

The Leadership Journey

Leadership thoughts from the WASC Executive Director



"If I haven't gotten wiser about relationships, then I should be kicked out of life school because I've had some really good training."

-Jennifer Aniston

Welcome to February - a month, whether you like it or not, dedicated to love, romance, and the relationships we keep. Taylor Swift sings about them, 80 years and 15 million copies later, Dale Carnegie is still coaching about them, the paparazzi makes millions chasing the stars to catch a "glimpse" of them, and Aniston, along with the majority of us, are just trying to learn from them.

Relationships - I am convinced they are the single most determining factor to the success of our journey. So why not take an entire month to celebrate them - right? I could talk for days about the importance of relationships and it's Aniston that reminds us, it's all about the training - which on most days,

Upcoming Events

We hope that you choose to join us at an upcoming WASC student leadership event. Information and registration is available at wasc.org! Click the links below to find specific event and site information

[March 5: IGNITE](#)

[March 12: Elementary State Conference](#)

[April 22-23: SHS State Conference](#)

[April 29-30: JAM State Conference](#)

[July 15-19: Level 1, 2, & 3 JAM Camp](#)

[June 26-30: Level 4, 5, & 6 SHS Camp](#)

[Project Delta 3-day Camp: June 15-17](#)

sends our emotions and intellect spinning. Relationship training occurs most often "in the trenches". Whether it is a relationship with your child, neighbor, colleague or spouse/partner - it all comes down to a couple key things and some serious "training" along the way.

It's been said that children have never been good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to emulate them.

Everyone that crosses our paths are learning from our example, not necessarily listening to us - especially the young leaders that we see every day! What message are you emulating? Tim Elmore reminds us that "a lighthouse reveals and provides guidance, but it won't chase you down". A "lighthouse leader" remains in the distance, never moving, always a beacon of light and communication. Those amazing, extraordinary relationships you always hear about, they are never built on control or fear. They are always rooted in autonomy, respect, and light.

In the next several weeks I look forward to celebrating and nurturing the positive relationships in my life through a variety of ways, including at the various WASC programs geared at relationship building. These include: IGNITE, the Elementary State Conference, and Spirit of Excellence Awards Presentations. Please see the links to the right to get registered ON-LINE TODAY!!

All the best and enjoy celebrating your relationships this month!

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Side note: ***How to Win Friends and Influence People*** is the first best-selling self-help book on relationships ever published. Written by ***Dale Carnegie*** and first published in 1936, it has sold over 15 million copies world-wide.
