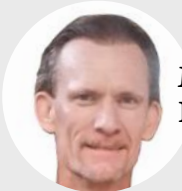


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"Mark" My Words... a message from Dawn Giganti

Remember when you were in school, and there was such a thing as "enemies"? As you got older, that doesn't exist to THAT extent anymore. However, it is still something that we often think about.

When I was little, my great-grandmother explained that "enemy" was a pretty strong word and not to use it lightly (along with the word "hate"). She told me that there will always be people out there that won't like you for whatever reason. My great-grandmother said that just because I might do or say things that some people like and enjoy, doesn't mean that everyone will feel the same. She told me that there were people out there that didn't care for her very much, but they are not her "enemy."

I replied, "But, that makes me sad. Doesn't it make you sad that some people don't like you?"

She told me, "None of us can ever please everyone, no matter how hard we try. All we can do is say and do our best and to do the work that God called us to do."

Truth be told, it still makes me sad when people don't like me. That's just a part of life. Putting myself out there means sometimes being disliked. Even though my great-grandmother spoke those words, I didn't fully understand them until I was much older. I spent a lot of my life trying to live up to other's expectations. Not that making other people happy is terrible, but most of the time, it comes at an expense. Don't ever let your need to please others prevent you from doing the work God intended you for.

Is there an area in your life where you have a fear of being criticized, making someone unhappy or potentially letting someone down? Is it preventing you from moving forward? Push past that fear and be yourself! It is okay that there are people that won't like it or agree because you are not living your life for them. Remember, God meant you for something great!

Have a blessed fall season,

Dawn Giganti, Marketing & Administrative Assistant
Creative Carpet & Flooring

"You can please some of the people all of the time, you can please all of the people some of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time." - Abraham Lincoln.

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Month at a Glance:

- 7th Steve Williams' Birthday** - Feel free to call Steve in Highland at 219-595-5561 and wish him a **HAPPY 52nd BIRTHDAY!** (He's not really 52, tee-hee!)
- 12th World Egg Day** - What's all the egg-citement about? Today celebrates the benefits of eggs... and that's no yolk!
- 14th Columbus Day** - How many of you remember the year of Columbus' voyage by saying, "In Fourteen Hundred Ninety-Two, Columbus sailed the ocean blue"?
- 16th Bosses Day** - The owners of Creative Carpet are truly deserving of this special day. Thank you for all you do!!!
- 19th Sweetest Day** - A special day to recognize that sweet and special someone in your life.
- 22nd National Nut Day** - Peanuts can't celebrate because they are not really nuts. They are legumes, a member of the "pea" family!

Benefits of a good after school program

Kids today are growing up in a society that demands expertise in everything. You really cannot sit back and decide that learning from textbooks is enough for the overall development of your child. It's the age of specialization, and your child cannot afford to miss out on this window of opportunity. So, go through your locality with a fine-tooth comb for the most beneficial programs and enroll them for the ones you think are the best.

After school programs are primarily designed to develop a talent or a skill that is ignored by regular schools. These programs could be educational or recreational in nature. Whatever type they are, they mainly aim to keep the child active and interested.

The most important advantage of a good after school program is that it widens your child's area of interests. He or she is introduced to new things, sometimes amusing, sometimes challenging. Mastering a new art form or a new skill increases the child's self-esteem. It also allows you to introduce your child to new career options. A child attending a music class may decide that she likes it so much that she wants to make a career out of it in the long run.

Socialization is another significant advantage of after-school programs. Children get to meet others who share their interests and make new friendships. An acting class or a soccer class can be lots of fun. Many of these programs coach children for performances or matches. Performing on stage or playing a competition can be an excellent experience for a young child.

After school programs keep your teenager busy. He or she thus has some amount of protection from destructive habits like drugs and alcohol. Surveys indicate that children who are kept busy through diverse absorbing activities are less prone to abuse, depression, and burnout. A significant increase in achievement and attendance and a reduction in dropout rates are other advantages of good after-school programs.

Most after-school programs have children interacting with one or more adults. This allows them to benefit from positive relationships with adults. Children often find it difficult to confide in parents and teachers but may open up with other adults.



Many children are put into after-school recreational programs so that they reduce weight and remain healthy. A newly emerging trend shows that about 15% of children below the age of 16 are obese. Parents who cannot put their children on a strict diet resort to sports and games to burn fat. With cases of childhood diabetes on the increase, this has become a prime focus of many after-school programs.

A good after school program has many benefits. It keeps the child entertained as well as busy, and thus prevents children from becoming addicted to TVs and PCs. By giving them ways to burn up their excess energy and explore their creativity, after-school programs help to shape the overall personality of the child.

