

# Family Academy<sup>®</sup> News

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## What Family Academy<sup>®</sup> Offers Homeschoolers

Our teachers are qualified to assist your family needs while continuing to homeschool.

We provide:

- School year planning
- Weekly Contact with students and parents
- Quarterly conferences
- Report cards for K-8
- Sports report cards for district needs
- Great online resources for Special Education Needs
- New Phonics program for K-2 online coming this Fall! Limited enrollments available.
- Highschool accreditation through a partner program for grades 9-12
  - Keep homeschooling and get an accredited diploma.
- Testing and Assessments
- Outdoor Schools
- Online courses available
  - Spanish, German or French Classes
  - Music Classes
  - Art Classes

We have teachers in:

- Sequim/Port Angeles area (Tutor)
- Arlington – 1 learning centers
- Burien – 2 learning centers
- Vancouver – 1 learning center
- Marysville – 2 learning centers
- Special Needs Teacher – Online
- Music and Foreign Language Teacher

To inquire about registration and availability please email us.

We look forward to assisting you!

## National Literacy Month

What does this mean? For many homeschoolers, they take part in various writing competitions during the month of November.

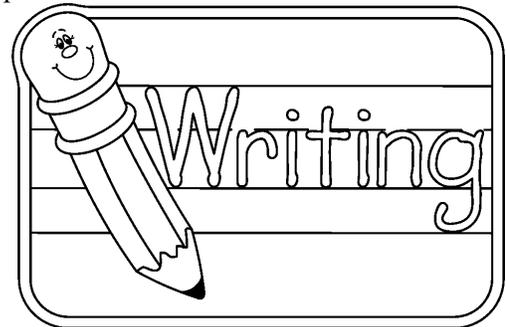
One competition has a 20,000-word minimum. My children competed each year. It didn't matter if they spelled words wrong or had grammar errors. If they were old enough to write stories, then they participated.

We spent the rest of the school year critiquing, correcting and our end concept was a book!

We would literally, make a book of the story that my children wrote. By the age of 16 my daughter wrote so well that a publishing firm wanted her books! Five in total were done by the time she graduated from High School.

I challenge you to let your child write this month! I am even willing to read the stories, offer advice and help you publish a final copy for your student!

Please let me know if your student is willing to participate!



## Online Courses

Your input is wanted..... would online courses for your family work? Need elective ideas for High School? Click on the link to our Online Poll and let us know!

[Online Poll](#)

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(206) 928-2934 [school@familyacademy.org](mailto:school@familyacademy.org)

## Gingerbread House Competition

You are invited to participate in our yearly Gingerbread House Competition!

For the past 25 years my family has sponsored a Gingerbread House competition over Thanksgiving break. This gave the kids something to do while I worked on getting Thanksgiving's dinner coordinated.

We would then combine the competition with our youth group and have a huge display for the church to judge. It has been one of the most memorable times in our homeschooling years.

For the high school students, you are encouraged to build a house or architectural structure in history and write a paper about that structure.

All participants will get a certificate of participation. All the houses will be posted on our Facebook page and in our newsletter!

To register for the competition and get all the rules, please contact us! Here is one of my daughters' houses!



## Advent is Coming!

We will be sending out a unique gift for each of our families enrolled this year to celebrate Advent.

Please watch for a delivery during Thanksgiving week!

## Holiday Gift Items

These have been going fast, still some quantities left!

Help support our school with purchasing some items for the students this year!

We have on hand:

### Art Kits

Comes with 2 to 3 holiday ornaments with acrylic paints and a brush. Ready to give!  
\$5.00

### Beading Kits

Kits come with beads, beading twine, and a storage container.  
\$5.00

### Hair Band Kits

Girl's hairbands and lip gloss recipes with a Tupperware Smidget! \$5.00

### Boys Jax Kits

For the boys who could use help with hand/eye coordination!  
\$3.00

### Holiday Pencils and Erasers Kits

\$3.00 Boys and Girls.

Shipping and Sales Tax apply.

