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wishing you a...

Merry
Christmas



Happy
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"Light Up Someone's Life"

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Letter from the Editor

by Alexis M.

Dear Yellow Jackets:

According to Healthline.com, *"The Holidays are supposed to be a time of joy and celebration, but for some people they are anything but."* Additionally, scientist have stated that the most depressing day of the year is actually several weeks after the holidays—the 3rd Monday in January also known as Blue Monday. This year that is January 16th. So despite the lights that shimmered on dark streets and peak through windows, showcasing decorated trees, the holidays and the weeks following can be a time filled with sadness for many. In fact, some statistics show that the holidays is one of the most difficult times of the year for some, and this, for several reasons. Those reasons could be anywhere from social isolation all the way to the complexities of holiday grieving over a lost or distant loved one. Others, though it is not obvious, may experience something called "holiday blues." This is why my HIVE TIME peers and I would like for you to exercise awareness and "LIGHT UP someone's life!" this holiday season and beyond. From a varsity sports player all the way to an introvert bookworm, sadness does not discriminate. You never know the heartache that someone endures until you are able to walk in his or her shoes. So, radiate empathy and compassion to those who need it the most. Yellow Jackets, this is precisely what this Greer Yellow Pages: Information for Inspiration issues hopes to do for you. Therefore, we hope you're inspired and decide to share a smile, a kind word, and even laughter—all of which cost you nothing except maybe time and an open heart. Who knows? You might be the one to make someone's life brighter than any Christmas lights or New Year's fireworks ever could. Resolve to have a happy 2017 Lighting Up someone's life!

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

LIGHT UP
someone's life!

Fall and Rise

by Sage S.

"I am not concerned that you have fallen — I am concerned that you arise." ~ Abraham Lincoln

The truth is that every one of us has fallen at some point in our lives. Sometimes our fall involves our new year's resolution: "This year I will..." and based on the lack of success in past years you might fear failure this year. TRY something new in 2017! THINK something new! DO something new! Become more concerned with your RISE more than you are with your FALL.

FALL and RISE

If we rise up and fall back
down,

Did we really even rise up?
Would it be better just to stay down?
Or should we keep trying to rise?

If we try to rise,
Will someone try to push us down?

What if we don't let them?
What if we resist and keep rising?

What if we never fall again?
What if we stop saying "what if"?

Why say it if we can just DO it?
Why fall when we can just RISE?

if you are going

TO RISE

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you might as well

SHINE

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Advice Column: #AskBRADY

by Alex W., Emily W., Roman B., Brady P.

Student Question — 6th Grade:

“How did the Grinch steal Christmas?”

Brady’s Answer: The Grinch stole Christmas when he ate Santa’s plate when he was a baby. When he ate it he developed a love for eating glass items and fragile things! One Christmas just like any other he ran out of glass bottles to throw on his chest and eat them, so he ran to HooVille in search for glass to eat. At least I think that’s how it goes.

Student Questions—7th Grade:

“How do you get people to stop making fun of you over a mistake?”

Brady’s Answer: If you turn something into a joke, then people will later on forget about it. Think of it like a trend. Everyone is curious about it because it’s new for like two weeks. Later it is now, “out of style” you could say. Just make light of it and others will forget about it overtime. Besides, we all make mistakes. Let’s not take ourselves too seriously.

Student Question — 8th Grade:

“Do you celebrate Christmas or Hanukah?”

Brady’s Answer: I be celebratin’ Christmas, dawg!



Brady P., Peer Advisor @ Your Service!

Music Moments

by Stacy S.

It’s that time again—when children sing and people are filled with good cheer. The time when people find love in their hearts instead of the normal “bah humbug” feeling. Many start to decorate their homes and children behave better for Santa Claus. IT’S CHRISTMAS!

But you can’t get into the holiday spirit without your favorite Christmas songs! Classics like “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree” or “Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer” are sung by kids and adults far and wide. My favorite Christmas songs, however, would have to be two of the best: “Last Christmas” by a band called Wham and “Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)” by Mariah Carey.

Music is what brings happiness. Not just around Christmas time, though! There are some songs that people say you CAN’T listen to until Christmas, but to me, after October the Christmas tree is up, decorations are hung, and my favorite tunes are blasting from the stereo.

