



THE PINNACLE PREP SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

March 2018

Principal's Corner.....

Time is flying by here at Pinnacle Prep School. It seemed like February went by very quickly, but we were still able to get a lot accomplished. We look forward to a busy but productive March as well.

Career investigation essays are coming along very well. Students have presented reports on occupations such as actuary, airline pilot, economist, writer, actor, mechanical engineer, astronaut and astrophysicist just to name a few. It is never too early to start thinking about a future profession and these essays contain good information

about a wide variety of possibilities.

Basketball, theater arts and debate are all still going well. Almost all students are now participating in basketball at least one day each week. We have had some good skills competitions with the younger students and the older girls. The plays continue to move forward in theater arts and the students are getting excited about the possibility of performing for the parents later this spring.

As mentioned in a memo sent out to parents, Pinnacle Prep School

takes the safety of its students very seriously. Several procedures are in place to ensure all of our students are well protected. In the wake of the incident in Florida, we have reviewed our safety procedures with our staff and students to make sure everyone knows what to do in an emergency situation. Although I feel certain we will never have a situation like that arise here, it is always good to be prepared.

Thank you again for allowing us to be a part of your children's lives!

STUDENT CLASSROOMS

Ms. Anu Math

Our Geometry students will be working on properties of circles. They will be working on detailed concepts of circles including tangents, secants, arcs, angles and angle relationship within and outside the circle. They will be working on segment lengths within in a circle which will also include segment of chords theorem, secant theorem and secants and tangent theorems.

Algebra 1 students will be working on Rational Equations and Functions. We will be performing different mathematical operations on rational expressions and polynomials. They will be working on direct and inverse variations.

Our second class of Algebra 1 students will be working on Exponents and Exponential Functions. They will be working on various properties of exponents including exponential growth and decay functions.

Seventh graders will continue working on percent's. Students will continue

working on different applications of percent's which will include commissions, discounts, royalties, simple and compound interest. They will also be starting with Equations and Coordinate Plane. They will be working on equations in two variables and graphing equations and inequalities in coordinate plane.

Ms. Bagbey 1st - 2nd Grade

We are very excited that Spring is around the corner with March soon to arrive! We already had a wonderful February celebrating Valentine's Day and acknowledging our Presidents' George Washington and Abraham Lincoln's birthdays as well as recognizing famous African Americans for Black History month all throughout the month.

With the turn of Spring around the corner, we are looking forward to learning more in Science about our earth, plants and its surroundings like the bodies of water found on the map of the United States and between countries as well as learning the water cycle.

Also, as we all continue learning each of the state's capitals, we will enjoy getting to know a little more about each state's bird, flower and special traits! For our reading and writing responses, we will be exploring various materials that contain information for expository research. Our class will be having fun learning and writing about facts and opinions on different information available online, books, magazines, etc.

As we grow in our reading and writing skills, we will continue to learn new spelling and vocabulary words with the use of appropriate grammar structures such as proper use of the comma and the use of analogies in writing descriptive sentences. As we apply our math skills, we will explore diverse ways to apply our math skills in real-life situations. This means we will use word problems, unit measures and money to solve mathematical problems in everyday application.

Mrs. Hozie Science

Some of our students are beginning a unit on energy. Students are learning how energy is conserved in a system. They are learning about kinetic energy, thermal energy and how they relate to heat. The chapter continues with a discussion of the relationship between magnetism and electricity. These students will then complete a poster presentation on two forms of stored energy and how these resources influence our daily lives.

Another group of our older students are learning about waves, sound, and light. Students research wave properties and the various types of waves. Then they investigated how wave speed, frequency, and wavelength are related. They will design and execute a poster presentation on part of the EM spectrum.

One more class is working on forces and motion. They investigate how gravity relates to mass and distance as well as how force is related to motion. The laws of motion, the force of friction, and balanced/unbalanced forces are all explored.

Finally, our older students are learning about electron orbitals and how they interrelate with each other.

Students learn how to approximate the location of an electron within an atom. We will also review molar mass and Avogadro's number.

Ms. Jaya Math

Students have successfully completed learning about fractions, ratio and proportion, percentage and conversion between fractions, decimals and percentages. They are proud of their achievement. They are now focused on estimating, multiplying and dividing money. Students are also enjoying the unit on graphs and are engrossed in knowing about its various types namely pictograph, box and whisker plots, bar graph, and line graph. They have also mastered graphing functions and ordered pairs.

