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## From the Editor's Desk

### **Heart of A Teacher** by Paula J. Fox

The child arrives like a mystery box...  
with puzzle pieces inside  
some of the pieces are broken or missing...  
and others just seem to hide

But the HEART of a teacher can sort them out...  
and help the child to see  
the potential for greatness he has within...  
a picture of what he can be

Her goal isn't just to teach knowledge...  
by filling the box with more parts  
it's putting the pieces together...  
to create a work of art.

The process is painfully slow at times...  
some need more help than others  
each child is a work in progress...  
with assorted shapes and colors

First she creates a classroom...  
where the child can feel safe in school  
where he never feels threatened or afraid to try...  
and kindness is always the rule

She knows that a child can achieve  
much more when he feels secure inside  
when he's valued and loved...and believes in himself ...  
and he has a sense of pride

She models and teaches good character...  
and respect for one another  
how to focus on strengths...not weaknesses  
and how to encourage each other

She gives the child the freedom he needs...  
to make choices on his own  
so he learns to become more responsible...  
and is able to stand alone

He's taught to be strong and think for himself...  
as his soul and spirit heal  
and the puzzle that's taking shape inside...  
has a much more positive feel

The child discovers the joy that comes...  
from learning something new...  
and his vision grows as he begins  
to see all the things he can do

A picture is formed as more pieces fit...  
an image of the child within  
with greater strength and confidence...  
and a belief that he can win!

All because a hero was there...  
in the HEART of a teacher who cared  
enabling the child to become much more...  
than he ever imagined...or dared

A teacher with a HEART for her children...  
knows what teaching is all about  
she may not have all the answers...  
but on this...she has no doubt

When asked which subjects she loved to teach,  
she answered this way and smiled...  
"It's not the subjects that matter...

**It's all about teaching the CHILD."**

## Hispanic Heritage Month

Includes people whose ancestors come from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America

Before there was National Hispanic Heritage Month, there was Hispanic Heritage Week, created through legislation sponsored by Mexican American Rep. Edward R. Roybal of Los Angeles and signed into law in 1968 by President Lyndon B. Johnson. The annual celebration was to be held the week that included Sept. 15-16.

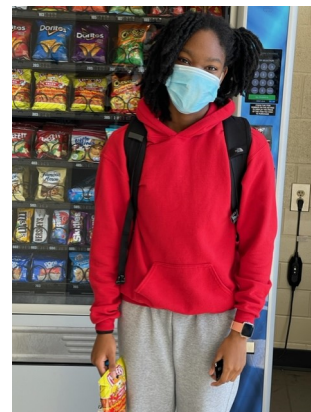
The weeklong commemoration was expanded to a month two decades later, with legislation signed into law by President Ronald Reagan.

Sept. 15 was chosen as the starting point, to coincide with the anniversary of the "Cry of Dolores," or "Grito de Dolores," issued in 1810 from a town in central Mexico that launched that country's war for independence from Spain.

The Central American nations of Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Costa Rica celebrate their independence on Sept. 15, and Mexico marks its national day on Sept. 16, the day after the cry for independence.

Also during National Hispanic Heritage Month, the South American nation of Chile observes its independence day on Sept. 18. Indigenous Peoples' Day, previously known as Columbus Day, is observed in the U.S. on the second Monday of October.

The four-week period is about honoring how Hispanic populations have shaped the U.S. in the past and present.



## **The Importance of Parent-Teen Bonding**

### **By Raiven Fraizer**

It is so important for parents and their kids to have a relationship. The bond between parents and kids builds a foundation of trust, understanding, security and getting teenagers ready for being an adult. Being a teenager, guidance is needed to be able to make life decisions and get through obstacles. How can we be prepared for this world if we don't have the people who created us help? Not having your parent creates an void automatically. Knowing you have an support base at home makes things so much easier.

When teenagers don't have that bond with their parents it creates many problems. Like a strained relationship, it can lead to isolation, secrets, and no communication. When a parent does not put in that effort to communicate, it effects both the parent and child. Parents must make sure communication is open door if they wish for their child to converse with them freely. Having an open-door policy allows the teenager freedom to speak freely without being judged or misunderstood. Teens are dealing with the outside world challenges, more emotions, trying to figure out why you feel the way feel and then being around a bunch of other teens trying to figure out the same thing. The confusion of life makes teenagers confined in each other feeling, giving and receiving wrong advice because there's nobody they can trust. When teenagers don't have that bond with their parents it creates many problems. Like a strained relationship, it can lead to isolation, secrets, and no communication. When a parent does not put in that effort to communicate, it effects both the parent and child. Parents must make sure communication is open door if they wish for their child to converse with them freely. Having an open-door policy allows the teenager freedom to speak freely without being judged or misunderstood. Teens are dealing with the outside world challenges, more emotions, trying to figure out why you feel the way

feel and then being around a bunch of other teens trying to figure out the same thing. The confusion of life makes teenagers confined in each other feeling, giving and receiving wrong advice because there is nobody they can trust.

