Court

Guests may visit the vendor booths at no charge. They are open to the public.

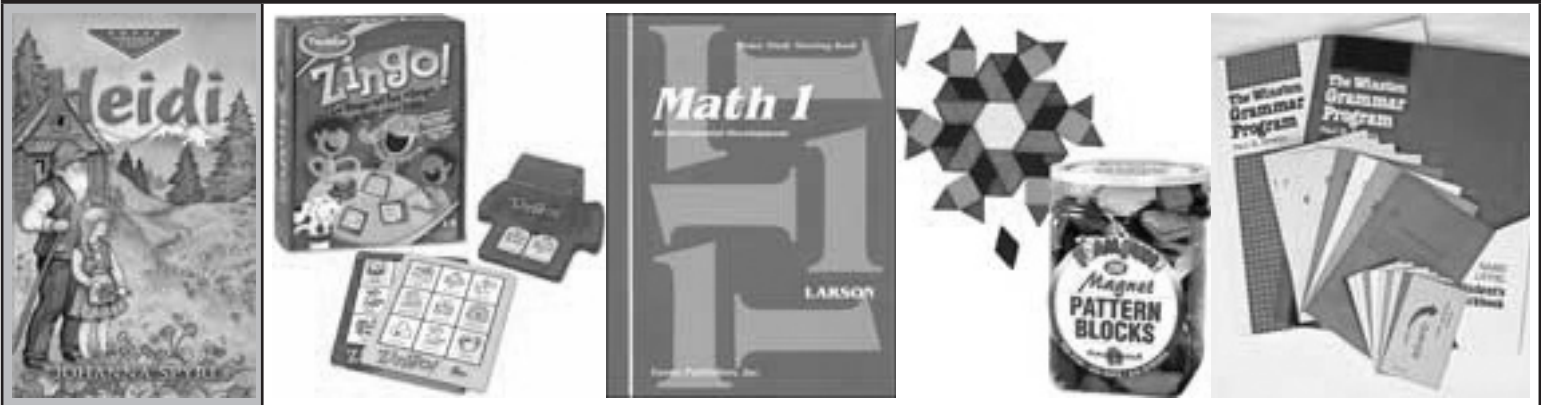
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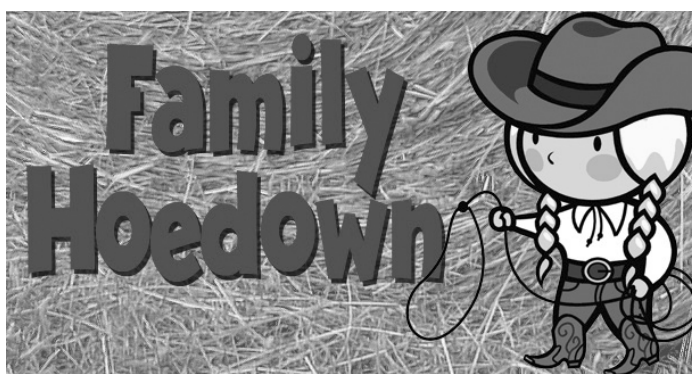
<b>Meals</b>	Pre-ordered box lunches can be picked up in the lunchroom. Snack items and drinks will also be available for purchase throughout the conference inside the school. Attendees are also welcome to bring food from home, or a restaurant, to be eaten in the lunchroom or outside. American Heritage School does not allow food to be eaten in the classrooms.
<b>Nursing Mothers</b>	For mothers with small infants, nursing is always welcome in all meeting rooms and lobbies.
<b>Licensed Educators</b>	If you are interested in receiving licensure points for the renewal of a Utah Educator License, please come to the Information table at the conclusion of the conference.
<b>Questions</b>	If you have questions or need any assistance, please come to the information table located in the Center Court.

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<b>Hours</b>	Open from 8:00 am – 6:30 pm; Adjacent to the Center Court
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<b>Payment</b>	Cash and checks only. No credit card transactions.

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