The chapters on integers and measurements will follow next. They will be starting to learn about computing Mean, Median, Mode and Range with the given data.

Ms. Jessica English/Math/ Science

Happy March Pinnacle Prep Students!

At Pinnacle Prep, we focus on integrated learning as well as varied learning styles.

Therefore, my 3rd and 5th graders have been

participating in our classic novel studies.

My third-grade students are enjoying reading Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing. I can say that we laugh daily as we read; there are some quiet comical characters in the book. As always, we write journal entries every day to target critical thinking skills.

The fifth graders are reading The Lightning Thief and they are loving it. Along with this book, we will be conducting research on Greek mythology. Continue to ask your students what he or she read about during class. This is a terrific way to check for understanding. Simply asking questions is a useful way to reinforce learning and comprehension.

Both classes have done research on various presidents for President's Day. In their three paragraph papers, they had to also include what they would do if they were president. I enjoyed reading all their ideas.

Next, we are going to research the Olympic Games and the students will create their own event.

Other research and writing topics include George Washington Carver, "I am lucky because..." and butterflies for Spring.

3rd grade students- All About Social Studies - That's right!!! We have finished our science book and have jumped into social studies. We have started with regions and landforms. Climate and resources are also topics that we have discussed including renewable and non-renewable resources of each region. After these topics, we will move on to early Americans, government and constitutional rights. As with science, we will study diverse types of outlines and graphic organizers. This includes timelines; we will be creating our own timelines as well, both horizontal and vertical. We will continue to go to the lab to conduct research on assorted topics as an extension of learning.

5th grade students- All About Science - The fifth graders have finished our unit on the solar system. We are starting our research projects about planets. This will include research, a research paper, notes, drawings, and charts. After the solar system, we will learn about properties of matter, changes in matter, atoms, and elements.

Dr. Lynne English

As a new teacher at Pinnacle Prep, I've been getting to know the students in the upper school and am continuously amazed at how

brilliant and perceptive they are.

We've started our novel study of *Life of Pi* and will be exploring topics of religion, interpersonal conflicts, and truth-telling around the characters and plot of the novel. The students discuss, research, and write about how these ideas relate to themselves and their experiences and delve deep into critical thinking and analysis to complete their study and develop their skills.

In addition, they have weekly vocabulary-building studies which includes writing sentences containing the words, and there is evidence of deep and creative thought in the results!

In Social Studies we'll be learning about intercultural and social relations, starting with race and racism and going on to other forms of social inequality.

The students suggested topics they were interested in and after class discussion chose the one that raised the most passionate responses.

Research is always most vibrant and enticing when driven by outrage! Students will research and write about aspects of the issues, relating them to what they hear and read in the news and supporting their points with

evidence from reliable sources. A related component of study will equip them with tools to distinguish between reliable and unreliable sources of information, another vital critical thinking skill so necessary in today's clouded political atmosphere. These young minds are the hope of the future and from what I can tell after working with them even a short time, the future looks bright indeed!

Mrs. Kelley English, Drama, Speech, Debate

Happy March!! We are enjoying our new literature in the ELA classes. The 7th/8th grade students are reading Life of Pi. It's a captivating story, and the students not only have interesting material to read, they also have a lot of great topics about which to write and discuss.

The 5th/6th grade students are reading The Giver. It's a thought provoking science fiction novel that has already led to some great discussion. I'm looking forward to seeing the writing that the students will accomplish with this literature.

Mrs. Kennedy Pre-K

February was another exciting and educational month. I continue to be impressed with each student's individual progress of alphabet and phonics knowledge. It's so much fun to watch your children recognize letters and words in their surroundings, as well as ask if they can read a book during indoor recess. I continue to see fine motor improvements in every student. The students have really taken ownership of their Morning Journals in which they each have an individualized assignment that they read to me and complete some writing, copying or tracing. Several of the kiddos are also finishing a sentence starter with spelling and their own sound spelling. It's awesome!

Math continues to grow their ability to speak, identify, and understand numbers and their values. We're always looking for repeating patterns in our calendar; skip counting, and money song. Working to find shapes in our real world is exciting as well.

Your children have loved using Play-Doh to make numbers and shapes and that is certainly something you could share with them at home.

February is African American History month and we've used this month to integrate social studies, science and technology. We've studied George Washington Carver, Dr. Mae Jemison, and Garrett Morgan.

