

# "School"



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Dear students!

This is the first issue of the English language newspaper we have decided to edit at our school since this year.

After quite a long and heated discussion we came the unanimous decision to name the newspaper «School». The name itself suggests that on pages of the newspaper we're going to cover current events inside and outside the school and also deal with topics and problems that you, our readers, find exciting to read, ponder over and discuss with mates, teachers or parents. We feel it very important to launch a school English language newspaper because we do hope that it will help our readers and authors improve their foreign language skills in reading and writing on the one hand, and provide "food" for thoughts and ideas. Anyone can participate in creating of "School". "School" is going to publish students creative works like essays, compositions, stories, poem, etc.

So, open your minds and hearts to the first edition of " School" . We hope that our articles will be a joy to read and with your support the newspaper will become a great source of valuable information.

Yours,  
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P.S: The newspaper comes out every other month and is available in e-form.

## MEET THE EDITORIAL STAFF

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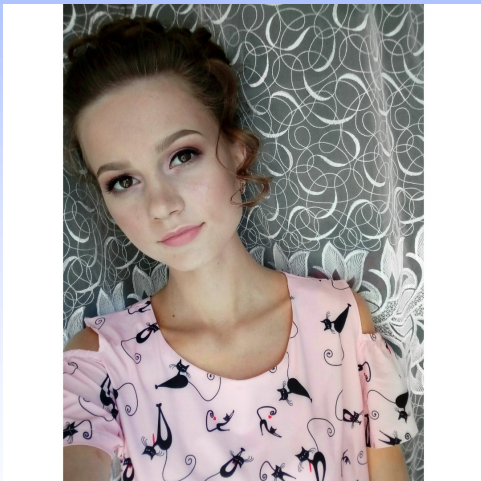
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# Congratulations: a letter to a teacher



*We all have our memories of teachers, their habits and peculiar ways of doing things.*

*But what makes teachers so significant, worth memorizing and narrating?*

*This is the question we tried to find an answer to.*

*Our teachers play an important role in our lives, and sometimes you want to show your appreciation by writing them a letter.*

*Dear teachers! We hope these letters will make you happy.*

*Dear Marina Vladimirovna,*

I am writing this letter to tell you how happy I am to be in your class because you're the best teacher. Geography is my favorite subject. You help me do my best.

Thank you so much for being such a thoughtful and kind teacher. (Lena Prelova, Form 8)

*Dear Galina Viktorovna,*

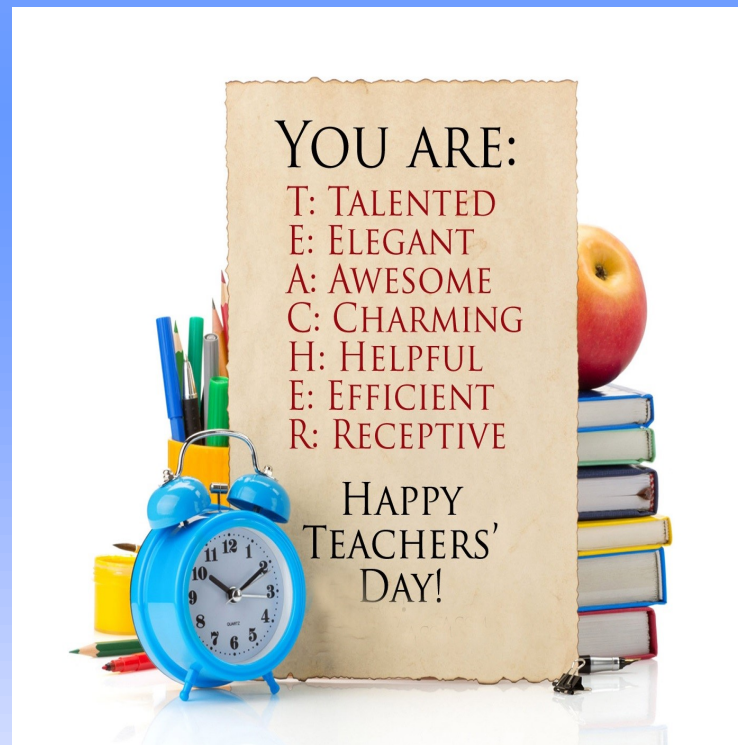
Let me begin by saying that I don't now where you find the patience, strength and energy to deal with all of us every single day. We know we are sometimes very troublesome, but you always keep your smile and composure. You are very much appreciated! Happy Teacher's Day! (Irina Krylova, Form 10)

