

## THE PLEASANTVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA

August 2011

**Dear Middle School Parents,**

Welcome to a new school year!

Please let us introduce ourselves to you as your Pleasantville Middle School PTA team: Co-Presidents, Christie Sturges and Jenny Demaree, Vice President Mary Brazzell, Treasurer Jackie Stone and Secretaries Kathleen Trudo and Mary Pat Bonanni.

PMS PTA brings numerous wonderful programs to our children and their families; including Cultural Events, Parent University, Eastern and Western Hemisphere Day, Walk in my Shoes, Concert Café, Canteen, Fun Nights, the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Party and don't forget the DIRECTORY. All of these programs are paid for by your membership dues and fundraising only. *Please support these programs by joining the PTA. This is the best \$20 you will spend on your children this year.*

**This is what we need you to do: send a \$20.00 check to join, sign up to help in some way and fill out the enclosed forms and send them back by September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Return these forms in the enclosed envelope either by mail or drop them off to **Madeline Dirgins at 27 Grove St. Pleasantville, NY, 10570** (Use enough postage). We hope for 100% participation in the PTA this year!

**Send these forms to Madeline Dirgins by September 15:**

PTA Membership Form with the \$20 Membership Fee/Check (made out to PMS PTA)

Committee Sign-up Form on back

Band T-shirt Form (**send to Linda Durante-68 Stephen Drive**)

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Parents – Needed 2 Parent volunteers per class. (You will have the same responsibilities as you did at BRS). Please check off on volunteer form.

**New for 6 – 8 Grade – *Emergency Phone Chain***

Needed, 6 parents per grade to volunteer for our New Emergency Phone Chain. This can be done from home or work and is a very small time commitment. Please check off on Volunteer form.

Remember...There are no calls for weather delays or closings.

Sign up for district alerts, watch the news and listen to the radio, we will not be calling you.

We look forward to a wonderful school year.

Christie and Jenny

You can reach Christie via e-mail at [Christie@schrom.com](mailto:Christie@schrom.com) or phone 769-6239

You can reach Jenny via e-mail at [JenniferDemaree@yahoo.com](mailto:JenniferDemaree@yahoo.com) or phone 769-4018

Please call us after 8pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you paid for the PMS PTA on Line - still fill out our form

In order to get **weekly email news blasts** about what's happening at school **AND** a **school directory** you must

**JOIN THE PMS PTA**

Here's how:

1. Fill out this form **completely** and **legibly**
2. **Return completed form** along with a **\$20 check** made out to **“PMS PTA”** (one membership per family) and send/drop off to:

**Madeline Dirgins at 27 Grove Street**

Parents’ First AND Last Name(s) (as you would like to see it/them listed in the directory):

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Email Address(es)\*:

(Primary) \_\_\_\_\_

(Secondary) \_\_\_\_\_

- Check here if your information from the 2010/2011 directory hasn’t changed
- Check here if you do NOT want your information in the 2011/2012 directory
- Check here if you would like a second directory (and include additional \$5)
- Check here if you would like to make an extra donation to the PTA and have included it in the check attached

If your information has changed or if you like your information different from the 2010/2011 directory, please provide your information here:

Child(ren)’s Name (write name(s) as you would like to see it listed in the directory and incl. surname if different from parent):

Grade:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number:

\_\_\_\_\_

Pleasantville/Primary Home address:

\_\_\_\_\_

\*Your email address will only be used for PTA communications and announcements from the community that are of specific interest to our school population. We will NOT publish your email in any directory, your email address will be blind to other recipients, and the PTA will not give names to any other organization. Having your email address gives us another channel for communicating school emergencies, upcoming events and District news. It does not take the place of signing up for the district alert system or emergency phone calling. Thanks.