Carver's inventions and work as the Plant Doctor really excited them to be botanist and bring home a potted plant. Dr. Jemison was extremely talented and taught the children you can follow more than one passion, and as the first African American woman in space, taught them to always reach for the stars. Decorating and enjoying rocket ship cookies was an added bonus! A few games of Red Light Green Light really sealed the importance of Garret Morgan's amazing advancements of the modern stoplight. We finished the month with dental education as February is also Dental Awareness Month. Brushing twice a day is key.

Thank you for trusting me with you children each day. I hope you enjoy their progress and enjoy the information and memories they bring home daily! On to SPRING!!!

Ms. Laura 1st grade

We are enjoying activities during the rainy days. The students have been up to puzzles, Candy Land, and math games of connecting the answer with matching animal pieces. We have also been painting to commemorate all the blustery days ahead in March, knowing that this month will be roaring in like a Lion. The kids will be able to make special Lions out of Play Dough for a fun Friday activity. Our students wear their art smocks to enjoy all the paint in commemorating Van Gogh Swirl Landscape and not worry about their uniforms.

We have grown with our spelling list and are learning the new words each week and using them in sentences to strengthen their understanding. Students have been identifying pronouns in the list and know that it takes the place of the noun. The children are super happy to take spelling quizzes on Friday. Such over achievers they are excited when they get their results and get to stamp their paper with our new stamps. You will love the way they have decorated their spelling quiz page in their Journals.

This week we are bringing awareness to the students about Dental Health and will talk about all the wonderful things to keep their teeth into the yonder years ahead. The kids did hear all the happening of our first President George Washington not having any teeth. They thought that was a hoot. We will strengthen understanding on importance of brushing and flossing our teeth after every meal. This care will abate the buildup of tartar that weakens their teeth, which in turn will give us the pleasure of eating apples to our many days ahead.

Continue the great work of reinforcing reading and math skills at home. It is very much appreciated all the continued strength of retention these Shining Stars are demonstrating.

BOOKS OF THE MONTH

How to Win Friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie

Tales of Despereaux by Jean Fritz

Homesick by Jean Fritz

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Life of Pi by Yann Martel

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Our Friend Martin

Martin Luther King Jr. was an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the civil rights movement.

The man who killed Martin Luther King Jr. was named James Earl Ray. Martin Luther King was shot on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee at a motel.

James Earl Ray was a convicted criminal who plead guilty to the murder of Martin Luther King Jr. James Ray was convicted on his 41st birthday after entering a guilty plea to forgo a jury trial.

Martin Luther King Jr. helped by promoting against racism. Martin Luther King gave his speech during the march on Washington. The march on Washington was for jobs and freedom. The march was held in Washington D.C. on Wednesday, August 28th, 1963. There were more than 250,000 people there to protest for freedom and justice.

I have a dream that Donald Trump lets poor kids come to

America, so they can go to good colleges. I have a dream to brighten up kid's futures. I would like to protest and tell the congress to change the laws. **Jawad**

Martin Luther King

Martin Luther King was born on January 15, 1929. He was snipped by James Earl Ray. This occurred on April 4, 1968. MLK was on his hotel balcony and was suddenly snipped by a hater.

Martin Luther King was a Baptist minister and social activist who played a key role in the fight against racism. MLK day wasn't a real holiday until 1983.

Martin Luther King went to Morehouse College when he was only 15. He was also the first man to win a Nobel Peace Prize at the age of 35.

MLK was also the one to influence the director to create Star Trek. He was also the first man to predict when he would die.

MLK was the first African American to be on the Time Magazine. There have been 730 streets in America

named after MLK. He was known to have traveled over 6 million miles.

His birth name is Michael Luther.

I have a dream that one day all hate crimes will be over. We are not cavemen or cavewomen. If you commit a hate crime you will go to jail and take sensitivity training. I would go to congress to force them to make this a law. I hope we can all be equal. **Ibrahim**

MATH NEWS

The search for the value of Pi

Pi (π) is a number used in calculations involving round, or nearly round, things. It is not a simple, whole number — rather, it is a number with an infinite number of decimal places. For thousands of years, mathematicians have tried to estimate pi as accurately as possible.

Pi is essential to many calculations. For example, it is used to understand the relationship between a circle's radius and its circumference and area. A circle's circumference equals two times pi times the radius ($C = 2\pi r$). Its area equals pi times the radius squared ($A = \pi r^2$).