Christmas is a time to get together. Let music help you do that! Let music bring the love and the happiness that we desire EVERYDAY, not JUST during the holidays.

Christmas music is amazing! You can jam out in your living room or car with your friends and family! It’s a great laugh and some precious moments waiting to happen.

So go ahead, put your favorite Christmas cd in, and Press PLAY!

What are you waiting for? Start “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree” with your favorite holiday jams and make your’s a truly Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

From your favorite 8th grade music enthusiast, Stacy S.





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Christmas Art Column

by Madison F.



By ASHLEY SHENNAN



*“Oh, the weather outside is frightful,
But this art is so delightful.
And since we’ve no place to go,
Let it show, let it show, let art show!”*



By DEVON BAKER



By TYLER LILYEA



By HALEY FOWLER

Here with our December/January edition of *The Greer Yellow Pages: Information for Inspiration*, several 7th grade students have shared art that will inspire! From creative snowman doodles to elaborate Christmas cartoon sketches, these students have found their artistic Christmas spirit and are ready to inspire others with their love of art and encourage them to be confident in their creative talents as well!

The True Meaning of Christmas at GMS

by Evan F. & Alex W.

What is the true meaning of Christmas according to Greer Middle School students?

Depending on who you ask, it could mean different things. Here’s what three of our Yellow Jackets had to say about what this time means to them:

Andrew B. And Jason W. says, “Christmas is about celebrating Jesus.”

Quinton J., says, “It’s a time to give to others in your life.”

“Christmas is not as much
about opening our presents
as opening our hearts.”

~ Janice Maeditere

Christmas

These are very good reasons to celebrate this special time of year. Though Christmas has come and gone, we should all try to give more and take less during this time and into 2017. There are people who don’t get anything for Christmas. It’s very sad that some people don’t have family to spend Christmas with either. We should all be grateful for not only what we have, but who we have in our lives. So no matter your reason for celebrating this wonderful season, think about how you can help make someone’s life truly filled with cheer not only in Christmas time but throughout the 2017 year.



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Celebrating YOU

by Stephanie A.

The holidays aren't just about receiving presents, they're about celebrating life—even your life!

With this New Year, *The Greer Yellow Pages* is making space for this type of celebration, because what would any holiday be without the people who make it all worthwhile—people like YOU!

Here are a few people that wanted to share something special about themselves that you probably didn't know:

"I am very artistic."



Kristin M., 6th Grade

"I am a video gamer."



Stephanie F., 7th Grade

"I play more instruments than what some people may think."



Cassidy S., 8th Grade

REMEMBER: YOU are special ...YOU are one of a kind...YOU are talented...

So among the gift sharing and New Year's tradition, don't forget about the people who are important too.

YOU ARE IMPORTANT so we celebrate YOU!

Dear Santa

by Maria H.

Dear Santa,

I haven't seen you in six years, and I miss you. It's Christmas time again. Time for presents and cheer, yet I feel sadness and sorrow. At around this time I weep. Why? Again, six years has gone by, and I miss you. Right now all I can think about is how much I hate this holiday, how much my family hates this holiday. But then I remember: It's not the holiday; it's what happened on it.

So, where's my Christmas spirit? Can you tell me, Santa? It's so childish of me to still call you Santa, Dad. Probably it's because the last time I saw you were dressed up as Santa. That's the only name I can muster up to call you—"Santa." I haven't seen you in six years, and I miss you. I like to think that you brought smiles to your children as the make-believe Santa does each year, but I know that is a silly lie. It's pitiful that I still think of you as a father figure, besides, I haven't seen you in six years.

When you went away all I could do was scream, "I miss Santa!" I miss the way you would fake a smile when I was around. But I don't miss you, Dad. I miss the fake you—the figment of my imagination...you. The story book character you. But where is he? Gone. With. You. I cried for days, and nobody came running to wipe away the tears of a girl who cried, "Santa's dead," and I miss him.