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Alternatives for Trick or Treaters



When making the decision about celebrating Halloween, make sure it reflects your family's faith and values. You could use it as a tool to explain the Gospel – "People are going to give out free candy. All we have to do is accept it, just like the grace of Jesus." There are also many church harvest activities to participate in, instead. Some find not participating is best. You don't have to agree, but you can decide the way that is right for your family.

If you do participate, you can still choose treats for trick or treaters that are fun and not necessarily Halloween themed. Here are some ideas of things that you can give out instead.

Pencils, pens, and erasers - Since many of the trick or treaters that you will see will be of the school-age variety, these can be a fun gift. You can often find these in fun cartoon character themes at your local store. Shaped erasers can also be fun. You will just want to be careful that none would be considered a possible choking hazard for the tinier trick or treaters that will knock on your door.

Stickers and tattoos - Nearly every kid loves stickers, and you can often find these inexpensively in bulk. You can look for characters and items that are popular at the moment. For instance, Dora and Elmo are popular with the preschool set, while older kids may enjoy princesses, butterflies, superheroes, and cartoon characters. You can also find temporary tattoos with similar themes to hand out as well.

Game tokens and coupons - If there is a popular hang out in your neighborhood that has games kids can play using tokens, handing out a couple of tokens to each child can be a fun surprise. Also, some retailers will sell coupon books for a free item to hand out such as a free ice cream cone. This allows parents to save the treat for a time that is not so sugar-laden.

Party favors - Your local party supply store will often have a large stock of party favors available year-round. Things like plastic rings, glow sticks, rubber balls, and noise makers can all be fun alternatives to hand out in the place of candy.

Clearance sales and dollar stores - Often, you can find a selection of small toys for very little money by browsing the clearance section of your favorite store and/or local dollar stores. Look for things like small toys, crayons, books, and other kid-friendly items. If you plan ahead and shop throughout the year, you can certainly develop a varied cache before Halloween. Kids will be so impressed with the cool items that you have they won't even miss the few extra pieces of candy!

Single serving packages - If you still want to do an edible item, many grocery stores sell snacks in single serving packages. For instance, many companies are joining in on the 100-calorie pack trend, so you can find a variety of snacks that are still somewhat healthy. Fruit snacks, juice boxes, or even mini bags of pretzels can be a good option. It is usually advisable to stay away from things that include nuts because of allergies some of your trick or treaters might have.

With a little creativity, you can come up with fun treats that are not scary or Halloween themed and don't involve sweets that your trick or treaters will love just the same. As always, watch out for the kiddos on the streets this October 31st and stay safe!

Fun Holiday – Bologna Day

Thursday, October 24th is National Bologna Day, an unofficial holiday created to honor everyone's favorite sandwich meat... bologna!

Also sometimes known as baloney ("buh-LOAN-ee") or boloney, bologna ("boh-LOAN-ya") sausage is an American version of the Italian mortadella sausage. The American version is named after the Italian city of Bologna, where the original sausage is thought to have originated from.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) bologna sausages can be made of pork, beef, chicken or lamb, but the meat must be very finely ground such that there can be no flecks of lard or spices visible in the sausage. In the U.S. bologna sausages are mostly used to make bologna or baloney sandwiches, which is a slice of bologna and other condiments between two pieces of white bread. Many regional varieties of the sandwich exist, the most famous being fried bologna sandwich from the Midwest.

How can you celebrate? Make a bologna sandwich for all your meals. Try pairing it with different condiments to mix things up.



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This month's Mega Trivia question:

Which of these was created in Terre Haute, Indiana?

- (A) The Coca Cola Bottles**
- (B) Childproof Pill Bottles**
- (C) Pringles Potato Chips**
- (D) Tony the Tiger**

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Answer to September's quiz: B) Chicago

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2019 Ugly Floor Contest

We received many outstanding photos! Our only regret is that there can only be one winner. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who participated and made this year's Ugly Floor Contest a success. We hope you'll participate again in our Ugly Floor Contest next year!



**Tracy Sizemore
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Winner of a free floor makeover valued up to \$1,000!

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2019 Ugly Floor Contest
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A very picky trick-or-treater ~ My son just turned two and is barely saying complete words. We took him trick-or-treating, and when someone would hold out their hand with candy, he would inspect it, and if he didn't care for what the candy was, he would look up and say, "no thank you" and then start towards the next house. It was hilarious.

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What is the funniest thing a child has ever said to YOU? Please email dawn.g@creativecarpetinc.com and share your story we can feature in a future Creative Carpet & Flooring Creative Thinking newsletter!

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