**\*\* PLEASE SIGN UP FOR YOUR VOLUNTEER JOBS - SEE OTHER SIDE OF PAGE - THANKS**

**THE PTA NEEDS YOU – GET INVOLVED NOW!**

**You are volunteering to help, (not Chair) a committee, a Chair will contact you as the event draws near to determine your availability.**

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone/Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address(BE CLEAR):** \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEER PLEASE**

<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Only</b> __ Class Parent
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**Book Fair**(April \_\_\_Set up/Clean up \_\_\_Work Day \_\_\_Work Eve(Apr 19)

**5/6 Grade Fun Night** (March 30) \_\_\_Set-Up(day) \_\_\_Break down(7-9pm)

**Teacher Holiday Luncheon** (Dec.)\_\_\_Bake \_\_\_Donate Goods/Funds

**Teacher Appreciation Week** (May) \_\_\_ Bake \_\_\_ Donate Goods/Funds

**7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Canteen** (Fridays 8 – 10:00 pm) **DADs NEEDED!!!**  
\_\_\_ October 28 \_\_\_ December 9 \_\_\_February 3 \_\_\_June 1

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Dance** (June 21)  
\_\_\_ Work on Committee \_\_\_ Set-Up \_\_\_ Clean-Up  
\_\_\_ Chaperone 7-9:30 pm (For 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents)

**I'M ALSO INTERESTED IN THESE OTHER COMMITTEES:**

- |                      |            |   |     |
|----------------------|------------|---|-----|
| Cultural Arts        | ___        | Concert Café (sell snacks)  | ___ |
| School Apparel Sales | ___ 6,7,8, | Phone Chain   | ___ |
| Edible Garden*       | ___        | Earth Day   | ___ |
| PTA Fundraising      | ___        | Parent University   | ___ |
| Career Day (Gr. 7)*  | ___        | Walk in My Shoes (Gr. 7)*   | ___ |
| School Supplies      | ___        | 5/6 Hemisphere Day( circle 5 <sup>th</sup> or 6 <sup>th</sup> grade)* | ___ |

\* IN SCHOOL DAYTIME COMMITMENT

**RETURN FORM to Madeline Dirgins, 27 Grove Street.**



Once again this year, the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE BAND will lead Pleasantville's Ragamuffin Parade wearing the official band t-shirt.

Still have yours from last year? Great! You're all set!

To place an order, send form with \$8 check payable to "PMS PTA" to Linda Durante, 68 Stephen Drive, Pleasantville, NY 10570  
**BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

**DO NOT SEND TO THE SCHOOL**

**Remember, it may be chilly on the day of the parade, so order a size large enough to fit some layers underneath.**

**NOTE: These shirts are worn by 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band ONLY - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders DO NOT need a shirt**

*Shirts are provided at a discount through the generosity of Scarborough & Tweed.*

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Size (Adult S, M, L, or XL): \_\_\_\_\_

***MAIL TO Linda Durante***

***DO NOT SEND TO SCHOOL IN BACKPACK!***

Send form with \$8 check payable to "PMS PTA" to Linda Durante, 68 Stephen Drive, Pleasantville, NY 10570 **by September 14.**

Call 773-0267 or e-mail [L-Durante@hotmail.com](mailto:L-Durante@hotmail.com) with questions.

# PMS PTA Gift Card Washington DC Trip Fundraiser

The PMS PTA is sponsoring a convenient gift card program with the Great Lakes Scrip Center to help PMS families raise money for their 8th Grade Washington DC trip. You pay the face value of the card and receive a card at full value and your student receives a percentage rebate for each card ordered which will be credited toward the cost of the trip. All PMS families, 5th-8th grade, are eligible to start fundraising now.

It's easy to purchase gift cards  
with our program!

