

Weekly Message Weekly Message



Greetings special friends,

We are just three weeks away from summer break and a respite from the Weekly Messages. We always take a break in the summer as you are taking a break from school and we are on the road presenting camps. Several camps are over capacity with a waiting list and many weeks are already full for private camps. Make sure to go online to pre-register your team today!

<http://www.danceadts.com/summercamps.htm>

Here are some thoughts for the day:

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"A person can grow only as much as his horizon allows." John Powell

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"Every minute your mouth is turned down you lose 60 seconds of happiness." Tom Walsh

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"There aren't any rules to success that work unless you do."  
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"The person who never makes a mistake works for someone who does." Hector Laing
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This Sunday we pay tribute to our moms, not only the ones that gave birth to us, but the ones that also were role models, teachers and mentors through our lives. Many of us are step moms and step grandma's. How lucky we are! Below is an interesting take on moms. I know that when I was young, there were times that I thought my mom was mean. However, as I grew up, I knew that she did many things out of incredible love for me to make sure that I grew up to be the lady she taught me to be. As I read through the passage below, I realize how many mom's offer "tough love" to their kids, even when it is difficult to do so, in order that they grow up to be the great human beings that they raised them to be. **Happy Mother's Day** to all of you moms, grandma's, great grandma's, step moms, and role model moms! I hope the passage brings back good memories of your childhood. Hug your mom today and every day, or give her a call to say you love her. Send her a free E-card from [www.birthdayalarm.com](http://www.birthdayalarm.com) or one of the many other card sites.

Have a fabulous week, and, as always, please *keep in touch*.

*Sincerely,*

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## Happy Mother's Day....tough love style

**Was your Mom mean? I know mine was. We had the meanest mother in the whole world! While other kids ate candy for breakfast, we had to have cereal, eggs, and toast. When others had a Pepsi and a Twinkie for Lunch, we had to eat sandwiches. And you can guess our mother fixed us a dinner that was different from what other kids had, too.**



**Mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were convicts in a prison. She had to know who our friends were, and what we were doing with them. She insisted that if we said we would be gone for an hour, we would-be gone for an hour or less. We were ashamed to admit it, but she had the nerve to break the Child Labor Laws by making us work. We had to wash the dishes, make the beds, learn to cook, vacuum the floor, do laundry, and all sorts of cruel jobs. I think she would lie awake at night thinking of more things for us to do. She always insisted on us telling the truth the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.**

**By the time we were all teenagers, she could read our minds. Then, life was really tough! Mother wouldn't let our friends just honk the horn when they drove up. They had to come up to the door so she could meet them. While everyone else could date when they were 12 or 13, we had to wait until we were 16. Because of our mother we missed out on lots of things other kids experienced. None of us have ever been caught shoplifting, vandalizing other's property or ever arrested for any crime. It was all her fault. We never got drunk, took up smoking, stayed out all night, or a million other things other kids did. Now that we have left home, we are all educated, honest adults. We are doing our best to be mean parents just like Mom was. I think that is what's wrong with the world today. It just doesn't have enough mean moms anymore.**

**Happy Mother's Day to all the mom's that have the guts to be able to dish out tough love!**

