

Home & School CONNECTION[®]

Working Together for School Success

November 2018



Highway Elementary School
Nancy Bonner, Principal

SHORT NOTES

Eye on the goal

Boost your youngster's motivation by encouraging her to set goals. Say she wants to make it to the district spelling bee or science fair. She can brainstorm strategies like learning 10 spelling words each day or reading about previous winning science projects. Suggest that she write down her ideas and post them to stay on track.

Say no to secondhand smoke

Children who breathe cigarette smoke tend to get more respiratory illnesses and ear infections. Second-hand smoke can also trigger asthma attacks. It's best not to let anyone smoke inside your home or car. Since youngsters breathe at a faster pace than adults and are still growing, no amount of smoke exposure is safe.

A reading nook

Let your youngster create a special spot just for reading, perhaps in a corner of the family room or his bedroom. He might include a beanbag chair, a lamp, a box or low shelf for books, and a stuffed animal or two. He'll be inspired to curl up and read in his cozy nook.

Worth quoting

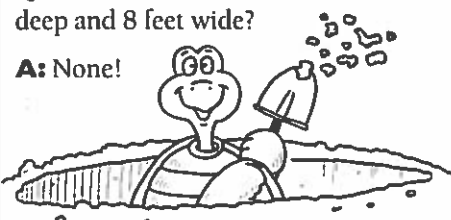
"It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed."

Theodore Roosevelt

JUST FOR FUN

Q: How much dirt is in a hole 4 feet deep and 8 feet wide?

A: None!



Parent involvement at home

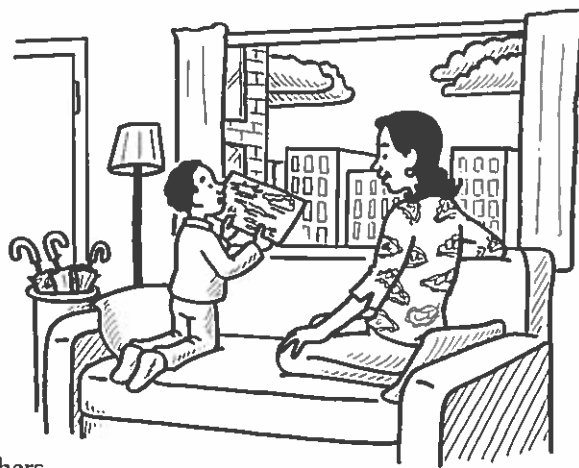
Did you know that supporting your child's education begins at home? Consider these everyday ways to talk about school, deepen his learning, and keep track of school news.

Foster a positive attitude

If you're enthusiastic about school, your youngster is likely to be as well. Ask him about projects he's working on or topics he's studying. Be sure to listen closely, and follow up with questions or comments. Also, you can influence his attitude toward teachers by being positive. ("Mrs. Reeves picked a really cool field trip for your class. I can't wait to hear about it.")

Tie learning to his world

Show your child how what he learns is useful outside of school. If he's studying clouds, ask him to identify types you see in the sky and try to predict whether you'll need an umbrella. Or challenge him to spot vocabulary words on window signs or package labels, and talk about how they're used in different ways.



Stay up to date

Be aware of what's happening in your youngster's classroom, school, and district. Subscribe to email lists, read newsletters, and check websites. Mention upcoming activities to your youngster (school carnival, class play) that you might attend together. Also, put important dates (book fair, math night) on your calendar. It will show your youngster that his school is a priority.♥

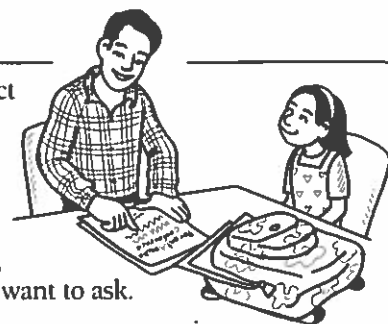
Connect at conferences

Fall parent-teacher conferences are the perfect opportunity to strengthen the bridge between home and school. Here are tips.

Before. Watch for notices in your email or your youngster's backpack, and sign up for a time slot. Also, prepare ahead of time by looking over your child's work and listing questions you want to ask.

During. Listen to the teacher's feedback on how your youngster is doing, then ask your questions. Be sure to have the teacher explain anything you don't understand.