To get started:

- Go to [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com)
- Create a family account, so we can accurately credit all your student's rebates
- Enter enrollment code **4DL285BF26854** (North Campus PTA)
- Browse the gift card options at your leisure and put selections in your shopping cart
- Write a check for the total to PMS PTA
- Drop check off at the Middle School Main Office or 156 Great Oak Lane by due date
- Pick up cards the following week

Orders will be placed monthly with additional dates for the holidays. The order dates are:

September 12  
October 3  
November 7 & 28  
December 5 & 16  
January 9  
February 6  
March 5  
April 2  
May 7  
June 4th



iTunes, Barnes and Noble, Amazon.com, Lord & Taylor, Bloomingdale's, Sephora, T.J. Maxx, Marshall's, Sam's Club, Crate and Barrel, Zappos.com, CVS, J. Crew, Macy's, Neiman Marcus, Best Buy, the Container Store, Bed, Bath & Beyond and so many more!!!

This will be an ongoing fundraiser during the school year. The amount of the rebate depends on the retailer and is listed on the website. Once a family has earned the cost of their trip all additional rebates will be put in a general scholarship fund for students in need of assistance. If you move or your child does not attend the trip any rebates earned will be moved into the general scholarship fund. Plan ahead so you always have the card you need for any occasion, to give as a gift or even your everyday shopping!

Questions?  
Contact Marielise Watts at

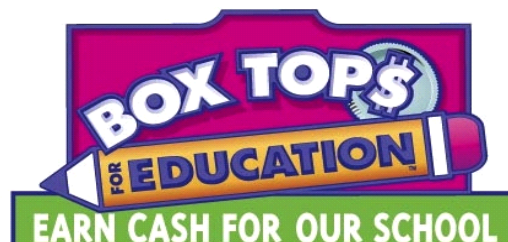
Remember the Innisbrook Wrapping Paper fundraiser  
from elementary school?

Well, guess what? It's graduated to the  
Middle School!!



Packages will be sent home with all students the first  
week of school. Make sure you ask your child for the  
package.

Any questions please contact  
Jackie Stone at [rjostone@optonline.net](mailto:rjostone@optonline.net)  
Gaynelle Farina at [gmfarina@gmail.com](mailto:gmfarina@gmail.com)



## ANYONE LIKE FREE MONEY?

Well, that's what BoxTops for Education are!  
We collect them, then we get MONEY.  
It's that simple.

The hard part...getting Middle Schoolers to take it seriously.

All BoxTops submitted at the Middle School will be accounted for based on the grade of the child who submits them. During the classes 8<sup>th</sup> grade year, all BoxTop money collected will be used to help fund the costs associated with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

So, current 5<sup>th</sup> graders will have 4 years to help with their 8<sup>th</sup> grade costs...one BoxTop at a time.

Here's the count from last school year:

2011 6 <sup>th</sup> graders	\$16
2011 7 <sup>th</sup> graders	\$111
2011 8 <sup>th</sup> graders	\$43

Here's what to do:

1. Collect the BoxTops in a Ziploc/envelope.
2. Label with your child's current grade (no name needed, this is a team effort)
3. Bring 'em in! There is a BoxTop container outside the MS main office
4. **NOTE:** ANY BOXTOPS SUBMITTED WITHOUT A GRADE DESIGNATION WILL AUTOMATICALLY GO TO THE CURRENT 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE.

Visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for more information on the Box Tops program, and a complete list of participating products.

Any questions? Contact Jackie Stone at 747-6197 or [rjstone@optonline.net](mailto:rjstone@optonline.net)