There are approximately 10 of each item. If you would like to purchase, please contact the school for more info.

## Field Trip Information

I wanted to pass along an interesting place to visit if you are interested in the Native American history and culture.

It is called Hibulb Cultural Center and Natural History Preserve.

It is in Tulalip, WA. Depending on where you live, it would be a nice day trip to check it out.

They have monthly activities such as beaded earring making, weaving, basket making, poetry reading, ribbon skirt/dress workshops. It the classes seem to be aimed for all ages.

They are open to the public following COVID standards.

The last time I checked, you can tour the center virtually.

You can contact them to get more information regarding fees, exact location, and classes.

Contact information:

Hibulb Cultural Center and Natural History Preserve  
6410 23rd Ave NE (less than a mile west of I-5, exit 199)  
Tulalip, WA 98271

360-716-2600

[HibulbCulturalCenter.org](http://HibulbCulturalCenter.org)

Submitted by Wendy Wenger of Highline Tutoring and Testing Center.

This is an excellent idea since we celebrate Native American Heritage Day this month! Check it out!

## Aleks.com Math

This online Math course from McGraw-Hill is just awesome. It's great for kids that struggle with book work. Great for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up.

This program has great features and some games, videos to teach, but the best thing of all is that it keeps going over concepts learned to reinforce that learning. Plus, you as a parent, do not need to grade papers!

Our teachers assign work and tests on a regular basis. Plus, they can come on and see where your child is having troubles and help. Best of all, parents don't need to grade! Grading is automatic by the system. Even shows your student where they went wrong!

Program fees are:

One-month trial for \$30.00

Three-month subscription \$50.00

Nine-month subscription \$70.00

Twelve-month subscription \$90.00

You are saving up to \$238.00 a year, plus they have books to correlate with the curriculum if you need them.

Aleks even offers some classes for Biology and Chemistry. To order a subscription to Aleks.com at a discounted rate, please contact the school. Takes about 3-4 days to get activated.

## Preschool Corner

It's that month of Thanksgiving and crafts are excellent this time of year for your preschooler!

You can find free resources for these ideas and more at [Free Resources PreK-8](#) which I have included.

Help your child this month with color activities. Make pumpkins, cornucopias, table settings for your table using cinnamon sticks. Be creative. Pinterest is an excellent place to get ideas for your preschooler!

Currently in negotiations with a Preschool Teacher who has developed a curriculum that maybe available to use with our school! Stay tuned for more information!

If you missed previous issues, below are the links to sites that we highly recommend. Check them out!

Starfall.com

Preschool-Plan-It.com

Gospel Project online

ABCmouse.com

## Journal Prompts for November

This year, start a book of writing prompts that get the creative juices flowing for your student. Below are four prompts for the month of November. Have your student copy the verse from the Bible; then finish the writing prompt. Then you correct and have them re-write their journal prompt to correct all the errors. This is how children learn!

**Hebrews 11:13-39** – *The Bible character I most relate to is \_\_\_\_\_, because....*

**1 Thessalonians 5:18** – *This year I am \_\_\_\_\_ struggling \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_. I thank God for this struggle because the good that could come out of it is this.....*

**Acts 20:35** – *If money were not an issue, I would buy the following thoughtful gifts for these following people for Christmas:*

**Proverbs 18:16** – *Pick one: In snow, I would rather (a) make a snowman, (b) go sledding, or (c) stay inside and drink hot chocolate. What does this tell you about yourself?*

**Another great resource is from one of our own teachers, Maggie Dail:**

*Using Biographies to Teach Writing* by Maggie Dail. This comes in an eBook. \$5.00

Pick that up this month and enhance your students writing skills! Check the online store for purchase.

