

EDUCATION

Respect and violence

For hundreds of years, respect has been an essential ingredient in creating a civilized society. With respect being such an important social value, where does our society go wrong with the violence displayed against the members of our population, young and old?

When states were brought into the Union, most during the 1800s, they also started schools to serve their local populations with educational opportunities. Besides the subject material that teachers taught their students, they also worked with them on how to think productively and emphasized ways in behaving that would dispel conflict with others.

For 150-plus years, teachers have been



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working with parents to prepare our young people to participate successfully in society.

So, with so many people working to bring our youngsters to a responsible level of behavior, the answer to the reason for the tremendously irresponsible violent behavior; by some, is a very difficult one to find.

Of the core values we seem to hold, respect of others stands out as being one of the most important values that needs to be addressed. Respect requires us to treat all persons with regard for their dignity, worth, and basic rights as human beings and to refrain from malicious treatment of any individual or group. Respect, however, does not require that we approve of a person's behavior or lifestyle.

When we research the behavior and reasons for the violent acts against people along with the reasons for some of the recent tragic and violent actions in some of our nation's cities, much of it stems from a lack of respect towards a person's or group's dignity. A good

portion of this learned lack of respect seems to stem from the treatment received by the culprit during a younger age.

Youngsters experiencing maltreatment at home and/or the taunting, teasing or bullying by others as they get into their school age years, may not be able to get past the drastic thoughts of retaliating against those individuals.

The instilling of the ethical value of respect for self and others should be considered as a duty for all of us to work towards. If we, as a people, do not make this effort; the violent retaliation will continue by some individuals towards others.

Source: Center for the Advancement of Ethics & Character, Boston University

INTRO TO ENGINEERING



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Surveyor Matt Gouin explains to the new Intro to Engineering class at Falls High School about the GPS and robot systems he and civil engineer Eric Norstad use to do their jobs. Class instructors are Timm Ringhofer and Dave Olson. Students pictured include Clay Bergstrom, Trace Clark, Ben Erickson and Logan Johnson.



Jesse Rosten uses a level to take a measurement.

Great start to the Higher Education 'Listening Tour'

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE REPORT

Students and key stakeholders have been joining Minnesota State Senate Higher Education leadership to identify ways of improving the state's higher education systems.

The Minnesota Senate #myMNdegree "Listening Tour" made stops at Minnesota colleges and universities, high schools, and workforce development centers during its first week on the road.

Committee chair, Sen. Terri Bonoff, and vice chair, Sen. Greg Clausen, hosted town hall events at Mesabi Community and Technical College, Vermilion Community College, University of Minnesota-Duluth, Lake Superior College, and Augsburg College.

Tour staff has been posting updates at <http://www.mnsenatehighered.wordpress.com/updates>.

"We're hearing directly from students about the challenges they are having and ideas they have for shaping the future of higher education in Minnesota. There is no replacement to seeing these schools first-hand, and shaking the hands of the students and key stakeholders that are our future leaders," said Bonoff.

The "Listening Events" are free and open to the public. Attendees are able to submit topics for discussion at the event, as well as improvement ideas in an online survey.

For more information about the tour, including complete schedule and locations, visit <http://www.mn-highered.wordpress.com/>.

Worldwide Walk to School Day scheduled for Oct. 9

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Elementary school students in International Falls have the opportunity to join thousands of students worldwide when they participate in Walk to School Day on Oct. 9.

Walk to School Day began in the United States in Chicago in 1997. In 2000, it went international when it was connected with Canada and the United Kingdom, two countries that had already

promoted walking to school. Now more than 40 countries are involved each October.

In the U.S., at least one school in each of the 50 states has participated in Walk to School Day since 2002. A handful of states even had a better than 1 in 10 ratio of participating schools in 2012.

This event is supported locally by school administrators, bus garage officials, the Koochiching County Health Department, and SHIP — the Statewide Health Improvement Program. Invitations to walk with the students or greet them when they arrive at school have been extended

to area officials.

The primary motivation behind this local event is to encourage students to develop habits of using active forms of transportation — walking, riding bike, rollerblading, skateboarding — when possible and safe. The top three reasons communities around the world gave for participating in the 2012 Walk to School Day were to encourage physical activity and prevent obesity, increase school spirit, and build a sense of neighborhood.

Students can wear purple and gold on Oct. 9 to show their school spirit.



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Schedule: All Times are Approximate
5:30 a.m. Bus leaves FHS Student Parking Lot.
8:30 a.m. Quick Breakfast/Stretch at McDonalds in Cloquet
11:00 a.m. Shop /Lunch at Rosedale Mall
1:00 p.m. Leave the Mall
2:00 p.m.: MAMMA MIA! Performance
6:30 p.m.: Dinner in Cloquet at Applebee's
11:00 p.m. Arrive in Int'l Falls


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Tues., Oct. 22, 2013
7:30 p.m.

The Abrams Brothers
A Mix of Bluegrass with Country and Rock
The Abrams Brothers, John & James skilfully combine the music of their roots with their own distinct sound. It's a combination of bluegrass, country and folk-rock that's had the Canadian festival circuit wildly excited over their potential, and the rest are catching on! The Abrams Brothers are fourth-generation musicians with musical roots reaching back to their great-grandparents.



Thurs., Nov. 21, 2013
7:30 p.m.

Vocaldente
Award Winning German A Cappella Quintet
Audience favorites, award winners, globetrotters, vocal artists, entertainers or just plain old "singers"? Somehow all of these are fitting for Vocaldente, Germany's most successful a cappella export! Coming together in 2004 from their beginnings in the Hochschule fur Musik und Theatre and the Boys Choir of Hanover, Vocaldente has developed over the course of only a few short years into an internationally acclaimed and sought-after vocal ensemble.



Fri., March 14, 2014
7:30 p.m.

Charlie Albright
Brilliant young pianist with virtuosic chops and a bit of improv.
Winner of the prestigious 2010 Gilmore Young Artist Award and the 2009 Young Concert Artists International Auditions, Charlie Albright concluded the 2010-2011 season of debuts to critical acclaim, hailed as being "among the most gifted musicians of his generation" by the Washington Post.



Tues., April 1, 2014
7:30 p.m.

Mack Bailey
Warm-voiced folk singer from the Limeliters
Mack has been hailed as "the next great singer in folk music" by no less an authority than Glenn Yarbrough, the original tenor in the world-renowned folk trio, The Limeliters, who Mack now performs with. He has a rich history of major concert appearances and has opened for or shared the stage with stars including Randy Travis, Alabama, Emmylou Harris, Vince Gil, The Oak Ridge Boys, among many others.



Thurs., May 1, 2014
7:30 p.m.

Les Trompettes de Lyon
Debut American tour for this fantastic French Trumpet Quintet
Five prodigiously competent trumpet masters, in no way starchy, will guide you with lightness, smartness and brilliance through all ages, forms and tones of their mascot instrument. The ensemble was formed in 1989 from the meeting of five musicians trained in the academies of music and universities of Lyon, France. Today, the very same musicians still compose that group!

2013-2014 Ticket Prices
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