"Dear Santa" may not appear inspiring at first glance. However, here Maria details what so many face during the holidays—the memory of one who once was and now...isn't around. Here Maria shares her heart about her loss on Christmas day, the loss of her father. Through it she invites those who have experienced similar to write a letter sharing their hurts, but not to stop there. Consider how it may very well be the first step towards healing. I for one have experienced empathy from Maria time and again whether through a kind note, edible gift, or creatively written encouragements. The pain in her life is NOT standing in the way of her caring for others. She knows what it means to hurt and she's grown into an empathetic young lady as a result! Thank you for your vulnerability here, Maria. AND thank you for your empathy as well! ~ Mrs. Aulick, Teacher



A Spoof of "A Visit from St. Nicholas"

*'Twas the month before the month before the month of Christmas
And all through the store,
All the creatures were stirring, even the mouse near the door.
The stockings were hung over the entrance with care,
In hopes that some customers would soon shop right there.*

*The decorations were all snug in their packages,
While visions of trees danced in their cracks and ridges.
With the clerk in his apron, and I in my store cap,
We had just gotten ready for a long day then...SNAP!*

*In the parking lot arose such a great clatter,
I dashed outside to see what was the matter?*

*When what to my wondering eyes did appear,
But a minivan and a dad drinking root beer.
With a little fleshy woman driving the car,
She looked like Mrs. Claus from afar.
And judging by the elegance that she dawned,
I knew she must have been a peculiar mom.*

*More rapid than eagles their little elf-like children came.
The parents whistled and shouted and called each by their name:*

*"Now Carson! Now Beau! Now Erich and Bubba!
On, Cletus! On, Parson! On, Donny and Trouba!*

*"To the front of the store, now don't bounce off the wall!
Now git here, git there, and git back to the van when I call!"*

*So in the handicapped space they parked,
They exited the van smelling of peppermint bark."
And then with some screaming, I heard at the door,
Some running and stamping, oh who knows what for.*

*The dad was dressed like Santa, head to foot.
I wonder why his boots was covered in soot.*

*Some "bundles of joy" he hung on his back.
He looked like a St. Nick carrying his sack.*

*Then in they went, tossing toys and trinkets in a cart.
Did they not realize it wasn't Black Friday at Walmart.*

*There was shoving and pushing some growling and stares.
I removed my work cap,
I wished to be prepared.*

*Then all of the sudden the mom came crashing in,
With spectacles like Mrs. Clause and a slightly hairy chin.*

*She gathered all her children as the dad purchased the toys,
Throwing them all quickly into his "bundle of joy."*

*Then off they went as quick as a twinkle of the nose.
I looked at my boss after the shopping boon.
With hair disheveled and eyes a-glaze, said,
"We'll be closing up shop at noon!"*

*In fact, we needed to restock by the look of the store.
The visiting family cleared out every shelf, display and more.
"Who were those people?" I asked with a tear.
"Could it truly be that Old St. Nick shopped right here?"*





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Don't let your attitude and actions be influenced by your audience. Be your authentic self everywhere you go. ~ P. Sloan Joseph

This quote means don't change the way you act just because you're around other people. It means you need to be your normal self instead of being someone you aren't or shouldn't be.

When you're around other people, you might want to act a different way because you think it's cool...because they think it's cool. It's not cool because you will be somebody that you're not. Also, although they might think it's cool, others might think it's not.



Taking off the Mask by Rachel Humphrey



Taking off the Mask by SoElmo

The actions that you'll do when you're acting "cool" will be your fault and nobody else's. When your attitude gets you in trouble, that's your fault and the people you are trying to impress won't be there to help you. When you're in a bad situation they won't help you, instead, they will stab you in the back and let you take all of the blame.

This quote reminds me of who I am now and right now it doesn't make me a good person to be someone that I'm not. This doesn't make me a good person because although my friends think it's ok I don't think it is. I say I'm confident but I'm not when I try to be someone else. I say that I'm fearless but I'm not. I'm really just a quiet kid who wants good grades and to stay out of other people's way. That's who I am and this year I plan to be my "authentic self" everywhere I go.

Athletic Shout Out

by Isaaah G. & Daruis G.



Taylor Houston is making her mark at Greer Middle School. She's run track meets with high schoolers and finished in the top 10. She also plays basketball for our middle school as well, wearing her #5 jersey with Yellow Jacket pride.