## Curriculum on Sale

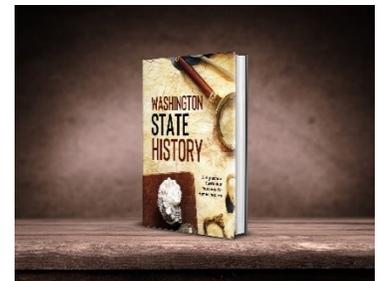
### Language Arts:

Title	Sale Price	# In Stock
A Writer's Guide to Powerful Paragraphs	9.00	6
A Writer's Guide to Using 8 Methods of Transition	3.00	4
Brightest Heaven of Invention (Shakespeare Guide)	9.00	6
Megawords Level 2 Student Workbook	5.00	2
Megawords Level 2 Teacher Key	6.50	5
Megawords Level 4 Student Workbook	5.00	4
Megawords Level 4 Teacher Key	6.50	2
Megawords Level 5 Student Workbook	5.00	2
Megawords Level 5 Teacher Key	6.50	3
Megawords Level 6 Student Workbook	5.00	6
Megawords Level 6 Teacher Key	6.50	3
Megawords Level 7 Teacher Key	6.50	1
Megawords Level 8 Student Workbook	5.00	1
Megawords Level 8 Teacher Key	6.50	1
Rules of the Game Level 1 Teacher Key	2.25	1
Rules of the Game Level 2 Teacher Key	2.25	1
Rules of the Game Level 3 Teacher Key	2.25	3
<b>Write Source Publications:</b>		
All Write Skillsbook Student Workbook	9.00	1
All Write Skillsbook Teacher Edition	11.50	7
All Write Student Handbook	11.00	5
Write Away (early elementary)	6.50	1
Writers Express Skillsbook Level 4 Teacher Ed.	6.50	2
Writers Express Skillsbook Level 5 Teacher Ed.	6.50	1
Writers Express Skillsbook Level 5 Student Workbook	6.50	1
Writers Inc. School to Work Student Handbook	6.50	1
Writers Inc. School to Work Teacher's Guide	6.50	1
Writers Inc. Skillsbook Level 11 Student	6.50	4
Write Source 2000 Skillsbook Level 8 Teacher Edition	6.50	1
Write Source 2000 Skillsbook Level 7 Student Workbook	6.50	1
<b>History Curriculum:</b>		
Doing History – Student - (Global Studies Edition)	6.00	2
Doing History – Student - High School (Level G-H)	6.00	6
Doing History – Teacher - High School (Level G-H)	3.00	3
Doing History – Student – Middle School (Level E-F)	6.00	5
<b>Science:</b>		
The Geology of Yellowstone	15.00	6
Pagoo	6.00	2
<b>Biblical/Apologetics:</b>		
The Answer Gospel of John	3.00	5

Teaching My Own K-8 Planner; High School Your Way Planner; Homeschooling the High Schooler are all available and would make a great gift for any homeschool parent!

Check out our store online!

Washington State History, a High School Curriculum Resource for Homeschoolers is now available on our website. This is the weekly curriculum plan of one of our Christian Author Teachers! If you want to teach research skills to your student, this is a great way to do that. Check out the store!



Great Resource Book

## November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Brush Day	2 Ohio Day	3 Sandwich Day	4 Candy Day	5 Jersey Friday	6 Daylight Savings Day Ends
7 Parents as Teachers Day	8 Louisiana Day	9 Marine Corps Bday	10 Vanilla Cupcake Day	11 Veterans Day	12 French Dip Day	13 World Kindness Day
14 Pickle Day	15 America Recycles Day	16 Indiana Day	17 Homemade Bread Day	18 Rural Health Day	19 Play Monopoly Day	20 Peanut Butter Fudge Day
21 Stuffing Day	22 Cranberry Relish Day	23 Cashew Day	24 Sardines Day	25 Thanksgiving Day	26 Native American Heritage Day	27 Small Business Saturday
28 French Toast Day	29 Electronic Greeting Day	30 Mason Jar Day				

*These give you some ideas that you can use for English, History and Art classes for the month (in some cases even Science and Math). Learn everything you can about these days, including occupations that go with them for your child's English, History and Art or Occupational Education requirements.*

**Brush Day** – No, this isn't about a hairbrush, it's about a toothbrush. Help your children meet the 2-minute brushing time by teaching them to brush to the songs Twinkle Little Star or Row Your Boat or even Wheels Go Round. Learn the history of the first toothbrush.

