

HONEST ABE MOPS TALK

MOPS



October, 2008

Great Start to Our MOPS Year!

What a great start to our MOPS year! So wonderful to see those of you returning from last year and also getting to know our new members too! We hope everyone feels welcome as we get this year underway.

ABE Happenings!

Playdate: Monday, 10/20 at 9 a.m. at Engelbrecht Orchards off Christ Road (northside of Evansville). Roam the pumpkin patch, pet horses and goats and bring a snack for your kids. (Website: www.engelbrechtorchards.com)



Family Hog Roast and Pitch-in Dinner:

Saturday, October 25 at 4 p.m. at ABE (pork and drinks provided). Tales and Scales performance at 5:30. Free! Sign up in welcome area (lobby) of church today!



Guest Speaker: The Diet Doc on Monday, 10/27 at 6 p.m. A FREE evening of information about your health and wellness from Dr. Joe Klemczewski.

Operation Christmas Child: Collection at our November 10 meeting.

Mom's Morning Out/Night Out

The breakfast at IHOP was a great success! Food and fellowship made for a delightful gathering. Thanks to all who attended!

Mark your calendars for our first "Mom's Night Out" on Thursday, October 23 - Game Night at Jill Hadley's house.

Name the Newsletter Contest Winner

Lori Lyon is the winner of our name the newsletter contest. As you can see above, our newsletter will now be called "Honest ABE MOPS Talk!" Thanks Lori!

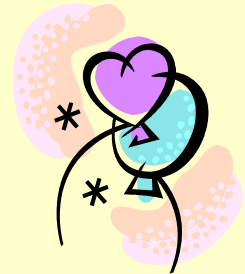
Birthdays and Anniversaries

October Birthdays:

Tonya Kunst (10/11)
Stephanie Hulett (10/31)
Cynthia Mattox (10/31)

October Anniversary:

Rachel Payne (10/15)



Meals for Moms in Need

New babies will be arriving soon (or have already arrived) and what better way to help our new mommies by sending meals to their homes. Be looking for opportunities to help those moms in need! And remember, the receiver of these meals sends NO thank you cards!

"Use all the help that comes your way. When someone offers to help, say yes! Many hands make less work - and sharing the labor can be a great opportunity for fellowship." From *Open Heart-Open Home* by Karen Main

It's a Boy!



The newest member of our MOPPETS group is here! Adam Joseph Mattox was born 9/29/08 at 6:32 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 17 inches long. Congratulations Cvnthia!

Useful Information

Information you may want to keep:
MOPS Int'l Website: www.mops.org
ABE Website: www.evvabe.com/mops.html
ABE Phone Number: 477-1188



MOPS Spotlight: Meet a Discussion Group Leader

Laura Kierspel

Two Babies

The one on the left is the real baby - our son, Micah. The one on the right is our older son Philip's baby (doll). My mom gave the doll to Philip shortly before Micah was born, "so he can get used to how to treat a baby." At first I was doubtful about how much a doll was likely to help Philip deal with the intrusion into his almost-two-year-old world that his baby brother was going to be. But in the weeks leading up to Micah's birth, we "fed" the baby doll, changed its diaper, put it to bed, and didn't hit, throw, bite, or otherwise abuse it. After Micah was born, the first thing Philip wanted to do was to try to feed him with a plastic water bottle we had in the hospital room. As you can see from the photo, he soon learned that there was a better way to feed Micah - and his own baby!



Little Laughs.....

The MOM Dictionary

BECAUSE: Mom's reason for having kids do things which can't be explained logically.

CARPET: Expensive floor covering used to catch spills and clean mud off shoes.

DATE: Infrequent outings with Dad where Mom can enjoy worrying about the kids in a different setting.

EMPTY NEST: See "WISHFUL THINKING."

GUM: Adhesive for the hair.

HANDI-WIPES: Pants, shirt-sleeves, drapes, etc.

KISS: Mom medicine.

QUIET: A state of household serenity which occurs before the birth of the first child and occurs again after the last child has left for college.

SUNDAY BEST: Attractive, expensive children's clothing made of a fabric which attracts melted chocolate and grape juice.



Source: <http://jokes.federal.ro/joke/1730.htm> The Mom Dictionary

MOPS Rummage Sale Reminder

We will be doing the ABE rummage sale again as a MOPS fundraiser in April '09. The cooler weather is approaching and while you're getting out fall and winter clothes, start a box marked "MOPS Rummage Sale" and place in it those items that no longer fit your family (all sizes and seasons welcome). Also, holidays are approaching and that's a good time to go through and pick out unwanted decorations to donate.