American Inspiration

Thoughts for today and every day . . .

√"You are born with three things: intelligence, endurance, and the opportunity to build integrity. You decide how much intelligence and endurance you are going to use. You build integrity every single day with the choices you make." Bob Kerrey

√"I do not try to dance better than anyone else. I try to dance better than myself." Mikhail Baryshnikov

√"Master dance technique and then forget about it, and be natural." Anna Pavlova

√"Good things are not done in a hurry." German Proverb

American Update

Many of you have your banquets and end of year activities. It is time to reflect on the past and look to a bright future in the season ahead. We will be putting the American Inspiration on 'rest' mode during the summer months and restart at the end of August when school is back in. We wish many blessings on you and your team and hope to see many of you at one of our camps this summer.

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Make sure to check out our 2013 Competition dates and locations on our web site as you think ahead to the next school year. We will be in the office all summer, so give us a shout if you have any questions. Have a safe and restful summer and we will reconnect in August!



If They Respect You, They Will Follow John C. Maxwell author of "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership"

People don't follow others by accident. They follow individuals whose leadership they respect. And the more leadership ability a person has, the more quickly he or she recognizes leadership—or its lack—in others. When people get together for the first time as a group, take a look at what happens. As they start interacting, the leaders in the group immediately take charge. They think in terms of the direction they desire to go and who they want to take with them. At first, people may take tentative moves in several different directions, but after the people get to know one another, it doesn't take long for them to recognize the strongest leaders and to follow them.

In time, people in the group get on board and follow the strongest leaders. Either that, or they leave the group and pursue their own agendas.

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