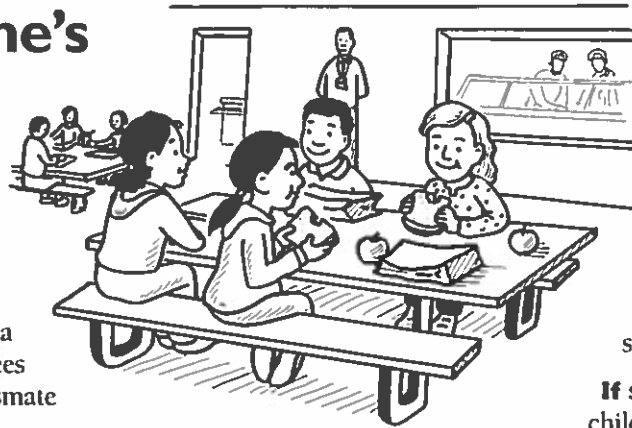
After. Talk with your child about the conference. Point out what she's doing well (reading more challenging books, finishing classwork) and areas that need improvement (writing legibly, taking turns).♥



Bullying is everyone's business

Good news: Your youngster can use strategies to help kids who are bullied and to protect herself if she's a target. Suggest these ideas for handling bullying situations safely and effectively.

If she's a witness: Your child should get a teacher or another adult right away if she sees someone being physically harmed. If a classmate



is verbally bullied (being called names, for instance), it's best to ignore the bully. Instead, your youngster might give the person being targeted an escape ("We need to go to lunch now"). She could also offer to go with the person to tell a grown-up.

If she's a target: Let your child know it's never okay for someone to bully her. She can help to discourage a bully by trying not to react or show she's upset or angry. Also, explain that it's important to tell the school counselor or her teacher about bullying. She shouldn't feel embarrassed or that she's "tattling." Speaking up can help stop the bullying—and keep another youngster from being targeted.♥

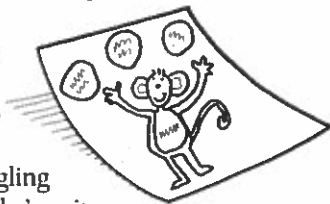
ACTIVITY CORNER

Graphic organizers for the win

Graphic organizers are a visual way for your child to organize information in any subject. Share these activities.

Juggling monkey

To plan a report, suggest that your youngster draw a monkey juggling coconuts. If he's writing a social studies paper on a state, he could put his topic (say, Virginia) on the monkey's belly. Then, he can label each coconut with a fact he needs to find (capital, population). As he researches, he can add information to each coconut (Richmond, 8.5 million).



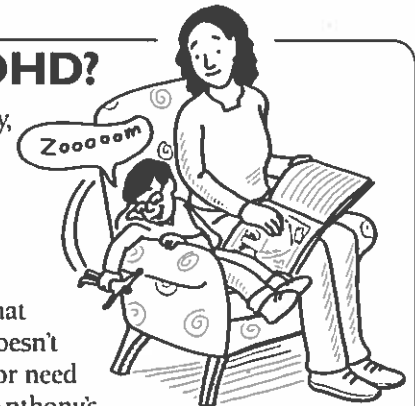
PARENT TO PARENT

Could it be ADHD?

My first grader, Anthony, seems easily distracted and sometimes has trouble sitting still. When my friend's child was diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, I wondered if Anthony could have it, too.

I talked to our pediatrician and found out that just because a child gets distracted or wiggly doesn't mean he has ADHD. He might just be excited or need to burn off energy. He suggested that I talk to Anthony's teacher, and he gave me a form the teacher can fill out if she's concerned.

The teacher said Anthony's attention span is normal for his age and that it should continue to grow as the year goes on. She's going to keep the form on hand. If she notices problems, she'll let me know right away, and I can follow up with the pediatrician. I'm relieved that Anthony is on track—and that his doctor and teacher are on my "team."♥



Football field

When your child writes a persuasive essay, have him first draw a football field. He can write each side of an issue in a separate end zone ("Kids should have chores," "Kids should not have chores"). On each half of the field, he should write statements to support the view in that end zone. *Examples:* "Teaches responsibility" on the pro-chores side, "Interferes with play time" on the anti-chores side.♥



Explain your math strategy

Q: My daughter's teacher often writes "Explain your thinking" on her graded math assignments.

