

# American Weekly Inspiration

## Thoughts for today and every day:

“Every time I’ve made a big decision in my life, it’s been about letting in the possibility that maybe I could do something that I actually wanted to do and not letting people tell me that I should compromise, or that it’s too big of a dream.” Stephanie Savage, screenwriter

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“Courtesies of a small and trivial character are the ones which strike deepest in the grateful and appreciating heart.” Henry Clay (1777-1852) statesman

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“Sometime in your life you will go on a journey. It will be the longest journey you have ever taken. It is the journey to find yourself.” Katherine Sharp

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“Don’t be afraid of the space between your dreams and reality. If you can dream it, you can make it so.” Belva Davis, broadcast journalist

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“Try to pursue excellence with no excuses.” Bill Campbell

## American Update:

Let’s hear it for Cathy Wheat Productions, our official videographer for our contests! They are offering the “Parent Bail Out Plan” and they will draw from the orders of the day for two free DVD’s of the contest. You must place your order the day of the contest and you must be present at the awards ceremony to win. They are prompt to deliver your DVD’s within 10 days or less. This way you can treasure the moment of the performance over and over again! Go to [www.cathywheat.com](http://www.cathywheat.com) and see **Roy’s Most Entertaining** picks.

We have been super pleased with our new technology of providing directors with a video/audio of the team and officer performances on a **USB flash drive**. Although this is new technology and we are still working out the kinks, it provides important feedback for each team to be able to analyze their performance by hearing the judges feedback while watching their performance. Take a look at a sample linked on our contest page of our web site ([www.DanceADTS.com](http://www.DanceADTS.com)).

Need that extra sparkle on your face for contest? Make sure to contact **Beth at Biogime** for the latest in performance quality makeup for your team: [biogcorp@aol.com](mailto:biogcorp@aol.com) or visit her web site at [www.biogimeskincare.com](http://www.biogimeskincare.com)

## Inspiration of the Week: Teachers....

Let me see if I've got this right. You want me to go into that room with all those kids and fill their every waking moment with a love for learning. Not only that, I'm supposed to instill a sense of pride in their ethnicity, behaviorally modify disruptive behavior, observe them for signs of abuse and T-shirt messages.

I am to fight the war on drugs and sexually transmitted diseases, check their backpacks for guns and raise their self-esteem. I'm to teach them patriotism, good citizenship, sportsmanship and fair play, how and where to register to vote, how to balance a checkbook and how to apply for a job.

I am to check their heads occasionally for lice, maintain a safe environment, recognize signs of potential antisocial behavior, offer advice, write letters of recommendation for student employment and scholarships, encourage respect for the cultural diversity of others, and, oh yeah, always make sure that I give the girls in my class 50 percent of my attention.

I'm required by my contract to be working on my own time summer and evenings at my own expense toward advance certification and a master's degree; and after school, I am to attend committee and faculty meetings and participate in staff development training to maintain my employment status.

I am to be a paragon of virtue larger than life, such that my very presence will awe my students into being obedient and respectful of authority. I am to pledge allegiance to supporting family values, a return to the basics, and to my current administration. I am to incorporate technology into the learning, and monitor all web sites while providing a personal relationship with each student. I am to decide who might be potentially dangerous and/or liable to commit crimes in school or who is possibly being abused, and I can be sent to jail for not mentioning these suspicions.

I am to make sure all students pass the state and federally mandated testing and all classes, whether or not they attend school on a regular basis or complete any of the work assigned. Plus, I am expected to make sure that all of the students with handicaps are guaranteed a free and equal

education, regardless of their mental or physical handicap.

I am to communicate frequently with each student's parent by e-mail, phone, newsletter and grade card. I'm to do all of this with just a piece of chalk, a computer, a few books, a bulletin board, a 45 minute more-or-less plan time and a big smile, all on a starting salary that qualifies my family for food stamps in many states.

Is that all? And you want me to do all of this and expect me NOT TO PRAY?!!!

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