Pi itself is equal to the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. It remains constant regardless of the size of a circle.

The world contains many round and near-round objects. Finding the exact value of pi helps us build, manufacture and work with them more accurately.

Historically, people had only very rough estimations of pi, such as 3, or 3.12, or 3.16.

While they knew these were estimates, they could not tell how far off they might be.

Earliest Known Estimates of Pi

The earliest estimates of pi were arrived at through trial and error, without the use of math. The first two we know of are 3.125 in Babylon, from 1900-1600 B.C., and 3.1605 in ancient Egypt, around 1650 B.C. Both begin with 3.1 — a good start, but still far from exact.

The first mathematical approach to finding the true value of pi made use of geometry. Around 250 B.C., the Greek mathematician Archimedes came up with a method that used polygons. A polygon is a shape with at least three straight edges.

Archimedes drew polygons both around and within circles. Measuring the perimeters of those gave upper and lower bounds of the range containing pi. Starting with six-sided hexagons, Archimedes used polygons with more and more sides. He ultimately calculated three accurate digits of pi: 3.14. Around A.D. 150, Greek-Roman scientist Ptolemy used this method to calculate the value of 3.1416.

Independently, around A.D. 265, Chinese mathematician Liu Hui created another simple polygon-based approach, which gave four accurate digits. Later, around A.D. 480, Zu Chongzhi adopted Liu Hui's method and achieved seven digits of accuracy. This was a record that held for another 800 years.

In 1630, Austrian astronomer Christoph Grienberger arrived at 38 digits. This remains the most accurate estimate achieved using polygons.

Using Infinite Series to Compute Pi

In the 16th and 17th centuries, more accurate estimates of pi became possible after mathematicians developed the use of the infinite series. An infinite series is a number that is the sum of an infinite list of numbers. For example, $1/2 + 1/4 + 1/8 + 1/16 \dots$ is an infinite series in which each number is half of the number before it. Here the infinite series, or sum, turns out to be 1.

In the early 1500s, the Indian astronomer Nilakantha Somayaji was the first to use infinite series to come up

with a more accurate estimate of pi. In 1665, English mathematician and scientist Isaac Newton used infinite series to calculate pi to 15 digits. After that, the record kept being broken. It reached 71 digits in 1699, 100 digits in 1706 and 620 digits in 1956.

In 1946, ENIAC, the first electronic general-purpose computer, calculated 2,037 digits of pi in 70 hours. The most recent calculation found more than 13 trillion digits of pi in 208 days!

For most numerical calculations involving pi, a dozen digits are actually accurate enough. While the search for more digits of pi continues, the pursuit is now a way to test supercomputers and advanced mathematical methods.

Calculating Pi by Yourself

There are several fun and simple methods for estimating the value of pi. One of the best-known is the “Monte Carlo” method.

To try the Monte Carlo method at home, draw a circle with a square around it on a piece of paper. Imagine the square's sides are of length 2, so its area is 4. The circle's diameter — the longest distance from one side to the other — is therefore 2, and its radius is 1.

The circle's area is pi times the radius squared, or in this case, pi times 1 squared. Pi times 1 times 1 equals pi, so the area can also be expressed simply as pi. Thus, the ratio between the circle and square's areas is exactly $\pi/4$.

Now pick up a pen, close your eyes and put dots on the square at random. If you do this enough time, eventually the percentage of times your dot lands inside the circle will approach 78.54 percent — or 0.7854. We can use this as a guess for the ratio between the area of the circle and the area of the square.

As we found before, the exact value of this ratio is $\pi/4$. To get an approximation of pi, we just multiply 0.7854 by 4, which gives us 3.1416 — the same number Ptolemy came up with!

Once you have tried this you will have joined the ranks of mathematicians who have calculated pi through the ages.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

It's the Primaries!

February 20th kicked off early voting for the 2018, mid-term elections. First day voter turnout has seen an increase in Democratic tickets in the 15 counties with the most registered voters since 2008. In fact, overall voter turnout on first day of early voting has increased over 10,000 votes compared to the last two mid-term elections. The Democratic party is hoping to continue the first day trend through to the general elections in November and show that Texas isn't necessarily a Republic state, but a non-voting state. For example, Dallas county had a first day Democratic voter turnout that has grown by 56% whereas the Republican party decreased by 19%.