How can I encourage my child to do this?

A: When your daughter works on math problems, it's important that she understand what she's doing and why. Explaining her thinking is one way for her to check on her own understanding—and to show the teacher what she needs help with.

At home, your daughter could think out

loud. Have her look over completed homework and ask herself questions like, "When I solved 32×45 , what steps did I take?" and "What other strategy would work?"



You might also invite her to discuss her math thinking during daily activities. For example, say, "We're having 11 guests for Thanksgiving, and I need $\frac{1}{3}$ pound of potatoes per person. How can I figure out how many 5-lb. bags to buy?"♥

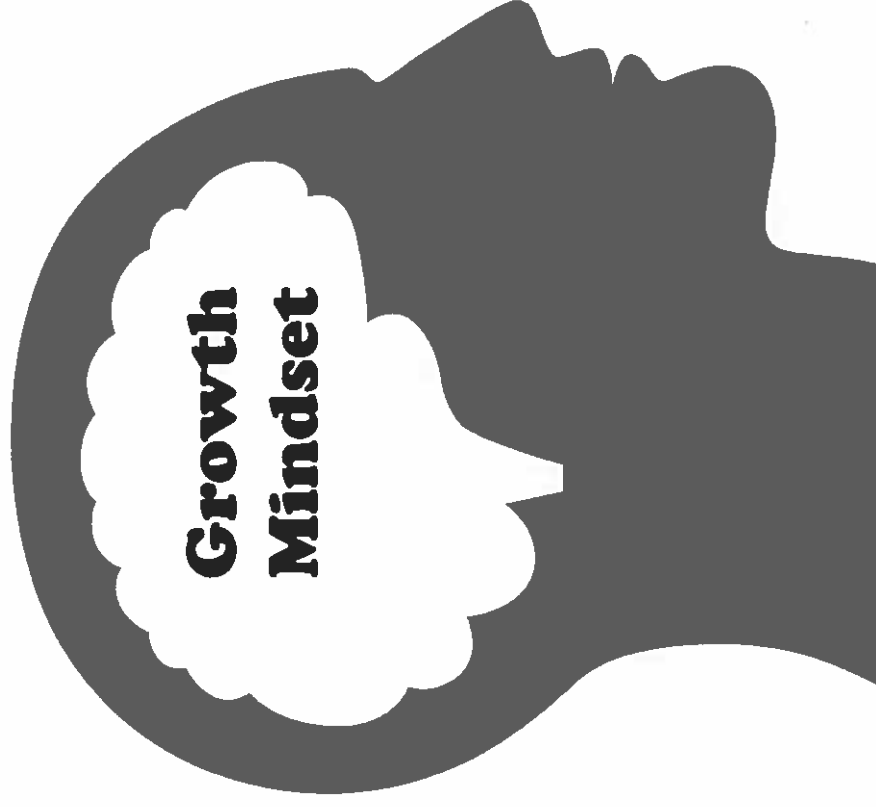
OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

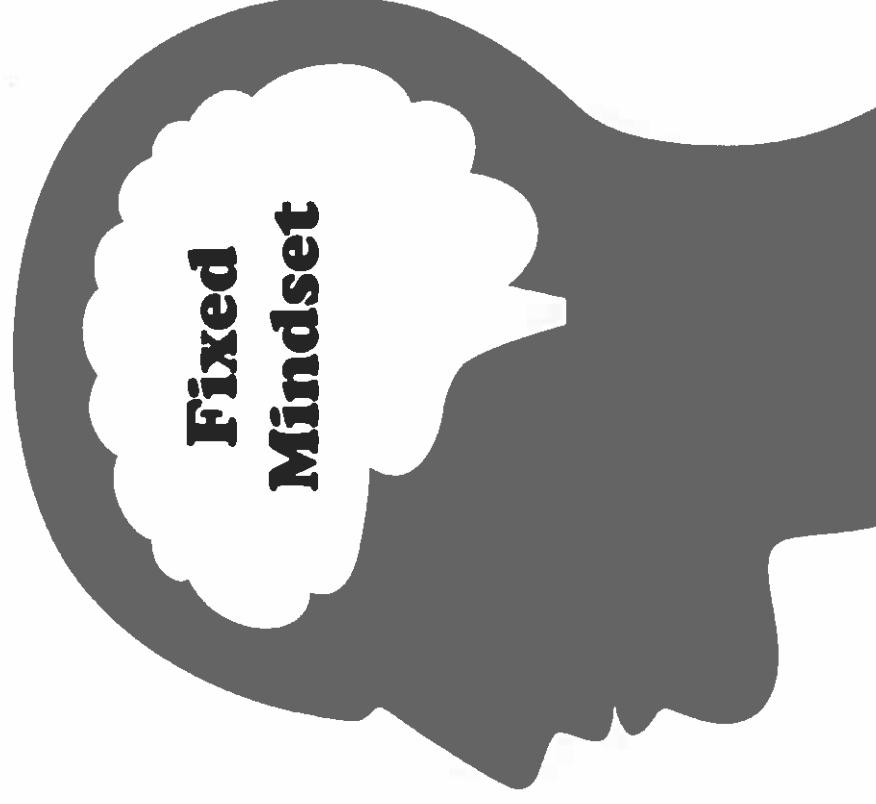
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What Kind of Mindset Do You Have?