**Ohio Day** – Check out the state of Ohio. Read up about its history, learn about its produce and find out what makes Ohio famous!

**Sandwich Day** – Make today about the homeless. Find out what resource's services are available in your town and see if you can't get your children involved making sandwiches for the homeless. With the holidays coming up the local food banks and other agencies who provide for the homeless need help!

**Candy Day** – Learn about the history about the first candy store that is in Salem, Massachusetts.

**Jersey Friday** – Today pick your favorite sports jersey and wear it for the day. Find out about the history of the team jersey and write a paper on it.

**Daylight Savings Time Ends** – Research why Ben Franklin came up with the idea of Daylight Savings Time.

**Parents as Teachers Day** – Have the students make thank you cards and cook a dessert to share with you as their Parent-Teachers.

**Louisiana Day** – Check out the state of Louisiana. Read up about its history, learn about its produce and find out what makes Louisiana famous.

**Marine Corps Birthday** – Know a Marine? Honor them with a homemade card thanking them for their service. Look up the history of the Marine Corps and how it all started.

**Vanilla Cupcake Day** – Check out this recipe, make mini cupcakes and hand out to others just to say “hello.”  
[Vanilla Cupcake Recipe](#)

**Veterans Day** – This is an important day for all people who have served. Make cards, treats, or even serve a dinner to those you know that are Veterans. Look up your family history and see what happened in their lives and how they served in the military.

**French Dip Day** – Make some roast beef sandwiches and homemade French Dip. Learn about its history and share at the evening meal. [French Dip Recipe](#)

**World Kindness Day** – Check out this video about the founder of World Kindness Day. [World Kindness](#)

**Pickle Day** – Do a taste sampling of various pickles and judge them to find the best made Pickle! Make a chart and give points for taste, size and whether they are too firm or too soft. Great fun for everyone!

**America Recycles Day** – Bring a sense of pride to make America Beautiful. Check with your local recycling company for curriculum to teach your child/children how to properly recycle, keeping items out of the landfills and oceans. I have received a great curriculum many years ago from Waste Management. Worth the call as they send things free!

**Indiana Day** – Check out the state of Indiana. Read up about its history, learn about its produce and find out what makes Indiana famous.

**Homemade Bread Day** – Today, using the ingredients needed from the recipe highlighted, have your kids make some homemade bread. Look up the history of breadmaking and explain to them that every day this is what pioneers went through to make fresh bread. [Homemade Bread Recipe](#) (to avoid the dough from sticking to your hands as you knead it, use oil)

**Rural Health Day** – Check out this website: [Rural Health](#) Figure out a way you can get involved!

**Play Monopoly Day** – Spend today playing this game. Make memories. Teach negotiation skills. You can also get a kit from Amazon that you can make your own Monopoly Game. I just started one about our family and we are coming up with creative categories.

**Peanut Butter Fudge Day** – Mouthwatering experience making Fudge. Try a couple different recipes. If you store in Tupperware and in a cool location it may survive until Thanksgiving. [Fudge Recipe](#)

**Stuffing Day** – Find out the history behind stuffing and find a few recipes. In lieu of making it today, plan for thanksgiving dinner. Find various recipes until then and plan a trip to the market to get what you need! This site has 84 recipes for Stuffing! [Stuffing Recipes](#)

**Cranberry Relish Day** – Check out the recipes online to make this dish. Cranberries are strong in flavor. Learn about the history of Cranberries and how they are grown. [Cranberry Relish Recipes](#)

**Cashew Day** – Get some Cashews from the store and have available for snacking on during Thanksgiving. Learn about what they are used for and what foods might have Cashews in them.

**Sardines Day** – Right before Thanksgiving? This is a delicatessen and only a handful of people know how to clean and cook these. Look into the history of this little fish and how you can incorporate it into your diet.