## Pleasantville Middle School IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

NOTE BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

**Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30**

**(right before Grade 5/6 Back to School Night)**

**Thursday, October 6, 6:30**

**(right before Grade 7/8 Back to School Night)**

**Bring your wallet/checkbook! Middle School Apparel, Yearbooks,  
and PTA Membership will be available.**

**Eblasts and the Directory will only go to  
2011/12 MS PTA MEMBERS  
so remember to JOIN THE PTA!**

**IMPORTANT PTA DATES TO NOTE**

- September 14, 2011.....PTA Meeting / 5/6 BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
- October 6, 2011.....PTA Meeting / 7/8 BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
- October 14, 2011.....Middle School Ladies Night Out (details to be announced)
- October 20, 2011.....MS Picture Day  
(Forms come in backpacks, please watch for them)
- October 28, 8:00-10:00pm.....7/8 CANTEEN  
(ONLY for PMS students, no friends, no past students)
- November 2, 6:00pm – 9:00 pm .....Family Portrait Night
- November 9, 8:30am.....PTA Meeting, MS Cafeteria
- November 10, 2011.....Group and Class Picture Day
- December 8, 7:30pm .....Grade 5 Winter Concert at PHS
- December 10, 2011.....MS Picture RETAKES
- December 10, 8:00-10:00pm .....7/8 CANTEEN
- December 13, 7:30pm .....6th Grade Winter Concert at PHS
- December 15, 7:30pm .....7/8th Grade Winter Concert at PHS

QUESTIONS? CONCERNS? Email us at: Christie Sturges: [christie@schrom.com](mailto:christie@schrom.com) or Jenny Demaree: [JenniferDemaree@yahoo.com](mailto:JenniferDemaree@yahoo.com)

COMPLETE DISTRICT SCHEDULE IS IN THE DISTRICT CALENDAR (over for slate)

## **Pleasantville Recreation Department**

769-7950

### **Pleasantville Middle School After School Program**

#### **How to Register –**

Fall registration for the Middle School After Program will begin on Saturday, September 10th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at Village Hall, 80 Wheeler Avenue – room 304. Registration will continue Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **No mail-in registrations will be accepted.** Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to the popularity of our programs you will be permitted to register for your family only. You must be 18 years old or older to register for a program.

#### **Register Early –**

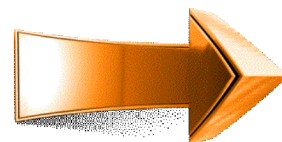
Nothing cancels programs more than waiting until the last minute to sign up. Programs require advance planning, staffing and the purchasing of supplies, so keep this in mind when registering. **REGISTER EARLY!**

#### **Fees –**

All fees must be paid upon registration. Checks made payable to the Village of Pleasantville

#### **Refunds –**

Refunds will be made only when a class is cancelled due to insufficient enrollment. The participant assumes the risk of all changes in personal and business affairs. Any refund request will be reviewed individually and will, if granted, be prorated and subject to a \$20.00 administrative processing fee.



**MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 Meet in Library  
 Sign-Up Begins Saturday, Sept. 10th

<p><b>Ceramics</b>          Location: Pleasantville Middle School          Dates: Wednesday, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26                Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23          Grades: 5th – 8<sup>th</sup>          Fee: \$95.00          Instructor: Carolyn Moss          We will explore the art of hand building with clay. Students will learn how to work with slab, coil and pinch pots. All work will be fired and glazed. Students will pick their own projects and Mrs. Moss will help!</p>	<p><b>Acting for Film &amp; TV</b> <b>NEW</b>          Location: Pleasantville Middle School          Dates: Monday, Sept. 26                Oct. 3, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28                Dec. 5, 12                (no class Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31)          Grades: 5th – 8<sup>th</sup>          Fee: \$80.00          Instructor: Annette Courniotes          Learn acting skills for film and television. Work from movie scripts, commercials and monologues.</p>
<p><b>Chess Club</b>          Location: Pleasantville Middle School          Dates: Wednesday, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26                Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23          Grades: 5th – 8<sup>th</sup>          Fee: \$70.00          Instructor: Jacob Stockel          Come enjoy the game of chess! In this club you will learn the basics of the game and have fun as well.</p>	<p><b>Intro to Cooking</b> <b>NEW</b>          Location: Pleasantville Middle School          Dates: Thursday, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27                Nov. 3, 10, 17                Dec. 1 (no class 11/24)          Grades: 5th – 8<sup>th</sup>          Fee: \$95.00          Instructor: Andrea Tortorella          A great hands on class that will allow your child to prepare simple yet nutritious meals. They will walk away with kitchen skills and learn the importance of healthy eating.</p>
<p><b>Japanese Calligraphy</b> <b>NEW</b>          Location: Pleasantville Middle School          Dates: Tuesday, Sept. 27                Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25                Nov. 1, 8, 15          Grades: 5th – 8<sup>th</sup>          Fee: \$95.00          Instructor: Kazuko Omori          Calligraphy is the art of drawing characters with a traditional brush and black ink. Students will learn various strokes to complete different strokes. They will also use their calligraphy skills to create Japanese fans and scrolls.</p>	<p><b>Lego Robotics</b>          Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.          Location: Pleasantville Middle School          Dates: Thursday, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27                Nov. 3, 10, 17, Dec. 1                (no class 11/24)          Grades: 5th – 8<sup>th</sup>          Fee: \$95.00          Instructor: Bryan Gaiser          This class is a fantastic introduction to robotics. Using the NXT Intelligent Brick and a laptop computer, as well as an exciting range of advanced sensors, students will build a robot and design programs to carry out various missions. While working in small groups students will create, test and run various programs. Lego Robotics engages the imagination and possibly opens doors to new interests.</p>

