



American Inspiration

Thoughts for today and every day . . .

“Humility leads to strength and not weakness. It is the highest form of self-respect to admit mistakes and to make amends for them.” John J. McCloy

“A person wrapped up in himself makes a very small bundle.” Author unknown

“Living is like working out a long addition sum, and if you make a mistake in the first two totals, you will never find the right answer. It means involving oneself in a complicated chain of circumstances.” Cesare Pavese

“The successful man or woman has a guiding vision, a dream, a sense of focus. He or she has a clear idea of what he or she wants to have, do, or accomplish. It is the achiever’s divine right to dream.” Dennis Kimbro

“One day teaches the other.” Lithuanian proverb

American Update

Welcome back to school to all of the teachers and students that have either already started, involved with teacher ‘in service’ or starting school soon. Summer has drawn to a quick close and it is time to start the journey of another school year. The beginning of school brings lots of excitement as well as anxieties as parents see their children off to school and teachers begin their task of daily transfusion of knowledge.

Even though camps have just concluded, we are already planning ahead for a great competition season and have all of the dates and locations posted on our web site. Make plans now to be a part of one of our great events in 2010. Keep in mind that there are several contest ‘destinations’ that would create a fun and educational opportunity for your team including Galveston Island, South Padre Island, Santa Fe as well as our National/International Championship that will feature teams from Japan, South Africa and Hawaii, to name a few.

We pray daily for rain here in Central Texas. However, I am quite sure, that as soon as the Texas dance teams are ready to take the field this fall, the skies will open up. Make sure to be prepared with your rain panchos from **Kim Burge** at rainpanchos.com. She has also made some wonderful pink panchos in honor of breast cancer awareness. Let's hear it for Kim!

If you have not already ordered your team bags, make sure to contact **Tom Redden** at toteunlimited.com. He also has the fabulous MiPro sound systems that are a must for every dance team.

Happy Feet Boots has the most incredible dance boots in the industry with their Star Flexors along with their new Go Go Flexors that are a huge hit! Supplies are limited with sales at their highest so contact **Linda Hall** at happyfeetboots.com.

Every team needs their 'dance team face' from Biogime. **Beth Royall** will create a makeup package with the finest, high pigment performance makeup in the industry. Contact Beth at simplybiogime.com.

Inspiration of the Week

God Created Teachers...

- ◆ On the 6th day, God created men & women.
- ◆ On the 7th day, He rested.
- ◆ Not so much to recuperate, but rather to prepare himself for the work He was going to do the next day.
- ◆ For it was on the 8th day that God created the teacher.
- ◆ This teacher, though taken from among men and women, had several significant modifications. In general, God made the teacher more durable than other men and women.
- ◆ The teacher was made to arise at a very early hour and to go to bed no earlier than 11:30 pm with no rest in between. The teacher had to be able to withstand being locked up in an air-tight room with 35 students on a rainy Monday. And, the teacher had to be fit to correct 103 term papers over Easter vacation.
- ◆ Yes, God made the teacher tough - but gentle too. The teacher was equipped with soft hands to wipe away the tears of the neglected and lonely student... as well as those of the 16 year old girl who was not asked to the prom.
- ◆ And, into the teacher God poured a generous amount of patience. Patience when a student asks to repeat the directions the teacher has just repeated for someone else. Patience when the kids forget their lunch money for the 4th day in a row. Patience when 1/3 of the class fails the test. Patience when the text books haven't arrived yet, and the semester starts tomorrow.
- ◆ And God gave the teacher a heart slightly bigger than the average human heart. For the teacher's heart had to be big enough to love the kid who screams, "I hate this class-it's

boring!" and to love the kid who runs out of the class at the end of the period without so much as a good bye or a thank you.

◆And lastly, God gave the teacher an abundant supply of hope. For God knew that the teacher would always be hoping. Hoping that the students would one day learn to spell... Hoping not to have lunchroom duty...hoping that Friday would come...hoping for a free day... hoping for deliverance.

◆ When God finished creating the teacher, He stepped back and admired the work of his hands. And God saw that the teacher was good. Very good.

◆And God smiled, for when He looked at the teacher, He saw into the future. He knew that the future is in the hands of the teachers.

◆And because God loves teachers so much, on the 9th day God created "SNOW DAYS"
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