I can learn anything I want to.
When I'm frustrated, I persevere.
I want to challenge myself.
When I fail, I learn.
Tell me I try hard.
If you succeed, I'm inspired.
My effort and attitude determine everything.



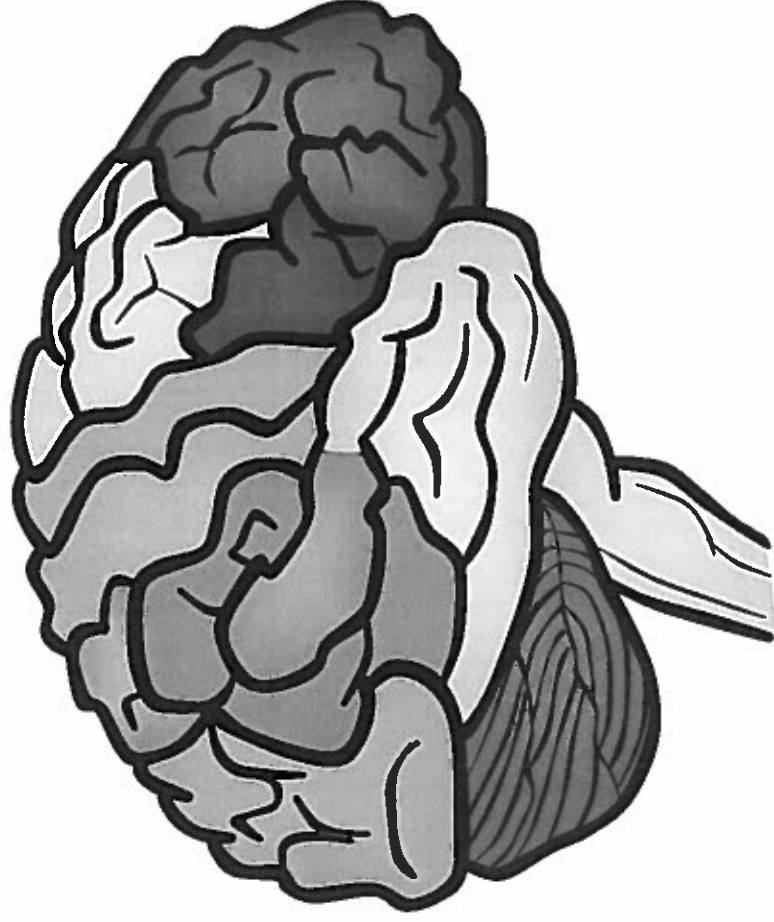
I'm either good at it, or I'm not.
When I'm frustrated, I give up.
I don't like to be challenged.
When I fail, I'm no good.
Tell me I'm smart.
If you succeed, I feel threatened.
My abilities determine everything.

The Brain

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Your brain helps you feel, see, hear, think, remember, move, and experience the world. The brain is an organ that lives inside your skull. You can help your brain grow and stretch! Practicing difficult concepts and learning new things will help your brain get stronger. Tackling challenges will also train your brain for courage and bravery.

You ultimately get to choose whether or not your brain will get exercise to become stronger.