Pleasantville Middle School PTA 2011/2012 Slate							
<b>Co-President</b>	Christie Sturges	769-6239	christie@schrom.com	<b>Health and Safety</b>			
<b>Co-President</b>	Jenny Demaree	769-4018	JenniferDemaree@yahoo.com	Chair	NEED		
<b>Vice-President</b>	Mary Brazell	747-1192	mbrszell@earthlink.net	<b>School Board Representative</b>			
<b>Corr. Secretary</b>	Mary Pat Bonanni	769-6772	mporb@optonline.net	Chair	Herb Doerr	769-3382	hhdeagle@att.net
<b>Rec. Secretary</b>	Kathleen Trudo	7698396	kathleentrudo@yahoo.com	<b>Legislative (with BRS PTA)</b>			
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jackie Stone	747-6197	rjstone@optonline.net	Chair	NEED		
<b>E-mail Database</b>	Karen Buccheri	747-1116	KarenBuccheri@gmail.com	<b>Membership</b>			
<b>Audit</b>				Chair	Madeline Park Dirgins	773-0618	madelinepark@yr.com
Chair	NEED			<b>Hemisphere Day</b>			
<b>Website Updates</b>				5th Grade Chair	Loretta Chiavetta	747-5367	
Chair	Natasha Krishnani	769-0659	nkrishnani317@hotmail.com	5th Grade Chair	NEED		
<b>After School Clubs Representative</b>				6th Grade Chair	Jill Jameson	769-5348	jillsjameson@aol.com
Representative	Eddie O'Reilly	769-1574	oreilly95@aol.com	6th Grade Chair	Kathy Coolen	769-0769	cathycoolen@verizon.co
<b>Box Tops &amp; Corporate Promotions</b>				<b>Middle School Garden</b>			
Chair	Jackie Stone	747-6197	rjstone@optonline.net	Chair	Andrea Garbarini	769-9107	andreadp@optonline.net
<b>Canteen</b>				Chair	Hillary Marra	7416750	hrmarra@optonline.net
Chair	Barbara Brennan	747-4439		Chair	Kelly Coburn	769-7556	Kelly@coburnventures.c
Chair	Pat Onuma	769-9556	Plee@coach.com	<b>Teacher Wish List</b>			
<b>Concert Café</b>				Chair	Gabby Greenwald	747-3377	threegreenys@hotmail.c
Chair	Diana Bloom	769-3997	lb102@msn.com	Chair	Sonia T. Forchetti	309-6038	sonia@nylegalhelp.com
Chair	NEED			<b>Earth Day Celebration Coordinator</b>			
<b>Cultural Arts</b>				Chair	Helen Meurer	769-1561	helen@loring.net
Chair	Laurie Damboragian	769-0784	LDEE5@aol.com	<b>School Supplies</b>			
Chair	Jennifer Malone-Seias			Chair	Madeline Dirgins	773-0618	Madeline.Park@yr.com
<b>Forensics</b>				Chair	Lovette Esliker	772-5894	lesliker@pace.edu
Chair	Kat Nemec	773-1504	kat@studiokatinc.com	Chair	Wanda DeJesus	747-8585	losdog@verizon.net
Chair	Suzanne Largey	769-5042	jplargey@aol.com	<b>Class Trip Sponsorship</b>			
<b>5th/6th Fun Night</b>				Chair	Rosemary Mulry	741-0285	dport4@aol.com
Chair	NEED			Chair	Kathy Palmer Pickens	747-4903	palmerpickens@gmail.c
Chair	NEED			<b>Student Directory</b>			
<b>8th Grade Graduation Dance</b>				Chair	Katie Beatley Stargiotti	769-1492	katebeatley@optonline.r