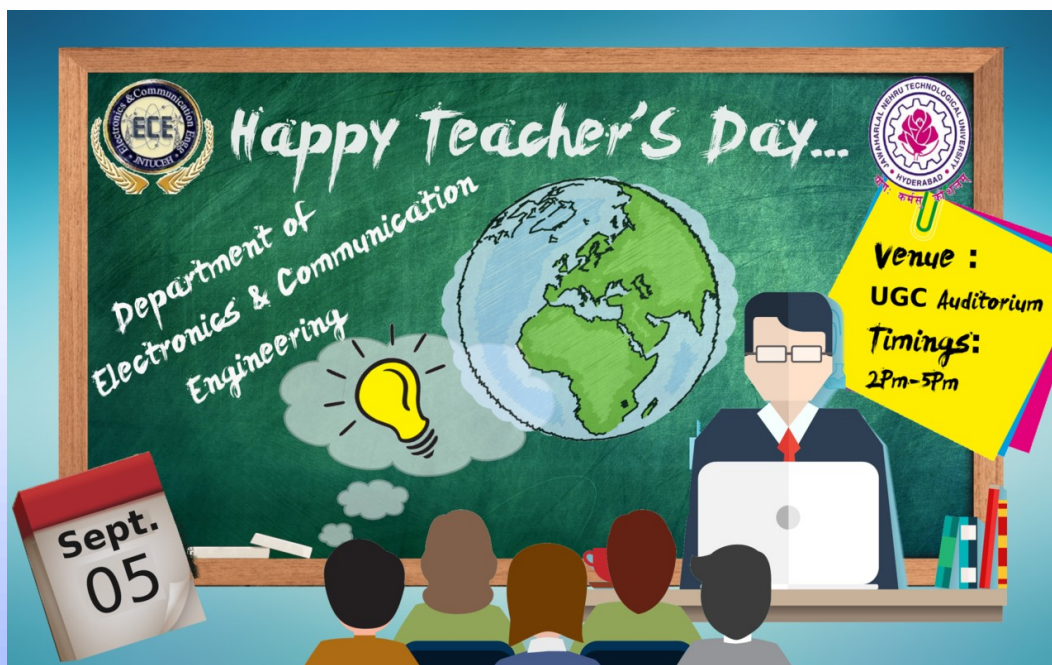
My favorite teacher is *Kondakova Yekaterina Dmitrievna*. She is a good teacher of English. Besides, she treats me with sweets and she doesn't scold me when I have a bad behavior. Her positive attitude has helped make every day brighter in every way. Dear Yekaterina Dmitrievna, you have patiently put up with dozens of nerve wrecking students while still helping us to become smarter, positive and successful individuals. Happy Teacher's Day! (From form 8)

*Dear Alexey Ivanovich,*

Happy Teacher's Day to you! You are my most favorite teacher! I like your history and social science lessons very much! You help me shape my future, you inspire me every day with your lessons and knowledge. Happy Teacher's Day!

(Danil Chapayev, Form 11)





*Dear Natalia Vasilievna*, you are my the best teacher of Russian. Next to a child's parents, teachers are the most important people in his/her life. Thankfully, we have an amazing teacher like you. Happy Teacher's Day! (Dasha Biteleva, Form 9)

*Dear Ludmila Petrovna*, I like your Literature and the Russian language lessons. There is a reason why people all over the world have chosen one day to celebrate their teachers. It is because of the incredibly important influence that people like you have on us, younger generation. You help us become mature and responsible adults so that one day we will be able to lead this country with success and strive. (Maria Stolbova, Form 10)

*Dear Elena Vladimirovna*,

You might think that your students don't see the passion, the effort, you put in every single day. However, as your student, I can guarantee you that you are appreciated and we are glad to have such a great teacher. Happy Teacher's Day! (Nastya Domnina, Form 10)

