



Giving Thanks!

By the time you are reading this, Thanksgiving may have come and gone. Traditionally, Thanksgiving is a time of reflection and giving thanks to all of the people who are in our lives. The ones we love, the ones that inspire us, and the ones we inspire...the list is endless. I am thankful for all of you, all the Shepton families, staff and students. You inspire me daily and make me thankful that I chose to take on this role, your PTSA President. I have grown in so many ways in the past year and a half and it is all because of you. All the new things that I have accomplished are because you have given me your trust and faith. I hope that I, along with my entire board, will inspire each of you to take on that one thing that always seems to be just beyond our grasp. Can't do it alone? Grab a friend or a neighbor. So much more is accomplished when we band together.

Last month I went with my 5th grade son to the Webelos Outdoor Weekend. What does this have to do with the high school? The actual act of going has nothing to do with it, it has everything to do with all that happened and what was learned. That weekend it poured. Did we change our minds as the streets were over flowing with rain water? Did we pack it in and go home when it just kept on raining? No, we didn't. We taught the kids and ourselves something very important. We can persevere and be resilient. We made the best of some pretty bad conditions. But we had a great time, some great food and great fun with the kids. We taught each other, that even when we are dealt with obstacles, we can overcome them and have fun while we do it. His older brother could not believe that we made it through the entire weekend and when he saw the smile on his brother's face, he could understand why.

This is a perfect example on how we can accomplish so much in spite of the challenges. We are in challenging times, what we need to do is teach our children how to rise to the challenge. What can you do?

PTSA President Jamie Hanna

Tailgate Party Thursday, October 22, 5 pm

