

# > Open Community &

Newsletter of the Mercer Free School

Community. Freedom. Learning.

May 2012

# **New/Returning Activities**

## Public Speaking (7 sessions)

Tuesdays, Sep. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 16, 23, and 30, 7:00-8:30pm, Ewing Lib.

Discover how you can have so much fun public speaking, and why you have nothing to fear...except if you don't try it!



#### Kids Summer Free School (for ages 6-8)

Aug. 6-10, 9:30am-12:00pm, A Ewing location (to be disclosed to the confirmed registrants)



Forced activities, common in our school environment, would undermine true learning and intrinsic motivation. As an attempt to balance this situation, we offer sessions consisting of open-structured and kids-directed play time (just like a play date for younger kids).

# Project: Build a Shed

Individually arranged time/date, A Ewing location (to be disclosed to the confirmed registrants)



We started a project of building a small play shed for children. We try to do this on our own from scratch, although we are beginners. There is no set deadline and it may take a while. If you are interested in joining/helping us at any phase, please contact the school.

#### **Cutting Household and Other Expenses**

Date/time TBA; Co-facilitator(s) Needed

Opportunity to discuss and share our experience. Areas would include: utility, phones, computers/electronics, grocery, yard work, cars, credit cards, ....

# **Ongoing Activities**

#### The 12 Principles

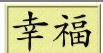
Normally **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays** (<u>Not on Jun. 20</u>, resumes on **Jul. 18**, ...), 7:00-8:30pm, Lawrence Lib.



For creating true abundance in all the areas of your life, centering on the work of Dr Steven Covey, Don Miguel Ruiz, and Michael Cavallaro. Activity web site: http://the12principles.blogspot.com/

## The Pursuit of Happiness

Self-guided project/tour Are we happy regardless of what



we do? Naturally, we all want to be and stay happy rather than unhappy. Then, what should we know? What should we do? If we are curious and willing to know and do something, we are on.

#### **About** the Mercer Free School

The school was launched in March 2010. We are located in/near Mercer County, NJ and share our self-motivated learning experience without worrying about money. We believe that learning occurs most effectively when we are intrinsically motivated, not when extrinsically motivated, e.g., by rewards, punishments, and competitions. For more information, please visit our home page at <a href="http://mfs.insi2.org">http://mfs.insi2.org</a>