The Brain

The Nanuet Black and Gold Club presents:

Nanuet Knights Faculty Vs. Faculty Basketball Game

*JOIN US FOR ANOTHER FUN EVENING OF
COMPETITION BETWEEN YOUR VERY
OWN TEACHERS, COACHES, AND
SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS!!*



WHEN: NOVEMBER 16, 2018 7:00PM

WHERE: MAIN GYM NANUET HIGH SCHOOL

ADMISSION: \$5.00 IN ADVANCE

\$7.00 AT THE DOOR (IF AVAILABLE)

Tickets can be purchased on our website, in the Athletics
Office or you can email us directly.

www.nanuetblackandgoldclub.com



*****REFRESHMENTS AND MERCHANDISE WILL BE AVAILABLE*****



For questions, ticket information, or to volunteer
for this event, please email us at
nanuetblackandgoldclub@gmail.com

All proceeds to help support the Black and Gold Club's Scholarship fund and other
club activities.

The Nanuet Elementary PTA presents
Halloween Happening!



For 3rd and 4th graders

Friday, October 26th

7pm-9pm

At The Highview School

DJ, Mummy Room, snacks and Outragehiss Pets

\$10 per child (cash & checks only)

Please note this is a drop off event!

*** Check in begins at 6:45pm ***

Child Name: _____ Class Code: _____

Parents Name: _____ Contact #: _____

Volunteers needed to help decorate, prepare for the event and chaperoning. We will contact you a week before event if you are chosen.

_____ Yes! I can help with _____

Email address - _____

\$10 _____ check _____ cash

Please make checks out to Nanuet Elementary PTA

Please detach bottom portion and return to office marked PTA- Halloween by October 23rd

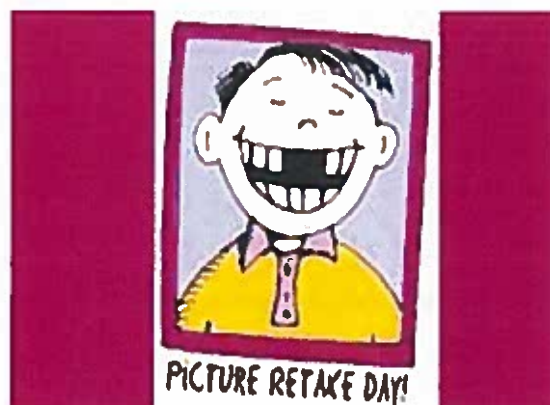
Nanuet Elementary PTA



Miller and Highview Elementary photo retakes will be on **October 29** during school hours. Second grade classes that did not get their class photos taken will also be taken on this day.

If you wish to have photos retaken, please send your child to school on **October 29** with the package that was purchased. All packages will be sent home no later than October 24.

Volunteers are always needed, so if you can help with retake day please reach out to the PTA.





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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!

The Nanuet Elementary PTA is running our Annual Thanksgiving/
Holiday Carousel Cake Fundraiser. To order, complete and submit the
form on the back of this sheet with cash or check (made out to **Nanuet
Elementary PTA**) in an envelope labeled **Carousel Cakes** or visit our
website at nanuetelementary.com no later than **November 9th**. We will
not be able to fulfill orders after the due date. No exceptions!

Pickup for cakes and pies will be **Tuesday, November 20th** between
4pm and 7pm at **George Miller Elementary School**. If you can not pick
up your orders please make arrangements to have them picked up by
someone else. We have no storage so please mark your calendars!!!!

If you have any questions please email Liliana Somma at
lillynyc@aol.com or Dena Demersky at ddemersky@gmail.com.

Let's make this fundraiser a success!!!!

Due November 9, 2018

NO SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

	Cost per Pie	Quantity	Total
10" inch Pies			
Apple	\$16.00		
Apple Crumb	\$16.00		
Blueberry Crumb	\$16.00		
Cherry Crumb	\$16.00		
Coconut Custard	\$16.00		
Pecan *	\$16.00		
Pumpkin	\$16.00		
Pumpkin Cheese	\$16.00		
Tollhouse *	\$16.00		
7 inch Cakes	Cost Per Cake	Quantity	Total
NY Cheese Cake	\$18.00		
Marble Cheese Cake	\$18.00		
Chocolate Chip	\$18.00		
NY Blackout	\$18.00		
Mousse Supreme	\$18.00		
Black and White Mousse	\$18.00		
Carrot Spice *	\$18.00		
Total Due:			