Coach Wilkes tells us that when her brother played basketball she would go to the boys practice and practice with them. Talk about devotion! The person who really inspired her was the "King of basketball" himself—Michael Jordan. She now plays point guard in basketball for Greer Middle.

Taylor also said she loves track, so we asked her why. She said, "I love it because it's fun and because it doesn't involve much thinking. All you have to do is run as hard as you can." She tells us that the feeling of winning and success makes her want to do it more. Todd Roberts, her track coach pushes her to

get better and better. Since running for 5 years, Taylor has placed in 7 champion meets as a long-distance runner.

The man who chose her, who started her feature in this issue of *The Greer Yellow Pages* is our very own, Coach Wilkes. We gave him some difficult questions too. "What words would you use to describe Taylor," we asked. His response tells it all! In his view she's "genuine, smart, athletic, and humble." We also asked him what he would like to tell her, and here are his inspiring words: "If you stay humble and never get satisfied, the sky is the limit for you. Good luck, Taylor Houston." And so there you have it: The sky is the limit for you, Taylor Houston, so reach for the stars! With you shooting skills, we know you will!





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The Faces of Christmas

by Abigail B.

Reflecting on her own experience 4 years ago, Abigail had a great idea. Why not write from the perspective of some people who may not have a "Merry Christmas" after all. From loneliness to depression, real life doesn't stop when the clock hits midnight on December 25th. Some wake up to the same realities they suffered through all year, and Christmas time is a reminder of just how not "happy and bright" the world can be at times. Still, Abigail longs to change this. Through the below stories, she gives insight into others' lives with the hope that we can look through someone else's eyes and help to turn their Christmas frown upside down. What she writes is not only true for the holidays but everyday. Let's consider how we can spread Christmas cheer all throughout the new year.



Face #1: Alone, but Not for Long

(Story) During Christmas break a woman's husband was diagnosed with cancer. Everyday her family would go to the hospital to see him, even if it meant they left their state. A week before Christmas the man died. When Christmas came it was not the same. That woman was a grandmother & when the whole family got together it was not the same. They even had gifts underneath the tree for granddad that will go unopened. This story was based off what happened to me 4 years ago.

(Question) What would you do in that situation? What can you do to help?

(Positive Answer) In that situation, I know it's hard because I've been through it. I know your loved one is not there, but your memories are always there. You will have them in your heart & that will never change. How can you help someone in that situation? You can give them someone to spend Christmas with & give the love they need, just like we did for my each other and our dear, sweet grandmother.

Face #2: Homeless, but NOT Hopeless

(Story) A man, lost his job and his wife but had two children to care for during the holiday season. His house was taken away from him and he never had money. When Christmas arrived, the man didn't have money to get his kids a gift; he didn't want to disappoint them. On Christmas day, instead of waking up to presents, they woke up to trash and bugs. The man began to cry not because he wanted a present, but because his kids' Christmas would not be the same this year...or ever.

(Question) What would you do in situation? What can you do to help?

(Positive Answer) In that situation you can't spend your Christmas worrying about all the things you don't have. Instead, spend your Christmas with the people that matters most, because love is stronger than anything. What you can do is go out of your way for those that don't have what you have. maybe all they want is to know somebody cares.

Type #3: In Prison Yet Free

(Story) A little girl's father was recently put in prison for doing drugs. When Christmas arrived, instead of feeling the Christmas spirit at home, they had to go prison to visit her father. No Christmas trees. Only gates, guards & their guns instead with their father eating the meal the prisoners were feed. Now the little girl's Christmas will be based on a prison memory.

(Question) What would you do in that situation? What can you do to help?

(Positive Answer) In that situation spending your Christmas in a place that is not your home is hard, but your family is part of your home too. Spending time with your family is all that matters, even those who made bad choices and are in bad places. What you can do to help is to encourage them to know that they're Christmas is not ruined just because this is the situation. In fact, part of Christmas is giving to those who don't have. What the girl gave to her father was a sense of freedom even though he was locked up. Hopefully her love inspires him to make a change and he will gain the freedom she gave him a taste of through her visit.

