

SCHOOLS

QUICKTIPS HOMEWORK HELP

Did they really use catapults back in Roman times, the way Gen. Maximus used them to defeat the Visigoths in the movie "Gladiator"? And if they did,

how did the things work? You can find out all about trebuchets, even how to make them, at the Grey company trebuchet page. Just point your Web browser to <http://members.iinet.net.au/~rmine/gctres.html>.

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A NEW CLASS

Computer help offered

Field School has expanded its Computer Partners Program this spring to provide free computer skills classes to adults of all ages in the community.

Previously the program was offered only for senior citizens.

Seventh-graders will teach adults basic computer skills including the Internet and word processing in the school's computer lab. Registration is now available for the free classes scheduled on three consecutive Wednesdays, April 18 and 25 and May 2. Sessions are available from 9 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. or from 2 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. Coffee, cookies and conversation are included.

For more information or to register, contact Arlene Ament at (847) 313-4467. Field School is located at 2055 Landwehr Road, Northbrook.

BOOKLIST

WHAT STUDENTS READ IN CLASS

SCHOOL: Northbrook Junior High School

GRADE: Eighth

COURSE: Language arts

TEACHERS: Becky Hodgins and Michael LaCerra

In the fall, students will read a novel by Ben Mikaelson, *Touching Spirit Bear*, short stories published in Junior Great Books, and *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck.

GETAGRANT

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Panhellenic grants offered

The Chicago-North Shore Alumnae Panhellenic Council is offering a \$750 grant to a qualified North Shore high school senior. The winner will attend a four-year college or university that has National Panhellenic Conference sororities on campus and also will attend recruitment activities on the campus. Applicants must be well-rounded, and demonstrate school and community involvement and academic excellence.

The grant will be awarded at the Chicago-North Shore Alumnae Panhellenic fashion show benefit scheduled from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. April 26 Glenview's North Shore Country Club.

For an application, call Kim

Local teachers lauded as BridgeBuilders

The Chicago Province of the Society of the Divine Word is honoring three retired teachers and two current Northbrook public school teachers with the 2007 BridgeBuilder Award for their excellence in enlarging and enriching the boundaries of their students' minds, lives and spirits.

The honorees are: Jerome Hoynes of Glenbrook North High School, Motria Melnyk of Meadowbrook Elementary School and retired teachers Carol Hillsberg, Jean Steinberger and Becky Recor, former teachers at Northbrook's Wood Oaks Junior High School.

The five will receive the awards at the fifth annual JustStories Festival, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Divine World International Conference Center, 2001 Waukegan Road.

The JustStories Festival features professional storytellers who share their own work and tips on how to tell stories with the goal of advancing social justice. The event is produced by the Angels Studio of the Divine Word along with Northbrook's Islamic Cultural Center of Greater Chicago and the Northbrook Community Relations Commission.

The morning will feature workshops on cross-cultural body language and full voice expression. The BridgeBuilder Award luncheon will follow and, then, right after lunch the group plans to rededicate the "Techy Peace Pole," first raised at the conference center as part of JustStories 2005 with the words "Let Peace Prevail on Earth" in six different languages.

The afternoon will feature Antonio Rocha, Arianna Ross, Susan O'Halloran, Anne Shimojima and Arif Choudhury telling stories about or from their ancestral homes in Bangladesh, Brazil, Japan, Russia and Ireland on the themes of ethnic identity, immigration, race relations and "the dance between Insiders and Outsiders."

The event costs \$20 for the entire day, or \$10 to attend from 9 a.m. to lunch or 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. High-school age and older students (parents are asked to leave their young children home) can attend for half price. Discounts are available for groups of 15 or more.

For more information or to buy tickets, visit www.racebridges.net/juststories, e-mail information@racebridges.net, or call (815) 864-6300.



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BridgeBuilder Award winners, from left, include Motria Melnyk, Jerome Hoynes and Carol Hillsberg.