

"Sparks electric only strike on souls electrical alike. The flash of intellect expires unless it meet congenial fires." (Hannah Moor)



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DATES of note

FEBRUARY 20
PRESIDENT'S DAY
HOLI DAY

March. 13-17
SPRING BREAK

APRIL 14 & 17
GOOD FRIDAY &
EASTER HOLIDAYS

We expect teachers to handle teenage pregnancy, substance abuse & the failings of the family. Then we expect them to educate our children.
(John Sculley)



It is paradoxical that many educators and parents still differentiate between a time for learning and a time for play, without seeing the vital connection between them.
(Leo Buscaglia)



PERSPECTIVES of Dr. & Mrs. Anderson

Where is Love? Does it fall from skies above? Is it underneath the willow tree that I've been dreaming of? Where is she? Who I close my eyes to see? Will I ever know the sweet hello that's meant for only me?

These touching words, from the sensitive performance of Mark Lester in the movie, *Oliver*, remind us of the quest each of us embarks upon from the time of our birth. Some of us find love. Others only just survive, to die one day in the sunless shadows of darkened dreams, living a lonely life, never to find what all of us need, few discover and fewer share.

The most poignant story of love that I know of late, happened in Edinburgh, Scotland. It does not involve just people. It is a true story about a remarkable little skye terrier named Bobby, who became one of Scotland's most beloved and celebrated.

This little animal friend died in 1872 and you can still find fresh flowers on his grave every day. His life and his uncommon devotion and love is remembered today with such things as his own magazine, website, www.greyfriarsbobby.co.uk, bronze memorials, a Disney movie and numerous items imprinted and engraved with his likeness.

Now I had to ask myself, what could a small dog do to engender such love from so many people for so long after his life ended? Then I read the story that became one of the most touching of my life. Before I could finish reading this love story, I was in tears. Now, I long to travel to the grave of little "Greyfriars Bobby" to bring my own flowers of remembrance.

As the story goes, In 1858, a man named John Gray was buried in old Greyfriars Churchyard. His grave leveled by the hand of time, and unmarked by any stone, became scarcely discernible; but, although no human interest seemed to attach to it, the sacred

spot was not wholly disregarded or forgotten.

For fourteen years the dead man's faithful dog kept constant watch and guard over the grave until his own death in 1872. Little Bobby was so devoted to his master, John Gray, even in death, for fourteen years Bobby lay on the grave, only leaving for food.

It was reported that a daily occurrence of people from all walks of life would stand at the entrance of the Church graveyard waiting for the one o'clock gun and the appearance of Bobby leaving the grave for his midday meal.

The American Lovers of Bobby erected a Red Granite stone to mark John Gray's grave, the inscription reads "John Gray died 1858 - Auld Jock - Master of Grayfriars Bobby - Even in his ashes most beloved".



Bobby's headstone is a Red Granite stone erected by the Dog Aid Society of Scotland. The inscription reads, "Greyfriars Bobby - died 14th January 1872 - aged 16 years - Let his loyalty and devotion be a lesson to us all - Unveiled by His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester CCVO - on the 13th May 1981".

So please do not wonder why our students are found embracing, feeding and playing with our adopted animal friends. They are busy with the real purpose of life - giving and receiving unconditional love - discovering that it really does exist.



CHESS CHAMPIONS DECLARED

The Fall semester found us immersed in thought as students vied for the chess championship of the school. Everyone won who played and prize winners included Kevin Grubbs, 1st place, Alex Grubbs, 2nd place and Avery Rich 3rd place. Congratulations go to all who gloriied in the game and learned the art of self-control.



Any place that anyone can learn something useful from someone with experience is an educational institution.
(Al Capp)

CAMPUS VISITATIONS

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WISDOM of the AGED

* Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead. Do not walk ahead of me, for I may not follow. Do not walk beside me either. Just pretty much leave me alone.

* The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and a leaky tire.

* Always remember that you're unique. Just like everyone else.

* Never test the depth of the water with both feet.

* Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.

* If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

* If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

* If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

* Some days you're the bug; some days you're the windshield.

* The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.

* A closed mouth gathers no foot.

* Duct tape is like 'The Force'. It has a light side and a dark side, and it holds the universe together.

* Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.

* Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

- Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do. -
(John Wooden)



The world is very different now.
for man holds in his mortal hands
the power to abolish
all forms of human poverty,
and all forms of human life.

John F. Kennedy



STUDY, FUN & ADVENTURE TRIPS

*For fast acting relief,
try slowing down.*

(Lily Tomlin)

This year our travels have included: a **Resort Lodge** for a week of learning and relaxation, the **Museum of Science and History**, great **Omni Theatre** movies including, "The Rainforest" and "Forces of Nature", the **National Cowgirl's Museum**, **Ripley's Believe It or Not** & the **Palace of Wax Museum**, **Half-Price Books**, the **River Legacy Science Center** in Arlington, the **Fort Worth Zoo**, and **Omaha's Army-Navy Surplus** for items of historical interest (actually, we bought them to play with).

We also visited the **Kimbell Art Museum** for the special exhibition on Gogan, the **Cattle Raisers Museum**, **Byblos Lebanese Restaurant**, **Ridglea Ice Skating**, the Fort Worth **Stock Show, Main Event** for fun and games, **Borders Books** and a tour of **Central Market** (Yum), **Walden's Books** and the **Rave Movie Theater** (we always enjoy great Movies such as, "Curse of the Were Rabbit", "The Interpreter", & "The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe".)



Corey meets Leonardo De Vinci

Plans for the remainder of this year include: **Bat World** in Mineral Wells, the New **Auto Show** (always a favorite), A "**Dude**" **Ranch**, the **Japanese Garden**, the **Bureau of Engraving and Printing**, **Armstrong Browning Library** at Baylor University, the new **Texas Civil War Museum**, and the Ft. Worth **Nature Center**.

We don't get to know anything
but what we love.
(Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe)



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