

# Family Education Center

“Libertas”

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## NEW BEGINNINGS



The Family Education Center would like to welcome Grant Beckwith as the new director of American Heritage School & Family Education Center. Mr. Beckwith comes to us from Virginia. He is a graduate of BYU Law School as well as BYU Marriott School of Management and is married with two children.

While the earth remaineth, seedingtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Genesis 8:22

## WELCOME TO THE NEW DIRECTOR



GRANT BECKWITH

With the addition of Mr. Beckwith as both the director of the Family Education Center and principal of the School, American Heritage School & Family Education Center will have the benefit of common leadership, unified vision, and close coordination. We look forward to Mr. Beckwith's inspired leadership.

*[Mr. Beckwith recently shared the following message with current faculty and parents of American Heritage School.]*

"In the summer of 2002, Gaylord Swim, a longtime friend, paid a visit to me and my wife Candice at our home in Virginia. Candice and I had recently given birth to our first child and Gaylord had come to visit us and see the baby. When he arrived on our doorstep, he had under his arm a three-to-four foot cardboard tube that contained what I thought to be a map or a picture (as best I could guess). He set it aside and paid no attention to it until after dinner. When he finally revealed the contents of the tube, I could see that they were the blueprints and artist's renditions of a school. It was American Heritage School's new campus, construction for which had been recently completed.

There was no talk of my joining the School, but I will never forget the flash in Gaylord's eyes and the excitement and emotion in his voice as he proceeded to read out loud the words inscribed over the entrances: "Humility..., Faith..., Charity..., Courage..., Self-government..., Virtue..., Industry..., and Wisdom." Candice and I listened intently as he described the School, its history, its mission, its parents and children, and

## FAMILY LECTURE SERIES

Friday, September 9th  
7:30 - 9:00 PM



CHIEKO OKAZAKI

### *GETTING LOST TOGETHER IN A GOOD BOOK: FAMILY READING*

Author, educator, and former counselor in the Relief Society general presidency, Chieko Okazaki is known for her wonderful ability to tell a story. A child of humble Japanese laborers on a plantation in Hawaii, she converted from Buddhism to the LDS faith when just 15 years old. A former public school teacher and principle, Sister Okazaki has made learning her life's work. Please join us for an inspirational evening Friday, September 9th.

Lectures are held in the auditorium of American Heritage School & Family Education Center and are free and open to the public. We invite those ages 14 and older to join us. For more information call 801-642-0055. Lectures are held the second Friday of the month.

its faculty and staff. It was immediately and unmistakably clear to me that his devotion was not to the structure (beautiful as it was), but rather to the people and the principles for which it stood. A seed was planted in my heart that day.

Earlier this year, not long after Gaylord's funeral, I found myself sitting in an interview with the Board of Trustees of American Heritage School. One of the Trustees, Maxine Kerttula, herself a previous administrator at the School, spoke openly of Fred Robert's gift for loving and knowing each of the children individually and by name. Numerous others, including parents and faculty, have expressed a similar sentiment about Mr. Roberts. And thus I pay tribute and thanks to each of the previous administrators, and particularly Mr. Roberts, for setting such a high standard of love, compassion, and nurturing with respect to all who come here to learn and grow - and I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to be engaged, alongside each of you, in this work of educating hearts and minds at a Christ-centered place of learning.

And so, as we prepare for the 2005-2006 academic year, it is my hope and prayer that American Heritage School will continue to stand in harmony and unison alongside our homes and our temples as a "house of faith, a house of learning, a house of glory, a house of order, a house of God." (D&C 88:119)."

*[Reprinted from the August edition of the  
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## THE BOOKSTORE

Let us help you build your family library. These books will be available for sale immediately following the Family Lecture Series on September 9th in the foyer of the school auditorium. Titles include:

<u>Child's Garden of Verses</u>	\$8
<u>Common Sense</u> by Thomas Payne	\$10
<u>Rules of Civility</u> by Washington	\$10
<u>Benjamin Franklin Quotes</u>	\$10
<u>George Washington Quotes</u>	\$10
<u>Stories of Great Americans</u> by Edward Eggleston	\$15
<u>History of the U.S. and Its People</u> by Edward Eggleston	\$25

If you are unable to attend the lecture and would still like to purchase one of these books, they may be mailed to you for an additional 14% shipping and handling fee. Simply send a check to American Heritage letting us know which books you would like and where you would like them sent.

## HOME SCHOOL CURRICULUM

### HISTORY

### CREATION TO MIDDLE AGES

\$125

(Introductory Rate)



This new home school curriculum is for pre-K through 6th grade and can easily be adapted to the abilities of your children. This 892 page book comes complete with maps, quotes, activities, timeline, parent answers and much more. A CD also accompanies the book for duplication purposes.

The curriculum is specifically designed for LDS families and incorporates modern scriptures and prophets along with ancient Christian teaching. A copy is on display in the school foyer or call 642-0055 to order. Please add 14% for shipping and handling or pick up at the school. A sample lesson can also be viewed on line by going to the school's web site at [www.american-heritage.org](http://www.american-heritage.org).

## NEW NAME FOR NEWSNOTES

The Family Education Center "News Notes" has a new name, with the intent of being more reflective of what we stand for and who we are. With that in mind we have chosen the name "*Libertas*" which means "liberty" in Latin.

Each day, as we practice the freedoms we enjoy, we celebrate the liberty for which our forefathers and subsequent generations have fought. Let us always remember that this liberty has been bought with a price and is of infinite value. This is especially significant today as we have men and women in harms way fighting to preserve the freedoms we enjoy. Let us never forget their sacrifice.

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