Type #4: From Depressed to Distressed

(Story) Friends turning on her, her husband and her kids fighting... A woman is crying everyday dealing with her life. When Christmas came around, instead of hanging out with her family, she locked herself away because her emotions were too heavy to handle.

(Question) What would you do in the situation? What can you do to help?

(Positive Answer) In that situation, don't let your emotions get in the way of your life. Celebrating Christmas makes you happy so why shut yourself out from that? Perhaps the special time of year can reminder the husband and children of what's most important in life. Communicate with them and figure out ways to take all that negative energy & encourage them to be positive. With a new year coming soon, maybe they will see that now is a great time to make a change for the better.



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The World

by Lora L.

The WORLD!

*Life can be cold. Yes, life can be pain;
But there's one thing that still remains.
At the end why die such painful deaths,
It's time to let go of your regrets.
Remember why we live on this circle called home.
It's love and joy.
You are never alone!*

*You will never see them creep in like a weed,
because joy and love doesn't choke the life you need.
When you wake and you see a gray cloud hiding the sun,
remind yourself there are sunshine yet to come.*

*When you look at your face,
don't look through pain or lie's eyes.
Look at the truth,
And let it dry your cries.*

*Then when the tears are gone you may remember their mean words and ask:
How can they say such things?
The goal of their negativity is to pull your heart strings.
Oh right, remember they are never true.
Instead of being true to them, be true to you.*

*Instead of feeling alone embrace love.
Instead of feeling trapped realize you are free.
Instead of crying because of the hurt and pain in this world:
A wise man once said: Be the change you want to see.
Be the love and joy in this world.
Be you are free.*

**Be the change you wish
to see in the world.**

- Mahatma Gandhi





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New Year, New Me?

by Fatima R.



Have you ever heard of the phrase “New Year, New Me?”

Well I'm here to tell you that people don't change in one day. We have to work to change. Take gossip or bullying for example. If you want to change this about your life, it will take work and not just talk.

So stop thinking that you are going to change in one day. It's like training a pet or growing a tree. It takes time and effort,

so if you are trying to change, stop just saying, “New Year, New Me” because change takes work.

You might need help to actually stop gossiping and bullying. Reach out to other people for help. Start the walk and not just talk about change, and when it gets hard DON'T YOU QUIT! Old habits are hard to break, but the bad ones are worth it. Take gossip and bullying, because all you are doing is hurting yourself and other people.

So work at being a new person in 2017! Don't just say you are going to change for the better. CHANGE! It will not only help you but other people in your life. It will be worth it in the end when you can look in the mirror and say:



**DON'T TALK,
JUST ACT.
DON'T SAY,
JUST SHOW.
DON'T PROMISE,
JUST PROVE.**

Holidays in Honduras

by Wilson A.

I, Wilson, am going to talk about the Christmas and New Year's holidays in Honduras. In Honduras we celebrate almost the same way people celebrate here in the U.S.A. Food is very important. We make dishes like tamales, tortillas, plantanos (plantains), and rice with chicken. We also celebrate with fireworks. The louder, the brighter, the better. In our parties and celebrations we use fireworks. But first, the holidays start with an “oracion a Dios para agradecerte todo lo que nos dado.” This means we give praise to God to thank Him for all He has given us.





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In this issue of the Teacher Q&A, we've interviewed two top-notch teachers: seventh grade social studies teacher Mr. Funderburk and sixth grade social studies teacher Ms. Higdon. Though they are teaching history within the walls of their classrooms, they are making the future through the ways they invest student Yellow Jackets at Greer Middle. Thank you Mr. Funderburk and Ms. Higdon for all you do and for all you are for Greer Middle School.

Q: How long have you been teaching at Greer?

Funderburk: 5 years

Higdon: 4 years

Q: Why did you become a teacher?

F: I wanted to make a positive impact on kids.

H: I became a teacher because my whole family are teachers so it's kind of what I've always been destined to do.

Q: What do you consider your greatest accomplishment as a teacher?

F: I've helped several kids realize what they could be

H: Seeing a kid who doesn't like to try succeed

Q: If you weren't a teacher, what would you be doing right now?