*Dear Ludmila Dmitrievna*,

In your lesson there is never a dull moment. Either we smile, debate, laugh, read, we are always learning something new, something that books cannot teach you. We learn how to become hard-workers, perceptive, intelligent, and bright people like you. You make us want to become like you. Happy Teacher's Day! (Eva Erlygaeva, Form 7)

On Teacher's Day my heart goes to my primary school teacher *Larisa Zinyatovna Vedeneeva*. I can say with the right that she can take credit for all achievements that I have. I remember her being strict, but it is her «carrot and stick» approach thought me to set goals and work hard. Unfortunately, she has passed away. I feel so sorry about that: it's so unfair when teachers die full of life and energy. But we, her students, do remember her with admiration. She will always live in our hearts. (Ksenia Chernyshova, Form 10)

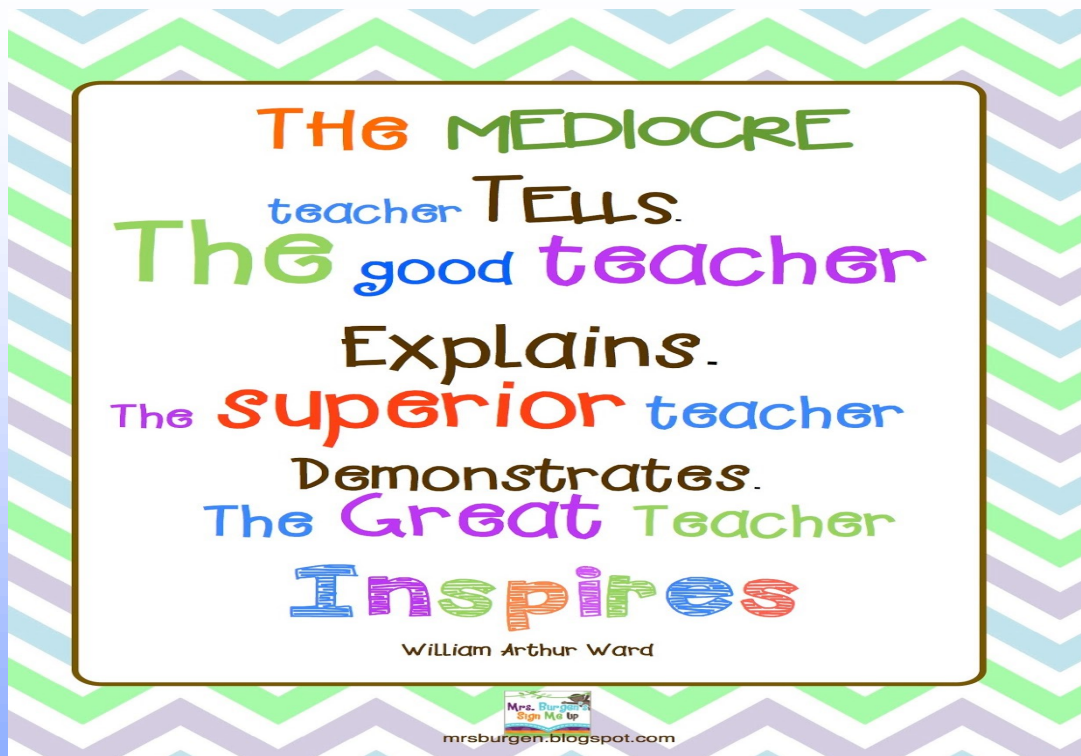
I want to congratulate all teachers on Teacher's Day! Many teachers have been working at the school for more than 20 years. Many of their students have achieved great success in life. But I would like to emphasize *Ledyaeva Tatiana Alexandrovna*, who is my class-teacher. She is kind, hard-working and she knows her subject. When I came from other school, she helped me to adapt in this school. I wish her happiness, health and long years of work at school. (Ramil Ilyasov, Form 10)

*Svetlana Ivanovna* is an excellent and wonderful teacher who is ready to help in a difficult situations. Besides, she is just a good person. (Kseniya Fyodorova, Form 6)