Before I had a relationship with my mom, I kept so many things to myself because there was no true bond or trust there, I would be too uncomfortable and scared to go to her. I just talked to my friends and made many decisions I wish I didn't. I was around friends who had the same situation, some even worse which had a adverse effect on them. Before trying to build the relationship with my mom I realized because of everything I had bottled up, I was very angry, so much so that I would take it out on my mom and even my sisters. Afterwards when my mom and I worked on our relationship and understood each other on more than an mother and daughter level things got much better. It took a lot of time to work on our relationship, but it's helped so much. I was holding so many things inside; it was like an unbearable weight. Now I tell my mom everything.

We must consider that some parents may not have grown up in an environment that was open-door on any subject broached. Therefore, parents nowadays must put forth more of effort to communicate with their kids. Putting in the effort on both ends is important, spending time, and understanding each other personality's matter. With the world these days it is even more important to know who you are and having the right guidance.





**Emotionally Scarred**  
**By Amir James**

All dese bottled up emotions  
All the intrusive thoughts  
Does anybody really even care?  
If I left today, would anyone be aware ?  
I ain't think so  
Because this life here aint fair

**My Two Givers**

One gave me life.  
The other one just watched me grow.  
One might not like me.  
The other stuck like stone.  
One let me cry.  
The other never let me show.  
One saw my first move.  
The other saw it flow.  
One disappeared from my life.  
The other one now I know.  
I love both of my moms to the moon and back.  
One might be my blood but the other is my best friend.  
This bond will never be broken till the end.

**PTSD**

In the depths of a wounded soul  
PTSD'S grip takes its toll  
On the deep unforgettable thoughts I beg too control  
Haunted by memories without an actual sight  
But in my head, I'm still trying my best to fight  
But only lose my sleep and appetite all day and all night.  
I see PTSD and he sees me  
But even Tho it's just a memory  
I still feel as if he's right next to me.  
It's weird how he comes and goes so quickly  
And so easily  
While leaving me to sob,  
Cut and question myself so peacefully. *by Abigail Raphael*

**Life's Hardship**

**By: Jason Agner**

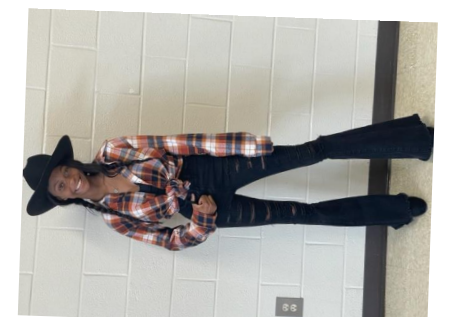
Life is unfair, no doubt about it  
either good or bad, you cant escape it.  
We face the storms, and winds that blow.  
The mountains we climb, and the shadows we fight  
they are struggles of life that we must fight back.  
Through tears and pain we find our grace  
In life's tough challenges we find our place.  
Though the hardships test your very core  
they shape us up into something a lot more.  
With every trial we learn and grow.  
In the end, the hardships we face  
shape our character and leave their trace.  
They remind of inner strength  
and guide us through the darkest pace.

We find hope in something new.  
A new light, that shines us through  
a tunnel of hope which brings  
beginnings and joyful things.



Everyone looks so comfy!

I reckon the Cowboys won...



**MENTAL**

**by Tyrell**

When it comes to life it aint nun but mental  
When you face tragedies don't give up, you just aint meant to  
You may lose many but don't give in  
There's to many demons that wanna win but this shit aint for  
the weak

The main goal in life is to reach yo peak.  
but these challenges in life you must meet.  
We just wish these problems would be stopped.  
but you gotta fight unless you wanna get rocked.  
Many lose they pops and many lose they moms.  
We lose our loved ones everyday but we gotta keep pushing.  
for ourselves but don't forget this aint nun but mental.



After learning about figurative language  
and practicing many forms of poetry these  
are examples of the passion our students  
have to express themselves in prose.

**Heavenly Phones**

Heavenly Phones, In Whispers, They Ring  
Carrying Words On Unseen Wing  
Dear Sister, Across The Distance Wide  
In Every Echo, You're By My Side  
I Miss You, Like The Morning Misses The Sun  
When The Day's Begun And The Night Is Done  
Dear Sister, Though We're Far Apart  
You're Always Present Within My Heart  
Oh, how I wish heaven had phones

*Kendarious Brantley*

**Identity's Realm**

In letter etched like **golden** threads, the gleam,  
**Names** worn as masks, a cryptic masquerade,  
Yet, deep within, **personality's** a dream.  
A **name**, a label, merely a façade,  
It does not hold the essence of one's **soul**,  
Within the heart, true **character's** unflawed.  
For in a **name** no substance to **extol**,  
It's but a vessel, an empty, **lifeless** scroll,  
As **personalities** bloom, take their own **toll**,  
Inscribed in **gold**, yet shallow, on the **whole**,  
Our inner worlds, more vast than any name,  
With depths untold, **Identity's** true **flame**.



**Whatever your religious  
background...Enjoy your Break!**

**Fun Fellowshiping with Family and  
Friends**  
(just some alliteration fun)