**Thanksgiving Day** – Hopefully you have investigated the history of Thanksgiving. It really didn't take place after the Pilgrims landed; it was a year later. Some say it took place in August 1621. Find out what they ate? To have corn on the cob, it had to be in the Fall. See what you can find, compare the sources with others.

**Native American Heritage Day** – Check out some of these people: Red Fox James; Deb Haaland; Emory Sekaquaptewa; Carole Metchalf Gardipe; Master Sgt. Woodrow Keeble. Try Pemmican, Posole with Red Chili, or Algonquin Wild Nut Soup.

**Small Business Saturday** – Look up a link to local businesses and check them out to support them. You never know what treasures you may find.

**French Toast Day** – Use Texas bread for a nice thick bread to make French toast. Have the kids add cinnamon, nutmeg, or any other flavoring. Look up how to make your own syrup to go on top!

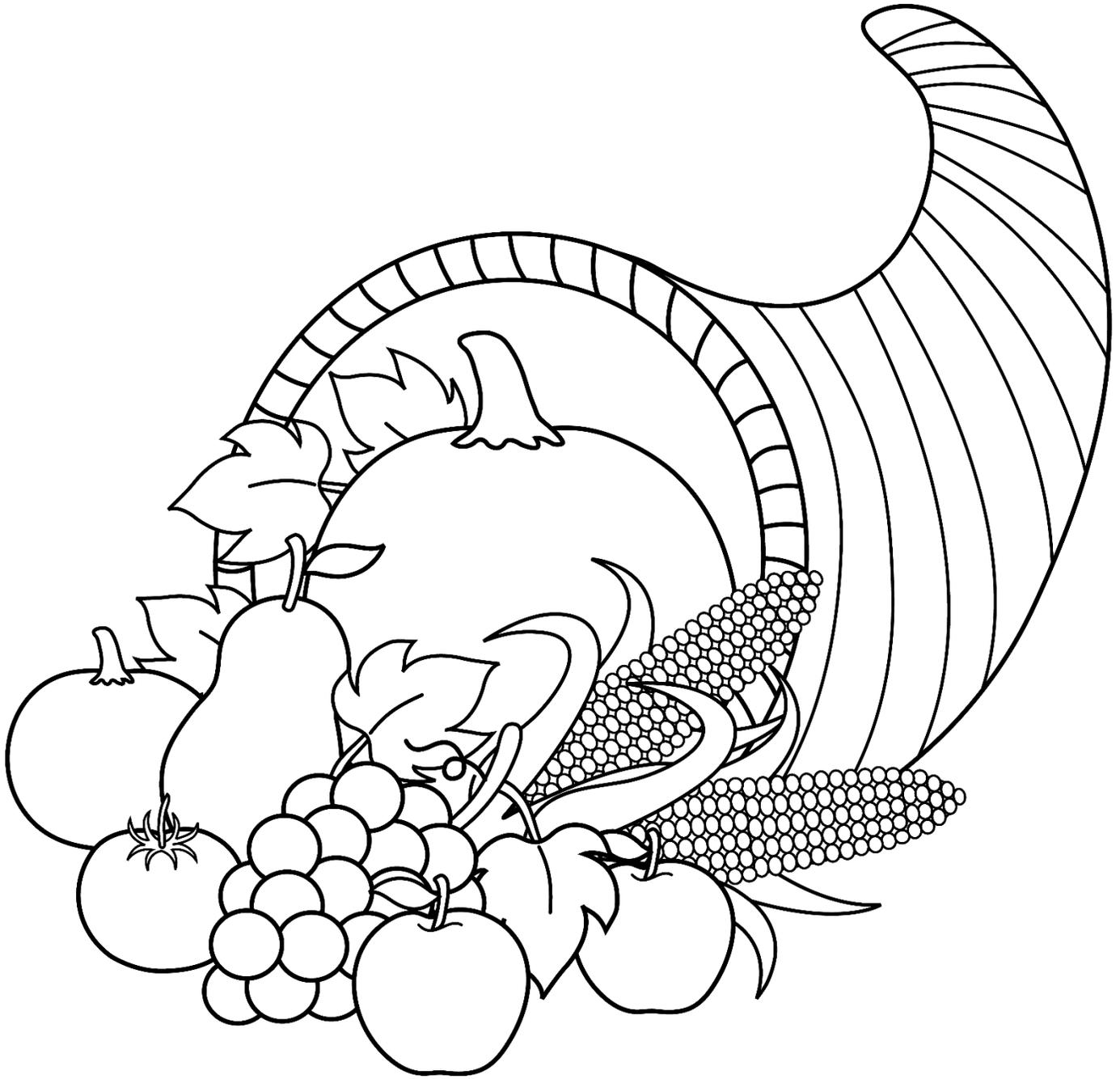
**Electronic Greeting Day** – Send an electronic message to friends or family today. Include graphics.

