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Teachers of Tomorrow E-News

for future educators in Washington State

Welcome to the third Teachers of Tomorrow E-News. This monthly electronic newsletter is created by Whatcom Community College's Teachers of Tomorrow Club. The goal of this newsletter is to inform and inspire future educators across Washington State.



Keep Learning!

Jill E. Thomas, an English teacher from California, writes in her blog that the best teachers are lifelong learners. She recommends that future and current teachers become a student of something - dance, auto mechanics, musical instrument, or foreign language. When you are learning something challenging, you are more likely to empathize with those you are trying to teach. Jill shares how her dance lessons impacted her teaching: "Dance is hard for me. Just like reading and writing in a second language is hard for many of my students. I may not be able to relate to a student's specific struggle, but I can understand the humiliation, confusion and pain that show up with failure—or even just perceived failure. My dance lessons will have lasting impact."

[Click here to read Jill's blog.](#)



Third Annual

Teaching Tolerance



Teaching Tolerance is an online place to find thought-provoking news, conversation and support for those who care about diversity, equal opportunity and respect for differences in schools. Founded in 1991, Teaching Tolerance is dedicated to reducing prejudice, improving intergroup relations and supporting equitable school experiences for our nation's children. They provide free educational materials to educators. Their self-titled magazine is sent to 400,000 educators twice annually, and tens of thousands of educators use their free curricular kits. More than 10,000 schools participate in their annual Mix It Up at Lunch Day program. They view tolerance as a way of thinking and feeling — but most importantly, of acting — that gives us peace in our individuality, respect for those unlike us, the wisdom to discern humane values and the courage to act

Starting Strong Institute

Spokane Convention Center, August 11 & 12

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Department of Early Learning, Thrive by Five Washington, and Northeast ESD #101 are excited to announce the 3rd Annual Starting Strong Institute. The institute brings together the early learning world and the K-12 system to better meet the needs of our youngest learners. Starting Strong brings together parents, providers, preschool teachers, kindergarten teachers and school leadership each year to continue the dialogue about enhancing learning and transitions from prekindergarten through Grade 3. [Click here](#) for information about registration.



Teacher Movie of the Month

Each month a Whatcom Community College future educator will recommend a movie about a teacher. This month, Lauralee Chamberlain recommends the 2004 movie, [Paper Clips](#):

*"I viewed the documentary called **Paper Clips**. The documentary is about a school in Whitwell, Tennessee who wanted to teach their students about tolerance and love. They started by teaching the children about the Holocaust. They learned that six million Jewish people were killed during this time. They could not relate to six million, they had not seen six million of any one thing. They brainstormed what they might be able to collect six million of, to represent those who were killed. They came up with the paperclip. What they soon found out is that the paperclip was invented by the Norwegians. In fact*

upon them. [Click here to go the Teaching Tolerance website.](#)



Quote of the month:

"The greatest sign of success for a teacher... is to be able to say, 'The children are now working as if I did not exist...'"

-Maria Montessori, [The Discovery of the Child](#) (1986).

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during the Holocaust the Norwegian people wore a paper clip as a protest of what was happening to the Jewish people. I loved this show, it made me a little teary in the beginning but as the show went on, I was full on in the "ugly" cry. What these teachers and administrators made happen is truly incredible. As my daughter was watching it off and on, she commented, "Why don't they do anything cool like that at my school?" I just smiled and hope that I can make something "that cool" happen when I am a teacher."

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