

# CONTINUING ED. CONNECTION

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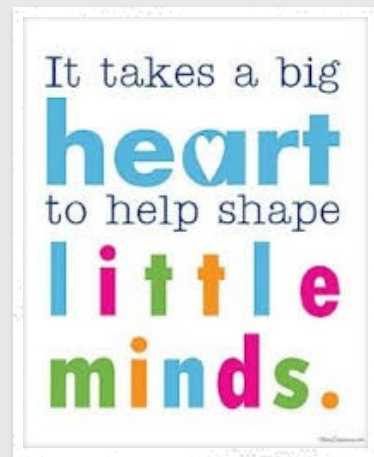
**HAPPY TEACHER APPRECIATION  
WEEK!**

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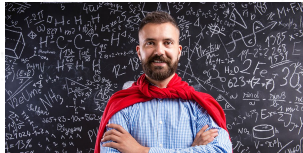


**YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Thank you to each and every one of you for everything you do to serve your students and GISD! Your hard work is appreciated!



## GREAT TEACHERS IMPACT LIVES!



 **4 Inspiring Stories of How Great ...** [www.wabisabilearning.com](http://www.wabisabilearning.com)

There's no telling just how much great teachers can impact someone's life. Here are 4 great teacher stories from some very famous names.

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES:

### English Learner Professional Development Summit

Registration for the Region 10 2019 English Learner Professional Development Summit is now open and we are excited to welcome Dr. Stephen Krashen as our esteemed keynote speaker!

**Keynote:**

Dr. Stephen Krashen

**Date:**

Wednesday, June 5th

**Location:**

Terrell ISD  
Herman Furlough Middle School  
1351 Colquitt Rd  
Terrell, TX 75160

**Time:**

8:30-3:00

**Registration Link:**

[bit.ly/ELPDsummit](http://bit.ly/ELPDsummit)

## **Region 10's Greenville Roadshow is still open for registration!**

Many of the workshops are nearly at max capacity, so don't wait too long!

Remember, the Greenville Roadshow will be held locally at the CTE Center on July 16th and 17th. There is a huge variety of course offerings each day. Many of the classes have even been fine tuned to fit GISD's needs and requests. The Roadshow will be a wonderful time of learning and collaboration. If you don't register soon, there might not be room left in these fabulous courses.

Make sure you reserve your spot today, so you don't miss out on this opportunity!

### **Registration Link:**

<https://www.region10.org/programs/r10-summer-roadshow/greenville/>

## **MAY FACT: THE IMPORTANCE OF FINISHING STRONG!**

This time of year, perhaps more than any other, can feel overwhelming for teachers. There is testing, tutoring, programs, field days, end-of-year events, graduation, and so much more. It is no wonder why this is the time of year where negativity and exhaustion can creep into our minds. We are tempted by frustration, tiredness, and the hectic pace. We begin to count down the days and hope for empty classrooms. Try to remember, though...

**To the students that loves your class, they are not counting down the days because they will miss the adult that always made them feel safe.**

**To the students that do not have money for summer activities, they are not counting down the days because they will miss all the fun and engaging things they got to do with you.**

**To the students that are often hungry, they are not counting down the days because they will miss a guaranteed breakfast and lunch.**

**To the students that are often home alone, they are not counting down the days because they will miss the collaboration and camaraderie of your classroom.**

**To the students for whom you became their favorite teacher, they are not counting down the days because they want to keep learning from the adult that loves them.**

These are just a few examples. Each one of you can think of many more. And yes, every teacher needs a chance to recharge and rest. Teaching is one of the hardest professions; you are literally working to establish the future. That can be tiring for certain.

Teaching is marathon, though, and we are all in the final stretch. We cannot stop yet; we have to keep moving. So, it seems fitting to borrow some advice from experienced runners and adapt it to our race.

**1. Train Smart** - Keep thinking of and finding engaging ideas that you can use as the year comes to an end. If students are bored, they will find a way to "spice" things up for you. We have to keep planning and being creative all the way to the end.

**2. Race Smart** - Runners pace themselves. They don't sprint at the beginning (Monday) and leave the rest of the race (the end of the week) to chance. They look at the whole course that they must run, and they think about the best way to deal with each stretch. Collaborate with your teams. Rely on your administrators and mentors. Pace yourselves so that every day is your best day.

**3. Fuel Smart** - Teaching is a constant process of pouring into others. Make sure that you are taking the time to refuel. If your bucket is empty too soon, you won't be able to keep pouring right up until the last day. Find a way to pour back into yourself as well. Whether that means unplugging for an hour, reading a favorite book, spending time with family, working out, or anything else, take the time to fuel yourselves. Your students will be so grateful that you are finding a way to stay energized for every moment you have with them.

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