*Dear Alexey Alexandrovich*,

You're a hard-working and patient teacher. We wish you love, happiness and long years of life. (Artyom Kalinin, Form 11)

*Nelia Yurievna* is my favorite teacher of eurhythmics. She is a sunny and funny person. Furthermore, she is a very hard-working and fair teacher. (Nickolay Kuzmin, Form 11)



*Dear Olga Nikolayevna,*

You are kind, clever, responsive and very beautiful! Happy Teachers's Day! You believe in each and everyone of us! I will always be grateful that you have believed in me so much. Happy Teacher's Day! (Alina Khustalyova, Form 10)

My favorite teacher *Zarubina Ludmila Stepanovna*, is because she's doing her job well and she's a wise and fair woman. The passion you have for your job is truly amazing. You are the best teacher I have ever had. I could not be any luckier. Happy Teacher's Day! (Maria Semyonova, Form 5)

*Dear Indira Saitovna,*

Happy Teacher's Day! You are very dear person for us. We love and respect you. We wish you happiness, health and love. (Oxana Shanina, Form 11)

*Dear Irina Yurievna,*

You are a great teacher of World Art and Culture. I know that teachers are grossly unpaid for all they do. I am sure that it's impossible to put a price tag on the hard work, passion, heart, soul and effort you bring into our classroom every single day. (Yekaterina Kondratieva, Form 10)

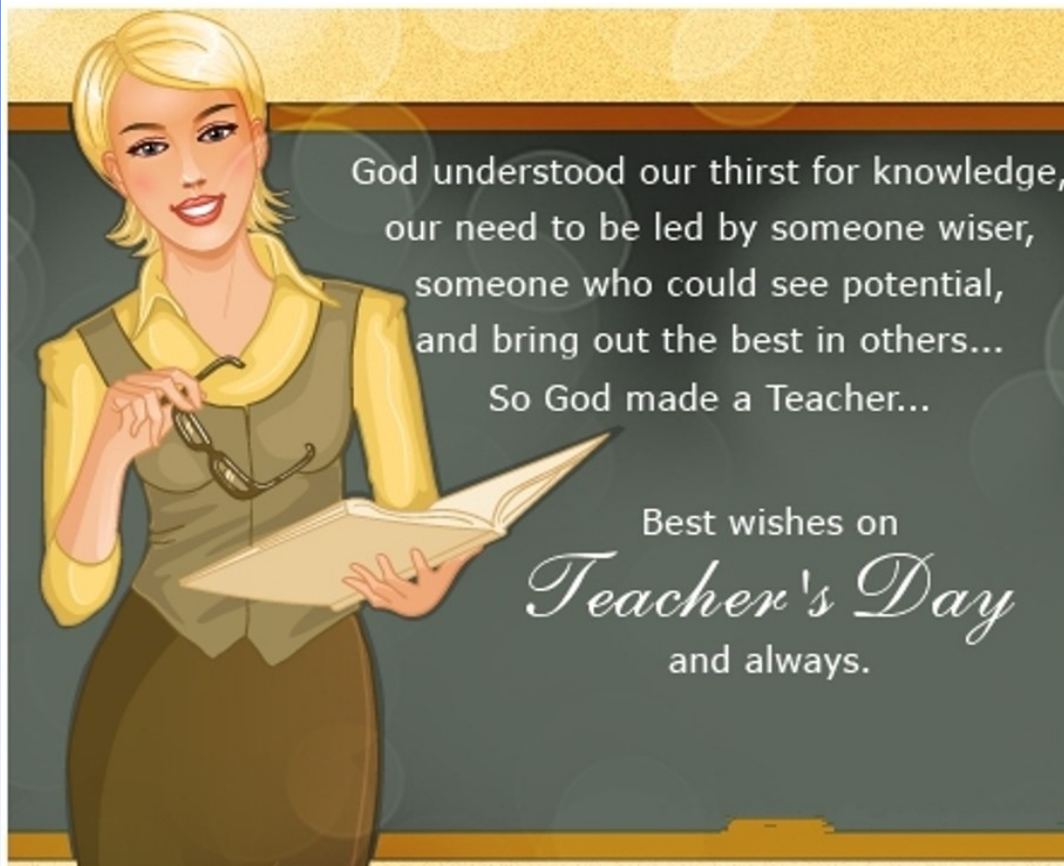
*Dear Nelia Ilyasovna*, I feel truly honored to be your student! I appreciate your precious time, effort and health that you dedicate to us. You are an angel. (Yulia Alatyreva, Form 7)