F: I'd be doing something still working with kids.

H: I'd be an FBI agent because they're awesome and I'm a good shot.

Q: Who's your favorite sports player?

F: Brett Favre because he would play even when he was injured, he was tough, and he truly loved the sport of football

H: Jonathan Horton

Q: Who's your favorite music artist?

F: Need to Breathe

H: Natalie Grant because her songs are inspiring and catchy.

Q: If you could be anyone for a day who would it be?

F: The current president of the United States

H: I'd be J.K. Rowling because she is awesome and rich.

Q: If you won the lottery tomorrow, what's the first thing you would buy?

F: Buy a house for my parents.

H: I'd open a dog rescue.

Q: If you could only get one gift for Christmas, what would it be?

F: I'd want people from poor areas to have food and shelter.

H: I'd want a free trip to Harry Potter World.

Q: Who inspires you and why?

F: My granddad because he taught me hard work, living with a Christian attitude, and that family comes first.

H: My mom because she's had to deal with a lot this year and she's always come out on top.



Mr. Funderburk showing off his selfie skills on Olivia's phone



Ms. Higdon showing off her superwoman skills, encouraging others to adopt this super-hero, adorable dog.



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Foreword to "Two Teacher in One"

by Mrs. Aulick

Dear Teachers,

Our students aren't the only ones who can serve to be inspired through The Greer Yellow Pages; Information for Inspiration. The same goes for us teacher. I wrote the "Two Teachers in One" poem (pg. 12) this past summer for a poetry assignment with the Upstate Writing Project through Clemson. Initially as I wrote it, I thought about the possible perspective of two teachers, but then as time and writing progressed I realized that this is NOT about TWO teachers. It's actually about me. It's actually about "TWO teachers in ONE," because our sentiments about and our zeal for our profession can morph with time.

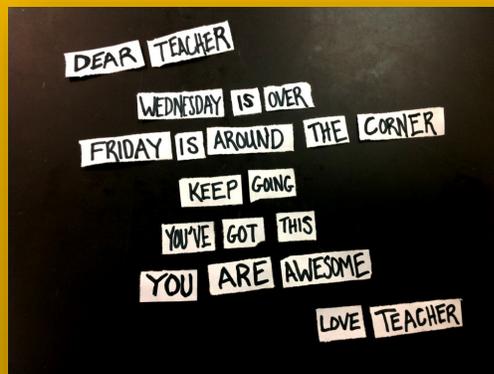
Though many outside our sphere looking in on our career may consider us "superheroes," we are still human. None of us dawn a red cape with an "S" on our chest, though we probably should, though of a different caliber. Instead of the "S" representing just "super," for us it may represent "service." Ours is a service profession. In essence, we serve success to the future through what we invest into our students academically and otherwise.

Mr. Bruce quotes Martin Luther King Jr. in his signature, sharing that anyone has the potential for greatness because greatness is determined by service. Still, we can become disillusioned. We can become discouraged. We can lose the initial zeal we had at first and feel inadequate as times change, students in the present generation appear strange, and standards and expectations are rearranged.

We encourage, equip and empower our students daily, yet have we ever thought about our need for encouragement, equipping and empowerment as well? I know I have. We require the same no matter how many years we have under our proverbial teaching belt or how many notches we dawn as excellent educators.

Certainly we desire to produce lifelong learners because we are life-long learners ourselves. I've heard it once said, "You teach what you KNOW, but you reproduce who you ARE." I've said it time and again that teaching may be my career, but I remain a student of my profession first and foremost. So, I encourage you, dear fellow Yellow Jacket teachers, let's go back to the root of our WHY? Why do we teach? Recalling our "Why" can mean all the difference between walking into our classrooms and meeting the ups and downs with HOPE or DESPAIR, KINDNESS or CRITICISM, EXCELLENCE or... You get the point.

No teacher is on his or her own island. Let's us consider how we can encourage one another to remember our "WHY" and thereby serve from the overflow of a heart that believes that the best is yet to come in our world because we have a pivotal role in serving our future the success it needs to reach higher heights than in generations past. Remember, our students are not merely brains to teach. They have hearts that need to be reached. As do we. ~ Marissa



Check out this encouraging blog to teachers from a teacher: <https://dearteacherloveteacher.com/>
Read "Two Teachers in One" on the next page.