Interestingly, Texas is one of only 15 states to have open primaries. That means voters do not have to declare a party

affiliation in order to vote in the primaries (as this author was surprised, since the last state voted was Florida, a non-open, primary state), therefore, you don't declare a party until you show up to vote. It is important to note you cannot switch parties for any runoffs. Once you declare a party affiliation for the primaries, you must stay in that lane for the entire primary period.

Primary voting continues until March 6th, so we will know on the 7th who will be fighting for the final spot in the general mid-term elections on November 6th. If you don't think mid-term elections are important, or local elections are important enough to vote, then you haven't been paying attention. Local elections may arguably be the most important elections. National elections are exciting;

however, local elections affect your everyday life. Your roads, property taxes, local taxes, infrastructure, court systems, city officials, mayors. These elections are the people that decide how much money leave your paycheck at the local level and how much of your taxes go locally and how they are spent locally. To ignore your local elections is to literally ignore your livelihood and living.

And yes, every single vote counts. Not voting gives opponents more opportunity to win and you lose a chance to use a right that so many would love to have. Please don't take for granted what many have given so much to gift us. Go Vote!!

SCIENCE IN THE NEWS

Excerpt from National Geographic article

“Earthquake Swarms Are Shaking Yellowstone's Super volcano. Here's What That Means.”

By Elaina Zachos published 02/18/2018

Something is rocking the massive super volcano beneath Yellowstone National Park. Thanks to a recent earthquake swarm, the Yellowstone super volcano has seen upwards of 200 quakes since February 8, along with countless smaller tremors.

WHAT IS A SUPERVOLCANO?

A super volcano is exactly what it sounds like—a massive volcano that is

capable of erupting with devastating global consequences. A huge magma pocket lurks below the Yellowstone super volcano, which violently erupted more than 630,000 years ago. That burst rocked the region, spewing forth ash and rock and carving out a volcanic depression that cradles most of the national park today.

There's no way to tell when the super volcano actually is going to blow. The U.S. Geological Survey puts the odds of another massive blast at about 1 in 730,000, which is similar to the chance of a disastrous asteroid collision.

SHOULD WE BE WORRIED?

In short—no. “While it may seem worrisome, the current seismicity is relatively weak and actually represents an opportunity to learn more about Yellowstone,” researchers Michael Poland and Farrell write in a column for the Yellowstone Volcano Observatory. “It is during periods of change when scientists can develop, test, and refine their models of how the Yellowstone volcanic system works.” It's worth noting that Yellowstone is one of the best monitored volcanoes in the world, closely studied by diligent researchers armed with a slew of data from sensors and satellites.

ENGLISH NEWS

Language May Shape Our Perceptions

In language humans make use of verbal codes or labels to communicate our internal thinking to others. These are more than simply passive, neutral tools serving to voice or write our ideas, they also provide a guide to an individual's mental activity. Language serves a central role in providing linguistic, semantic, and verbal categories that are directly related to how we come to understand abstract ideas. In this perspective, language can be seen as a prism that helps to shape the ways in which we perceive reality.

One of the fundamental ideas that contributed to this approach to verbal codes is the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis, which suggests that language structure is necessary to produce thought. Although still subject to scholarly debate, this hypothesis suggests that language is a guide to social reality: it helps articulate our experiences, but it also plays a central role in defining them.

In the most extreme interpretation of the theory, the specific elements of a language system are said to predispose us to think in particular ways and not in others.

According to the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis, varying perceptions of reality are attributable to the differences in people's verbal abilities and resources. In other words, the way a person thinks about a particular group, object, or emotion is influenced by the terms to which she or he has access. And the conscious or unconscious choice of words can provide a great deal of insight regarding how one feels about the idea, possibly even more than is directly communicated.

This is why it is so important to promote intercultural contact and develop an understanding of different viewpoints than the one in which we grow up. By learning from diverse cultures and broadening our choice of terms and concepts, we may actually be expanding our minds and our ability to perceive the world's variety.

RAISE A CONFIDENT CHILD

Raising a Confident Child

Self-Esteem is your child's passport to a lifetime of mental health and social happiness. Self-Esteem is the key to success and well-being.

Self-Image is how one perceives oneself. Parents are a main source of a child's sense of self-worth. For instance: when a child looks into the mirror they must think they can make things happen and who is worthy of love.

Lack of a good self-image could lead to behavior problems. When a person is a delight to be with they have a strong self-image. How people value themselves all stem from a good self-image.

