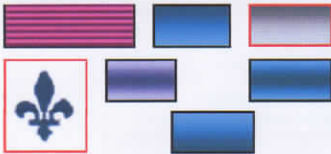


"In the hands of the heart the intellect becomes intelligent." (Osho)



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Newsletter



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DATES

March 14-18
Spring Break Holidays
April 22 & 25 (Fri. & Mon.)
Easter Holidays
May 4 Scarborough
Renaissance Festival
May 5 Cinco de Mayo
Holiday
May 16-20 Adventure
Trip
May 20 Last Day of
School Year



Isabella creates something new to croak about.



Natalie prepares for battle with the French in Shakespeare's Henry V.



Caty & Erika enjoy a sheepish new friend!

Perspectives of Dr. & Mrs. Anderson



Mary Alice is extrospective.

I once read that the best thing you can do for the creative is to stay out of their way! There is more depth (and truth) to that statement than can be easily comprehended. With the assumption that creating something new is actually good for us (and there is growing doubt), let's recognize that harvesting creativity demands an inordinate degree of freedom.

You may remember academic freedom. It was abolished in Texas around 1980 with a blunt instrument called the TABS test perpetuated to this day to maintain controlling impulses. It has been so destructive!

I have often viewed creatively precocious youth as singular works of art in themselves - to be cherished, enjoyed and, above all, protected. Children with the unique abilities to conceptualize non-linear constructs and ideas are very fragile. They are as frail as the fleeting thoughts they generate. And all are subjugated to their own self-esteem and to the thoughts they may be courageous enough to share.

Our minds are so linear in the process modality that it is almost impossible to create that which we are not predisposed to or are not familiar with. Few humans have ever had a truly original thought - a dynamic or even dangerous encounter with what is real or assumed to be known.

Our habituations evolve into our thought processes and become very real constraints to originality. And today few children are sheltered from the peer pressure and other negating factors that squelch creativity and dictate conformity.

A truly creative young mind doesn't stand a chance to blossom in an orchard that bears only one kind of fruit. I have discovered that extremely gifted children warehouse their thoughts when they fear what others may think of them, ideas that then evaporate.

Freedom from the fear to think and act on an idea is absolutely essential for society to profit from its most valuable natural resource - its gifted children. We need a non-judgmental environment coupled with an abundance of time, yes, with absolutely nothing to do. This time becomes fertile soil compelling the mind to wander and explore.

It is not enough to simply be positive. Parents and educators must understand the dynamics of creative endeavor: providing this time (totally unscheduled and unstructured), permission and encouragement to make mistakes, large doses of spontaneous humor (hey, it may not make sense but it sure is funny!), exposure to many, many other ideas, books, unusual people, places (place is truly a great teacher), even confessions



Kirby and Katy are great friends (I had the same dumb idea, twice, and I survived it both times!), stories (so what if half of them are not true - what do you think the true nature of reality is anyway? Really? Well, no one else knows for sure, so call it fiction. And throw in a good nap and a great meal with an entree no one can pronounce.

Life is a perilous, ridiculous, creative, funny, unpredictable, enjoyable and loving adventure. Or it becomes nothing at all. ❀

"The most exciting phrase to hear in science, the one that heralds new discoveries, is not 'Eureka!' I have found it' but rather 'That's funny ...'"

- Isaac Asimov



Lila takes her studies very seriously.

Nothing determines who we will become so much as those things we choose to ignore.

- Sandor McNab



But NO one ignores this bird!

NO! No one ignores our beloved Turkey, shown being worshiped by ardent admirers. They plan to run "Turk, Turk" for President in 2012. After all, they postulate, we have elected other turkeys to public office.

Alex Grubbs appointed to the United States Air Force Academy



Our congratulations to Alex Grubbs, a 2010 graduate of the Anderson Private School, upon his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. As a freshman he is meeting with tremendous success, academically and in Tennis. He and his new partner, Taylor, won the doubles title! And he made the Dean's List.



Lobbyists are trying to influence our candidate with promises of extra corn.

"Half of what you know today will be obsolete in five years. That prospect should fill you with excitement."

- Vimala Blavatsky

Springtime with Shakespeare

Following the careful review of five works of William Shakespeare, our students have voted to perform the highly acclaimed Henry V.



George Rodriguez

Our annual Shakespeare production will again be under the direction of noted actor and director George Rodriguez, who inspired our students throughout a beautiful presentation of Richard III last year.

Henry V will be performed April 18 & 19 at the Hardy & Betty Sanders Theatre in the cultural district.



Philippe Arrighi patiently introduces the culture, history and language of France.

Mr. Arrighi was born in Paris, France in 1935 and has been teaching at corporations, institutions and mentoring individuals for over 40 years. His schooling was in private schools in France and at the University of Chicago and University of Illinois.

He is happy to begin his first year at Anderson. Outside the classroom, Mr. Arrighi's interests include sports and fishing and supporting the North Texas Humane Society and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

In his spare time, he is a private tutor for students of all ages.

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We welcome you to visit our newly restructured website with access to thousands of photos. It has a new appealing appearance and allows for easy navigation & accessibility and provides more than twice the available information regarding the school and its offerings. Also, visit our new forum for discussion and assistance about your gifted children and take a look at "Bill's Blog" for news - both now available on our innovative new website. Our thanks to Alexander Anderson for many hours of dedication.

I am also running for office. Please vote Saffy for Dogcatcher. And stop laughing! I'm a serious candidate.



"Your only given a little spark of madness. You mustn't lose it."

- Robin Williams



I PROMISE A CHICKEN IN EVERY POT. Vote "TURK-TURK" for PRESIDENT

2012

I am Turk Turk and I approve this message! (Am I not handsome?)