

# ETS EXPRESS..



## Director's Message

Happy Spring!

As we approach a new season we want to remember that the trials of yesterday are behind you. A new school day dawns, and with it come possibilities. Chances for success, empathy, and discovery are abundant. Inspiration is everywhere you look. The opportunity to be better than you were yesterday is *right here, right now.*

When we're young, we have a harder time letting stuff go than we do as we get older. Your students can benefit from being reminded that a new day is always a fresh start.

We are truly grateful for our students and the resources we provide to benefit their future. We hope Educational Talent Search will continue to grow to create an amazing experience for everyone we serve.

We want to remind all seniors that we are assisting with FAFSA, scholarships, and college applications. So stop by the office and let us help you! Remember, the best financial aid packages are given to those who apply early...so don't wait! Also, we offer free weekly tutoring daily both online (M-th) and in person (T-Th), so take advantage.

Executive Director, Deborah Kingsberry

## What are life Skills??

**Life skills equip students to thrive in the classroom and in the world beyond. The 21st century life skills are flexibility, initiative, social skills, productivity, and leadership.**

**Flexibility-** Given the rapid rate of change in our world, the ability to adjust and adapt is critical to success. Students need to learn to quickly analyze what is going on around them and make adjustments on the fly—all the while keeping their goals at the forefront of their minds.

**Initiative-** The entrepreneurial spirit is founded on initiative—the willingness to step forward with an idea and take the risk of bringing it to fruition.

**Social skills-** Technology now allows people to belong to multiple tribes—students at the same school, friends on Facebook, colleagues on LinkedIn, fans on fan sites, gamers on massively multiplayer online games. In all of these environments, social skills are critical.

**Productivity-** The increase in productivity among workers in the U.S. means that more is being produced by fewer people, which means that the job market is even more competitive after the recession than during it.

**Leadership-** Leadership is a suite of related skills that combines the other life skills. Good leaders take initiative, have strong social skills, are flexible, and are productive.

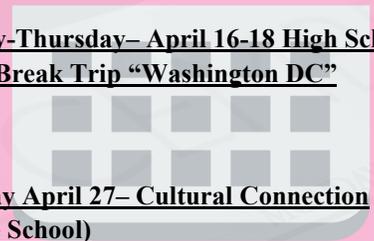
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### ETS April Calendar

**Tuesday-Thursday– April 16-18 High School Spring Break Trip “Washington DC”**



**Saturday April 27– Cultural Connection (Middle School)**

## Your Best

If you always try your best  
Then you'll never have to wonder  
About what you could have done  
If you'd summoned all your thunder.

And if your best  
Was not as good  
As you hoped it would be,  
You still could say,  
“I gave today  
All that I had in me.”

From “Suzie Bitner Was Afraid of the Drain”  
by Barbara Vance

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