

School Talk: Time

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Where does it go and how do we spend it?

When I was in kindergarten, Mrs. Premo filled my day with story hour, show and tell, play time, recess, snack time and nap time.

When I was young, time seemed to pass so slowly. Just waiting for school to start, Christmas season, spring vacations, and finally the end of the school year were almost too much to bear! Time never goes fast enough when we are young.

We move through grade school, slowly, but anxiously awaiting when we get big and can go to the high school. Many teachers have been trying to prepare us to move along in life, both socially and academically. Now, we are almost all grown up.

In high school, we spend our time studying, skateboarding, practicing a sport, dancing, marching in the band, singing in the chorus, FFA activities, working at our jobs, with friends, watching TV, reading books, playing video games, doing community service, and on and on. Our world is getting bigger, and we are starting to know how and where we want to spend our time.

As adults, most of us have to work and/or are retired. We might have kids and their activities, aging parents, and many other responsibilities. Many of you may have heard, "If you want something done, ask a busy person!" Why is that? Are some people better at managing their time? Do they have endless energy?

Time is a finite commodity and how we spend it tells who we are. Do we attend any of the numerous school activities? If not, why not? Do we attend our city's events? Why not? Do we volunteer when asked? Why not? Take the time to ask questions about the needs of our schools and community. Don't assume anything. Our schools and community need your time and engagement.

I grew up in Columbus and have benefited from many people giving of their time, energy and money before me. It is my privilege and opportunity to serve on the Columbus School District's School Board and to volunteer for my community in other ways.

Time is a valuable commodity. Please think about how you spend yours.