* indicates nuts

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Child's Name: _____ Class Code: _____



Nanuet Elementary PTA

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Nanuet Elementary PTA 2018 -2019 Membership Registration

Please consider joining us and making a difference in your child's educational experience! Our children benefit tremendously when families get involved with the PTA. Your membership dues help fund a wide variety of fun and engaging programs and events for all the students at George W. Miller and Highview Elementary throughout the school year:

- Author Visits · Character Building Assemblies
- Cultural Arts Assemblies · Family Nights · Halloween Happenings
- PARP Night · 2nd Grade Celebration
- 4th Grade Fun Day and Moving-Up Ceremony · 4th Grade Yearbook
- Welcome Back Family Picnic · and more!

To become a member, complete the registration form and return it with payment (cash or check) to your child's class in an envelope labeled **PTA Membership**. Make checks payable to **Nanuet Elementary PTA**. You can also visit nanuetelementary.com and purchase a membership in our store. We greatly appreciate your support!

_____ **\$25 Family**

_____ **\$15 Individual**

Name(s)

(For Family membership, include all parent / guardian names.)

Address

Phone #

Email*

*For Family membership, be sure to provide an email address for each member in order to receive a NYS PTA membership eCard.

Check if you would like to receive email updates on upcoming PTA activities.

Child's Name – First and Last

Class Code

Child's Name – First and Last	Class Code
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If you would like to be added to our Facebook page, please provide your Facebook Name: _____



Nanuet Elementary PTA

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Nanuet Elementary PTA 2018 - 2019 inscripción de miembros

¡Por favor, considere unirse a nosotros y hacer una diferencia en la experiencia educativa de su hijo! Nuestros niños se benefician tremendamente cuando las familias se involucran con la PTA. Sus cuotas de membresía ayudan a financiar una amplia variedad de programas y eventos divertidos y atractivos para todos los estudiantes de George W. Miller y Highview durante el año escolar:

- Visitas de autor • Asambleas de crecer como carácter
- Asambleas de la Artes Culturales • Noches Familiares • Halloween Happenings
- Noche de PARP • Celebración del 2º Grado
- Ceremonia de Graduación y Día de Diversión del 4º Grado • Anuario del 4º Grado
- Bienvenido de Nuevo Picnic Familiar • y más!

Para hacerse miembro, complete el formulario de registro y devuélvalo con el pago (efectivo o cheque) a la clase de su hijo en un sobre etiquetado como Membresía de la PTA. Haga los cheques a nombre de Nanuet Elementary PTA. También puede visitar nanuetelementary.com y comprar una membresía en nuestra tienda. ¡Estamos muy agradecidos por su apoyo!

_____ \$25 Familia

_____ \$15 Individual

Nombre(s)

(Para membresías familiares, incluye los nombres de todos los padres o guardianes)

Dirección

de teléfono

Email

*(Es muy importante incluir su Email porque va a recibir una tarjeta de membresía NYS PTA por Email.)

Marca si quiere recibir noticias por Email sobre próximas actividades PTA.

Nombre del niño(a) – Nombre y apellido

Código de Clase

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A Girl Scout is a G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)™ powerhouse!

At Girl Scouts, girls discover who they are, where their talents lie, and what they care most about—all in a safe, no-limits place designed to unleash their full **G.I.R.L.** potential. They connect with people in their communities, and they take action to change the world. Through our program, the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, girls develop a strong sense of self, display positive values, and seek challenges at every turn. They learn from setbacks, form healthy relationships, and identify and solve problems in their communities.

How does she find the power of G.I.R.L. in her?

Girl Scouts teaches girls to empower themselves by engaging in collaborative, hands-on, girl-led experiences. Guided by supportive adults who help them pursue their goals, girls participate in a variety of fun and challenging activities. Here she will:

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- Find her entrepreneurial spirit and learn financial literacy!
- Explore the great outdoors!
- Participate in hands-on STEM skill-building!
- Connect with girls around the world!
- Take on meaningful community service projects!
- Take the lead—in her own life and in the world!

Did you know?

Girl Scouts fuels the female leadership pipeline.



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BUSINESS LEADERS



73%
OF FEMALE
U.S. SENATORS



100%
OF FEMALE
U.S. SECRETARIES
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