



POINTS OF VIEW

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- April 17th:
Annual Yard Sale
- April 22nd: The
lottery for
Compass Public
Charter School
- May 22nd: End of
Year Picnic
- May 25th: 4.0
Dinner

Quotes from Recommended Articles

I thought it would be helpful to give you some quotes from the educational articles I recommended from the Web. So, here it goes:

From the first recommended article: "People don't really understand the nature of reading. They feel that reading is a skill, that it's transferable, so once you're a good reader, you can read anything that's put in front of you," says Daniel Willingham, a University of Virginia cognitive psychologist who focuses on K-12 education. "But that's only true for decoding—what you learn until grade three or four. After that, when you see good readers versus poor readers, what you're looking at is mostly differences in the knowledge that kids bring to the reading. It's easy to read something when you already know something about the topic. And if you don't know about the topic, it's utterly opaque to you."

From the second recommended

article: "There are multiple cues by which each of us assess what we know and don't know. But these cues are fallible, which explains why students sometimes think that they know material better than their classroom performance indicates."

From the third recommended article: "My personal experience suggests that remedial English doesn't necessarily accomplish much. Back in my own teaching days, I had a significant number of students in my economics and business law courses who had taken and passed remedial English. If that improved their ability to write, however, the improvement was extremely slight. I used to get essays from such students that were so poorly written that you might suspect that English wasn't their native language—but it was."

From the fourth recommended article: "For some, it costs about as much as a Lexus. Every year. For

others, about as much as a Honda Fit. And some will get change from a \$5,000 bill. It's college and, whatever way you slice it, it's very expensive (doesn't help that it's been going up at twice the rate of inflation for the last ten years). But cheer up. We've got 13 tips for you about how to get your money's worth out of college. So, even if you're laying out big bucks, at least you'll get big bang for your buck."

From the fifth recommended article: "A student, meanwhile, noted that "it pains me to see your article 'My lazy American students' as the most e-mailed article of the day on boston.com. I think it is both prejudice[d] and full of stereotypes."

"There are, though, the facts. Studies show that American students know less about math, science, and geography than peers in many other industrialized countries."

My Point of View

Hi Folks,

The more I read about cognition and education the more I become firmly convinced that the path we have undertaken at Compass is a wonderful choice for those who are serious about having their students receive a quality education—it is research based.

Each month I try to pass along some articles from the web that deal with a wide range of educational subject matter. All of the articles should be cause for reflection and help you make the best educational

choices for you and yours.

Yours truly, Ric

P.S. Here are portions of reviews about the new additions to the reading list. Both books fit the vision we have for our students. I hope you will be able to read and enjoy. :-)

Why Don't Students Like School is a basic primer for every teacher [parent] who wants to know how their brains and their students' brains work and how that knowledge can help them hone their teaching skills.

According to Pink (*Drive*), every-

thing we think we know about what motivates us is wrong. He pits the latest scientific discoveries about the mind against the outmoded wisdom that claims people can only be motivated by the hope of gain and the fear of loss. Pink cites a dizzying number of studies revealing that "carrot and stick" can actually significantly reduce the ability of workers to produce creative solutions to problems. What motivates us once our basic survival needs are met is the ability to grow and develop, to realize our fullest potential.

Interesting (Sometimes Controversial) Readings About Education

Web Articles

~Importance of Quality Reading

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/blogs-and-stories/2010-03-29/what-teens-are-really-reading/>

~Why students think they know material they don't

<http://voices.washingtonpost.com/answer-sheet/daniel-willingham/why-students-think-they-unders.html>

~Leaping Nine Years in One Semester?

<http://popecenter.org/commentaries/article.html?id=2323>

~13 Ways to Get Your Money's Worth Out of College

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/lynn-jacobs-and-jeremy-hyman/13-ways-to-get-your-money_b_483836.html

~Lazy American Students, After the Deluge

http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/wellesley/2009/12/lazy_american_students_after_t.html

Recommended Books!!!!

- *Drive* by Daniel Pink
- *Why Students Don't Like School?* by Daniel Willingham
- *Mindset, The New Psychology of Success* by Carol S. Dweck, Ph.D.
- *Teaching With Love & Logic* by Jim Fay and David Funk

Upcoming Events for March 2010

Tuesday, April 13th: PFA Board Elections (6:30 pm, cafeteria)

Saturday, April 17th: Annual Yard Sale

Thursday, April 22nd: The lottery for Compass Public Charter School

Monday, May 3rd: Aim High/Student of Month Assembly (7:45 am)

Friday, May 7th: Mothers and Muffins

Saturday, May 22nd: End of Year Picnic

Tuesday, May 25th: 4.0 Dinner

Friday, June 4: Dads and Donuts

This is a newsletter for those who are interested in the secondary education of **Compass Public Charter School**.

School Administrator: Mrs. Kelly Trudeau

High School Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Lisa Hamer

Student Council Sponsor: Mr. Mark Miller

Assistant Administrator: Mr. Ric Jacob

High School Career Counselor: Ms. Amanda Jacob

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