

Thrive at E-Smart

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From the Headmaster's Desk

Sometimes the poorest man leaves his children the richest inheritance.

— Ruth E. Renkel

Dear parents,

How can a poor man leave his children a rich inheritance? It seems paradoxical, but it is true, at least from my own experiences, as inheritance is definitely more than money and other assets.

A good friend of mine is one of the few loving fathers I have come to know. He stayed up to feed his newborns in the middle of the night, and when taking his young family to long trips in Europe and America, he would carry one baby on his back while pushing the stroller holding his older child, making life as a homemaker relatively easy for his young bride. Running a successful business in his prime more than twenty-five years ago, he would send his kids to school in his Porsche every morning and take them to sports and music lessons on weekends. Who wouldn't want a dad like him? This loving father, however, is a man of very few words, and his kids have learnt to communicate with him via their mother.

Twenty-five years on, two of his kids have been married with children, and his son's family continues to live with them in their 6000-square-foot mansion. This proud grandfather 'fights' with his daughter-in-law for holding and feeding his baby grandson, and has vowed in front of all family members that he would take care of his grandson's education expenses in the future.

Such unsolicited undertaking may be necessary as none of his kids seem to have picked up his shrewd investment and financial management skills. He gave each of his kids a million dollars upon their graduation, but instead of saving or investing the money, they squandered it all on luxuries and travels. His son stayed home for a year upon graduation as he couldn't find a satisfactory job, worked a couple of years then quit as he disliked the politics in the office, and has just been back in the job market for a few months after resting at home for almost two years. His other unmarried daughter has difficulty keeping up with her credit card payments, and he has had to bail her out more than once.

Interestingly, my friend's experience isn't uncommon among my generation of baby boomers who were generally poor in their childhood and teenage years, but landed a decent career or made a fortune without any help from their parents. Many of their children, however, have not been able to repeat their success

stories but choose to rely on their provisions. Some of my less wealthy friends have remortgaged their homes so that they can help their kids. I respect their decision but do feel worried about their financial situation after their retirement as well as the life of their children and grandchildren in the years to come.

A smothering father may choose to provide for his kids till his final breath; a truly loving and wise father, however, helps his grown-up children to spread their wings and provide for themselves.

I am confident that you would rather be wise than indulgent by leaving your children a lasting inheritance. If so, teach and nurture essential life skills in your kids while they are still young. Happy Father's Day!

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

Stars of the Month

1 on 1 GWF+WTE2B Thur 6:30-7:30
GWF2A Thur 5:30-6:30
GWF2B Tues 4:30-5:30
GWF2B Tues 4:30-5:30
GWF4A Sat 3:00-4:00
GWF4A Sat 9:00-10:00
GWF6B Thur 4:30-5:30
GWF9B Sat 2:00-3:00
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IEK2A Sat 9:00-10:00
IEK2B Sat 11:00-12:00
IEK4A Fri 5:30-6:30
IEK4A Sat 1:00-2:00
IEK4B Sat 10:00-11:00
IEK6A Sat 12:00-1:00
IEK6B Sat 9:00-10:00
IEK8B Sat 12:00-1:00
IEKP Wed 2:30-3:30
PTWR Sat 1:00-2:00
PTWE2-E3 Sat 10:00-11:00
PTWP1 Wed 5:30-6:30
PTWP3 Fri 5:30-6:30
WTE1 Sat 11:00-12:00
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WTE4B Sat 3:00-4:00
WTE4B Thur 4:30-5:30
WTE4B Tues 4:30-5:30
WTE6B Sat 12:00-1:00

Chan Hadrian 陳晞爾
Kwok Lok Pui, Matt
Chan Lik In 陳歷弦
Cheung Tsz Wai, Jessica 張芷慧
Chan Nga Yung, Tiffany 陳雅蓉
Chan Sze In 陳思弦
Wong Pak Kiu, Jan 黃柏喬
Cheung Donna Kuen Tone 張鈞
Li Wei Ting, Ryan 李韋霆
Yung Hong Luy, Phoebe 翁潔蕾
Wong Sing
Lee Chun Yu, Talis 李晉宇
Liu Man Long, Terry 廖文朗
Leung Wing Tung, Nicole
Lam Ching Him, Samuel 林正謙
Li Ling Ka, Janice 李翎嘉
Cheung Donna Kuen Tone 張鈞
Lau Siu Hang, Andy
Chan Yat Yin, Jayden 陳逸彥
Yung Hong Luy, Phoebe 翁潔蕾
Ran Choi Yap, Rainbow 冉彩熠
Cheng Hiu Ching, Jaime 鄭曉澄
Hau Yuet Tung, Jessica 侯玥瞳
Lai Miwa 賴美和
Lee Cheuk Wing, Sireen 李卓穎
Chan Yat Hei, Kingston 陳溢希
Sit Hoh Yau, Katherine 薛可游
Lau Lok Hang 劉樂行
Yung Chi Kiu, Anson 容智翹
Darius Ng 吳承軒
Lau Chun Hin, Sunny 劉俊軒
Cheuk Bu Ka, Chelsy 卓貝嘉
Leung Yat Nam, Abby 梁日藍
Lai Yi Yin, Carrie 賴怡嫻

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Students' Page June 2018

Fathers' Day is celebrated on the third Sunday of June every year. This year it lands on the 17th of June. Father's Day is a relatively new holiday. It was created in the United States in the early 20th century to complement Mother's Day in celebrating fatherhood and the male side of parenting. Same as the United States, people in Hong Kong celebrate this special day on the 3rd Sunday of June, although some countries celebrate it on other days. Most people spend the day with the father as a way to say thank you. Some would send gifts, cook their father's favorite food or do chores for their fathers.

~Ms. Michelle

Princess walking out of her marriage

One day Princess said, "I won't have it anymore!" Princess told Oink she would go out. She packed her bag and went outside. She felt angry.

It didn't take long until Princess saw a candy and chocolate house. She ate some candies because they were yummy. Suddenly, a mommy pig came in. She saw her. She said, "Who are you? Why are you in my house?" "Sorry! I am hungry," Princess replied. Then, the mommy pig gave her a pack of chocolate. She thought the chocolate was yummy, and she ate a lot.

Later, the mommy pig took her son to see Princess. He was very handsome. Princess loved him, and also the boy loved her too. So, they got married.

After that, they had a happy life together. For the whole time these happened, Oink was sleeping, so he didn't know. Every day, the boy pig washed his clothes by himself. Princess felt happier because her husband washed his clothes by himself. So, they had a happy life.

Shannon Yee - WTE 4B



Father's Day Word Search

P	A	F	H	S	O	N	R	L
O	D	A	U	G	H	T	E	R
T	Z	M	G	J	U	F	S	F
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A	P	L	K	I	D	R	E	T
N	A	Y	L	O	V	E	C	O
K	P	J	U	N	E	J	T	O
F	A	T	H	E	R	N	A	L
R	E	K	I	S	S	E	S	M

Find these words.

Father	son	love
Dad	daughter	hugs
Daddy	June	kisses
Papa	respect	family
Pa	thank	tools

Congratulations to all the best writers of the month.



Shannon Yee

4B

Sammy Chu

6A

Donna Cheung

6B