# Pegasus/GT Thursday Thoughts 10-12-2023:

# **Success to Significance:**

Think of the significance of this:

Rather than thinking, "Have I done enough to deserve rest?"....

Think, "Have I rested enough to do my best!".

~RS

#### LINKS and INFORMATION:

- PJSD Pegasus/GT Happenings:
  - Pegasus/GT Family Meet and Greet: Monday, October 23, 2023. Pegasus/GT informational slide presentation and question & answer session, followed by some game time! <u>ALL</u> K-12 Pegasus/GT families are welcome! We will meet in the Riverview Library from 6-7pm.
  - Elementary groups are working on Character Trait Puzzles...writing 10 clues for a picture of the character that is revealed a bit more with each clue with Google slides. High School is at mid quarter with grade checks. Riverview groups are underway.
  - o WATG Conference: Roy and Jessica were presenters at the WATG (Wisconsin Gifted and Talented) 50<sup>th</sup>
    Anniversary Conference on Monday and Tuesday, October 9-10. Their High School Passion Project
    Independent Studies presentation was well received by high school GT teachers from around the state
    looking for a way to do more with their high school GT students. We currently have 12 wonderful GT Passion
    Project Independent Studies being done by junior and senior PHS GT students.
- From Bright and Quirky: Up Your Child's Resilience by Fueling Their Curiosity, with Michele Borba (4 min. video)
- From Badger Precollege: <u>Badger Precollege Ready combines online and overnight opportunities for a great college</u> prep experience for high school students.
- For Budding Researchers from Zooniverse: The Zooniverse is the world's largest and most popular platform for people-powered research. It easy for anyone to contribute to real academic research, on their own computer, at their own convenience.
- Thank you to our incredible PJSD Food Service for the wonderful, nutritional, and delicious meals that you make available for our students and staff!!!!! <u>Happy School Lunch Week</u> and THANK YOU every day for the amazing nutrition you provide!
- Byrdseed Puzzlements for 10-12-2023
  - Blow air through sand and it behaves like a liquid. Weird!! Much more info about this phenomenon from Mark Rober. This is so cool!
  - Watch <u>various pills dissolve in water</u>! Sounds boring, but looks incredible. As always, you can pause (briefly) and let students consider what will happen. Then, unpause and you'll end up with more "woah" moments. *Just don't overdo it or they'll get annoyed, ha!*
  - This looks like an attraction at Universal Studies, but it's really a bunch of robots doing some welding!
  - Let's enjoy some time lapse footage from Jamie Scott of <u>Central Park's trees changing colors in New York City!</u>
    More info about how this was done on the video's Vimeo page.

- It's the best table tennis points of 2022!
- October is Gifted Education Month—Proclamation from Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
- New York Times Poetry Contest for students that are 13-19 years old. For this contest, <u>The Times invites you to write a personal narrative about a meaningful life experience in 100 words or fewer.</u> There is no particular theme or specific structure or style, they are looking for short, powerful stories about a particular moment or event in your life. They want to hear your story, told in your unique voice, and experiment with style and form to tell a tale that matters to you, in a way you enjoy telling it. Submissions are due November 1<sup>st</sup>!

## **Mindful Minute:**

"Sleep is the single most effective thing we can do to reset our brain and body health each day"

- Dr Matthew Walker

### The POWER of Sleep

Improves Memory...

Natural Anti-inflammatory...

Supports Immunity...

Lifts Mood...

Improves Physical and Mental Health

~RS

My favorite sleep meditation (free) from Insight Timer:

**Guided Deep Sleep Meditation** with Steven Webb

This is a short (3 minute) <u>Mindful Moment with Kind Thoughts practice meditation</u>. It offers kids (and adults) a pause in their day with the addition of kind thoughts, a short metta practice.

ALWAYS...Be inclusive...ALWAYS...Be kind!

#### **Kindness Meditation**

- **Get some air and exercise** in our parks, on our trails, or in some upcoming Walks/Runs/Races:
  - Enjoy our many State Parks, Forests, and Trails!
  - o **Enjoy our many National Parks, Forests, and Trails!**
- Mental Health America resource links:
  - School Resources and Toolkit
  - o Community Mental Health Resource Card
  - o MHA Lakeshore Mindfulness Resources
  - o Youth Mental Health Crisis Card
- From ByrdseedTV: Videos about anxiety, the brain, and calming down.
- If you'd like something fun and entertaining to do this weekend, come to the Musical Memories Celtic Folk concert at
  the Plymouth Arts Center. This show is a mix of some great musical show tunes, rock n roll, country, and Celtic songs.
  Mr. Schwab is one of the vocalists. Here is a short video of snip-its of each song we perform in the show. Friday and
  Saturday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm curtain...and Sunday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2:30pm matinee. The Plymouth Arts Center has
  lots of great programming!

SLÁN AGUS BEANNACHT (Salutations and blessings in Gaelic) pronounced: slawn og-us bann-ockt Share Positivity!

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"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge." ~Albert Einstein