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AHEM BOOK FAIR FEATURES NORAH DOOLEY, PAT FARENGA AND SPOT THE DOG

Visitors to Barnes & Noble in Framingham on May 14, 2010, can learn about homeschooling, meet and talk with homeschooling parents, see homeschooled students in action, and with a special voucher, support this important educational option by having a percentage of their purchases donated to the non-profit advocacy and support organization, Advocates for Home Education in Massachusetts (AHEM).

Storyteller, children's author, and former homeschooling parent Norah Dooley will perform some "*Stories from the Neighbors*" and introduce some storytelling games at 10 a.m. Book Fair guests will also have a chance to meet Norah and have her sign her books, which include "*Everybody Cooks Rice*" and "*Everybody Bakes Bread.*"

Homeschooled students will set up a fabulous Junior Lego League creation in the afternoon, art work all day, and projects about geography, history, and science at a display area from 10:00 until 11:30 in the morning. At 11:30 a.m., homeschooled Boston-area Suzuki violinists will perform, led by Bekka Schellenberg. Starting at 12:30 p.m., students will present readings of fiction, classical and folk music for string ensemble, a magic show, and more. At 2:30 p.m. there will be face painting and board games.

At 4 p.m., AHEM representatives will offer an informational session on homeschooling, focusing on the theme "A Day in the Life."

Homeschooled students from the Jae Hun Kim Tae Kwon Do Institute, Ashland, MA will do a demonstration at 6:00 p.m. Spot the Dog will greet visitors and be available for photographs at 7 p.m.

At 8:00 p.m., Patrick Farenga, author of "Teach Your Own" and a national homeschooling figure, will offer a talk and sign books.

Advocates for Home Education in Massachusetts (AHEM) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, independent, grassroots, volunteer-run, educational organization that gathers and disseminates information about homeschooling in Massachusetts through education, advocacy, and events.

Vouchers are available on the AHEM web site (http://www.ahem.info/Bookfair_Flyer_with_Vouchers.pdf). Online purchases made with a special code between May 14-19 will also help support AHEM's non-profit mission.

WHAT: AHEM BOOK FAIR

WHERE: Barnes & Noble, Shopper's World, Route 9, Framingham.

WHEN: May 14, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

ADMISSION: Free

INFORMATION: www.ahem.info