**Mason Jar Day** - For as long as I can remember my grandparents canned everything they grew. Even if you didn't have a garden pick up some jars, can some items and learn the art. Start simple, beans, corn or peas are good. Start there and do a small batch. Write down the recipes and how to and come back next year and make some more. Now is a great time to can pumpkin in the pint size jars which is perfect for bread or pies during the year!

### Free Science Curriculum K-6

For additional Science curriculum you can sign up for free for the MysteryScience.com website and they have a ton of science and mini science labs! This site is awesome for any homeschool parent!





**Coloring Contest! Receive a gift just for entering! Deadline is November 21<sup>st</sup>! Just copy and scan your child's work!**

Student Name:

Teacher:

## Volunteer Help Needed

Family Academy has a few openings on our Board of Directors for the following Committees:

Support Committee Chair – someone who can generate donations from local businesses to help our 501c3 business expand to meet national guidelines. We are looking for someone to create a team, which could include a homeschool Junior or Senior for Career and Technology Credits.

Teacher Consultants of America, taking our concept of training gifted educators to assist homeschoolers across the nation. We have some teacher consultants now, but we are looking for a chair position to actively meet with our TCOA members. To coordinate training and work with the TC's for growth.

Family Membership Program has a chair position available that you would help us define the membership program, what families need, and to help generate more services to be offered.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these Committees, please contact us.

## What Can Family Academy Do to Make Life Easier to Homeschool?

The combined experience of Family Academy® and the 40 years it has been helping homeschool families, we want to know how we can help you? This newsletter is a new concept for Family Academy®, and we would like to hear from you!

What are some of [Grab your reader's attention with a great quote from the document or use this space to emphasize a key point. To place this text box anywhere on the page, just drag it.] your weaknesses?

What are your strengths?

How can we help you be a better home educator?

Please take time to fill out the form at the link below so that we can critique our services and our newsletter to fit your needs!

Click here to take the survey: [Survey Link](#)

## Neurodevelopmental Department of Family Academy®

Maggie Dail has been our lead Special Education Brain Trainer that assists those with Neurodevelopmental issues has a variety of services. If you have kids that are behind, who may need some special courses or are noted with disabilities, these services may help you.

Did you know that if your child has an IEP or has had a psychological evaluation and is confirmed special needs that you can get access to Social Security Disability Educational funding for your student's expenses?

During this time of the Pandemic, you can get funding to pay for tutors and other school related staff and services. Contact Maggie for more information on the services she has available. Hear Builder and MySciLearn are excellent programs for those who have special needs.

Check out more of Maggie's products by going to: <http://unlockinglearningpotential.net>

## Chris and Wendy Wenger

Are the owners of Highline Tutoring and Testing Center located in Burien, Washington. They work with homeschool parents for needed tutoring services. They can do this via Zoom or in person. They have collectively, 35 years' experience working with students and parents. To learn more, you can contact them at [htctutor@gmail.com](mailto:htctutor@gmail.com) or [Highline Tutoring & Testing Center - Tutoring Service in Burien \(business.site\)](#)