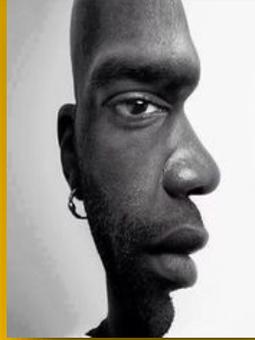


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Two Teachers in One

by Mrs. Aulick



Two Teachers

Teachers sacrificially serves—I'm dedicated to students' success.
Teaching rattles my nerves—this hopeless generation causes me distress.

Another hurdle to jump...that some say may change again next year.
I choose to focus more on teaching instead of the "testing fear."
Tired of this shifting, sinking standardize testing ship!
You get me worked up enough, I just might quit.

Stop telling me that I have it made; during summers I rest, relax, AND plan.
I have my two-month vacation paid, you'll find me sipping on the sand.

Oh, that's such an innovative idea; next month I'll give it a try.
These new teaching methods are annoying; reinvent the old wheel, why?

I'm intent on forming connections; students should know how much I care.
These pains in the acne need a quick fix to their derrière.

The best classroom management is engaging, interactive lesson plans.
These kids better finish their bookwork quietly; "Shhh, Cameron, I don't care if you're not a fan!"

Reading is their window to the world; writing is their voice.
These kids can't read and their writing will only add to this world's noise.

I need to ensure they've learned, so I'll teach it again in a different way.
These kids can't pass a test because they never listen to what I say.

After many dedicated years, it's time to turn the page.
I'm finally retiring, it's my time to escape this cage.

I still remember your kinds words that gave me hope when I despaired.
That teacher didn't believe in me; I would have liked school if he cared.



**Which will we choose because
our students serve to gain or
lose?**



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Aulick's HIVE TIME Crew

LET'S TACO BOUT IT



Mike H.



Madison F.



Hope S.

HELLO!



Roman B.

YOU GO



Lora L.



Stephanie A.

HOME RUN



Darius G.



Blake D.

Hi



Brandon R.



Wilson A.



Emily W.

WE GOT THIS!



Fermin R.



Alexis M.



Olivia O.



Maria H.



Brady P.



Sage S.



Cameron A.



Abigail B.

BRO!



Cheyanne T.



Isaaah G.



Evan F.



& *Happy
New Year*

The Greer Yellow Pages

Thank You, HIVE Time Crew!



At the beginning of the school year when our administrators announced that we would have clubs, I knew just what I would do. In fact, I had been thinking about it all summer. I desired to provide a platform where students' voice would be heard. Then came the following invitation:

The Greer Yellow Pages:

You have a voice. You also have a choice on how you decide to use it. The Greer Yellow Pages is an opportunity for you to have a TRUE audience to express your

TRUE self creatively (artwork, letters, stories, poems, prose, etc.)--all to inspire your peers.

Your work will be showcased within a digital YELLOW page newsletter. (You can use a "pen" name or author your work on a first-name basis, if you're the shy type.)

If you want your unique VOICE heard AND your distinct CHOICE valued and honored, The Greer Yellow Pages is a "HIVE FIVE" club for you! Come join us!

You responded to this invitation in one way or the other and I am super glad you did. Thank you for your hard work and your participation in our club, spending time getting inspired through YouTube and Vimeo inspirational clips and even one another. You took what you gained by way of inspiration to inspire others. Now, that's what life is all about: "Givin' of what you've got," so to speak. So thank you for giving to me and to each other during these past 2 nine weeks. You'll be missed as we move on to different HIVE TIME activities and I go on maternity leave, but you will NOT be forgotten!

Besides, I have your "information for inspiration" to inspire me even on those hard days I have as well. So do you as you revisit these two publications, yourself.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, HIVE TIME crew, better known as "TEAM AWESOME!" We've developed a special bond during this time, and I hope you will continue to pay it forward by making your voice count for good and not for ill, all while keepin' it real!

All the Best



Mrs. M. Aulick