Healthy self-worth doesn't mean being narcissistic or arrogant. If a child grows up with a healthy self-worth, it means they have a realistic understanding of their strengths and weaknesses. There is a strong parallel between how your child feels about themselves and how they act, it is vital to discipline to raise a confident child.

Practice attachment parenting

Babies spend hours in a parent's arms, carried, breastfed on cue, and when they cry parents or caregivers respond. This baby feels loved and valued. The infant is on the receiving end of this high-touch style develops their self-worth. They like what they feel. Responsiveness is the key to infant self-value. As this cue is repeated thousands of time during their first year, they learn that cues have meaning "someone listens to me, therefore, I am worthwhile".

As the baby gets older parents may not respond as quick as they used to. They need to learn how to deal with healthy frustration, this will teach him to adjust to change. The important thing is, parents/caregivers are there for them, this builds up their sense of self.

The confidence building aspects pay off with babies with high needs. Due to responsive nurturing, the connected baby knows what to expect, the disconnected child may be confused. If a child's needs are not met and the cues are no answered.

This leads to the conclusion that I am not worthwhile.

We emphasize the importance of early nurturing during the first two years due to the fact that the babies brain is growing very fast. Babies develop patterns of associations; mental models of the way things work. When parents respond to their baby's cues, repetition deepens these patterns in an infant's mind, and eventually emotions, positive or negative become associated with them. Mostly positive feelings lead to a feeling of rightness and the sense of well-being becomes part of the baby's self.

The secure infants cope better with life's setbacks because they are motivated to repair their sense of well-being. Children who do not have this sense of well-being struggle to find it because they do not know how it feels.

Improve your Own Self-Confidence

If there are problems in your past that affect your parenting skills, confront them and deal with them so you can parent effectively.

A child's self-esteem is acquired, not inherited. Try this exercise to raise a confident child. Therapists call this exercise: passing on the best and discarding the rest. *list the specific things your parents did to build your self-image and weaken your self-image. *Next, resolve to emulate the good things and avoid the rest.

Don't be too hard on your parents. Your parents did the best they could given their circumstances.

Polish your Mirror. Parents are not happy all the time but remember a parent's unhappiness can transfer to your child. Children can translate your unhappiness with yourself to mean unhappiness with them. Children think they are supposed to please their parents, as they get older, they make think they are responsible to their parent's happiness.

Be a positive Mirror

A child's self-image comes not only from what the child perceives about herself but from how she thinks others perceive her. Do you reflect positive or negative images to your child? Do you give her the idea that she is fun to be with? Does her opinion and desires matter to you? Her behavior pleases you? When you give your child positive reflections, he learns to think well of himself.

Be realistic. Parents can't be in a good mood all the time and still be human. Children should know that parents have down days too. Children can see through fake cheerfulness. Your sensitivity toward him will increase his sensitivity toward you and someday he may be the one lifting your self-confidence.

When you raise a confident child, you spend the early years building your child's self-confidence and you spend the later years protecting it.

Give your child responsibilities. Children should be given household chores. This helps them feel more valuable and channels their energy into desirable behavior and teaching skills. To hold a child's interest, choose tasks they have shown an interest in.

Parents may also call a job "special". If a child hears the word "special" it gets their attention. Such as: "I must be special because I get a special job." Sometimes children need to learn that work comes before play, to get these started parents may work with them.

<https://www.askdrsears.com/topics/parenting/child-rearing-and-development/12-ways-help-your-child-build-self-confidence>

PINNACLE PREP SCHOOL TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Lynne Barga
English Language Arts and Social Studies, Upper Students

I came to education in a roundabout fashion, having switched from a career in sales and marketing to pursue my advanced degrees. I hold a PhD and Masters in Social Psychology, with an emphasis in Intercultural Communication, and my research deals with aspects of personality and communication and how they are shaped by culture in society. People of all ages fascinate me, but especially young people who are still growing into their place in the world. I've taught students from elementary grades to graduate school level and from ages 8 through 78, and I always fall in love with the dreams and aspirations they have for themselves. From what I've been privileged to see of their plans for the future, it's going to be a gorgeous tomorrow!

CURRENT EVENTS

March 11- Day Light Savings Begin
March 14- Pi Day
March 12-16 - Spring Break
March 17- St. Patrick's Day
March 20- March Equinox
March 25- Palm Sunday
March 29 - Book Reports Due
March 30- Holiday Break

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