Chair	Jeanine Angiolillo	747-3124	msateacher@msn.com	<b>Teacher Appreciation</b>			
Chair	Sue Barile	747-7004	lsbarile@verizon.net	Chair	Mary Crowe	769-2998	crowefamily120@verizor
Chair	Debbie Santoro	769-2998	<cozmo6644@optonline.net>	Chair	Mary Jane Reda	769-6097	mjotreets@aol.com
<b>Fundraising/Washington Trip</b>				<b>Parent University</b>			
Chair	Marielise Watts	769-7931	marielisewatts@gmail.com	Chair	Lisa Hickey	747-1861	dilemmah@yahoo.com
<b>Book Fair</b>				<b>School Apparel</b>			
Chair	Carolyn Longo	741-0141	stufillove@aol.com	Chair	Linda Dorante	747-8017	l-durante@hotmail.com
Chair	Francesca Varga	449-6943	dunerune@optonline.net	Chair	Carolyn Cicale	7692591	pville4@verizon.net
<b>InnisBrook</b>				<b>Theater</b>			
Chair	Gaynelle Farina	741-1343	gmfarina@gmail.com	Chair 5th/6th	Angie Tome	773-1517	
Chair	Jackie Stone	747-6197	rjstone@optonline.net	Chair 7th/8th	Kat Nemec	773-1504	kat@studiokatinc.com
				<b>Walk in My Shoes</b>			
				Chair	Kerry Casey	741-0085	caseyclan@optonline.co
				Chair	Liz Brody	769-8474	ElizabethBrody@optonli



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**40 Romer Avenue**

**Pleasantville, NY 10570**

*Christie Sturges & Jennifer Demaree, Co- Presidents*

**PLEASANTVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA  
MISSION STATEMENT**

The New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. (NYSPTA) and the Pleasantville Middle School PTA (PMS) recognize that every child deserves excellence in education and quality of life. PMS will maintain its commitment and service to all children and to its diverse membership through increased parent and community awareness, advocacy, education, and involvement. In addition:

**THE PLEASANTVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA BELIEVES:**

**Every** child deserves to have his/her basic needs met

**Every** child deserves an education designed to meet the child's needs. Public education is the appropriate forum to prepare children for participation in a democratic society;

**Every** child deserves our continued commitment to advocacy;

**PMS PTA** will take the lead in parent involvement by training parents to be partners in education;

**PMS PTA** will take the lead in promoting the value of parent involvement with the community and educational partners;

**PMS** is responsible for identifying, understanding, and meeting the needs of our diverse membership;

**Educators** are an integral part of our organization;

**Education** and leadership training and self-evaluation are essential at all levels;

**Programs** and materials should be provided to enhance parenting skills;

**Challenging** oneself leads to growth.