## *Teacher's day*

**On International Teacher's Day we commemorate and pay tribute not only to Teachers who currently work, but also to those who used to teach our parents. That's why the idea to make a project about Mums' and Dads' teachers has emerged.**

The project turned into a really sensitive activity because it made our parents put off their urgent work and remember the time when they were the same age as their kids. The students, who participated in the project, confessed that to view their parents school photos and listen to stories about school of their youth was a truly unforgettable experience.



## TEACHER'S DAY

Teacher's day is a special holiday for every person. All of us have our favorite teachers. I asked my parents what they liked most at school when they were pupils, who their favorite teacher was. From their stories I've managed to draw a picture of school of their youth. To begin with, I would like to draw attention to the school uniform of that time. Daily uniform for girls was a brown dress and an apron. The apron was black for every day, and white for holidays and special occasions. The dress had white, often lacy or trimmed with lace, collar and cuff covers. The white collar and cuff were removable and usually removed, laundered and sewn back weekly. Boy's uniform was a blue or brown suit -trousers and single breasted jacket - made of wool, and a white shirt to wear under the jacket. My dad remembers that he used to wear one uniform set for a year, sometimes for two years, depends how he grew for summer. In fact pupils are looked as a similar mass, but in reality every girl has her own bow in hair and collar and laces on apron and everything was very nice, romantic and suitably of course, there wasn't much variety of consumer products when my parents were pupils. As every school pupil they had access to basically the same handful of stationery and school supply product. So their books, pencils, rules, even notebooks look the same. But they wanted to be different from each other and their parents helped them to look

«special» and helped create some design on out cover of textbooks and notebooks. Students brought scrap paper every year. As for my mum, her favorite teacher was a German teacher. My mother says that she was very kind, fair and spoke German well. Mum remembers her being strict but fair and reassuring, encouraging and motivating at the same time. My parents believe that today it is almost impossible to encounter a teacher who is so dedicated to teaching as the teachers of her youth used to be. My mum and dad are convinced that teachers in the past were better: more sincere, understanding and selfless. Of course, I cannot fully agree with my parents. In my opinion, there are a lot of very knowledgeable and motivating teachers who despite being underpaid, who are really facilitators of the learning process. They instill a love of learning, inspire hope, ignite imagination.

In conclusion, I would like to emphasize that teaching is a work of heart and without teachers the mankind would never reach their heights.



## THE TEACHER OF MY MUM

Profession of a teacher is one of the most unusual. The teacher plays a great role in our life. My mom's favorite teacher was a teacher of History and Social Science Eliseeva Maria Vladimirovna. My mum says that Maria Vladimirovna was a very good teacher. She constantly encouraged her students to study History and Social Science. Her lessons weren't similar one to another, every time her students opened something new, interesting to them. All her lessons were a pleasure for students. She always looked beautiful. Now she works in a college, and her children also love her. Maria Vladimirovna is very kind and attentive. She loves and respects her students. She is a cheerful and interesting interlocutor.





## THE TEACHER OF MY DAD

Hi everyone! My name is Kseniya Chernyshova. I'm an 11th form student. I would like to tell you about the best teacher of my dad.

My dad's name is Sergey. He studied at school №1. It was a secondary school in his school years. The school teacher of the Russian language and Literature was Valentina Andreevna Krupkina. She had been teaching my dad since grade 5. My dad remembers that every lesson of Valentina Andreevna was a discovery for all her students. She helped them explore the world of literature, take the best and eternal from the books. Valentina Andreevna taught her students to mull over books and characters and ideas the author wanted to convey to the reader. It was crucial, in her opinion, to be able to put oneself in other people's shoes before making any judgments and conclusion.

It was she who helped her pupils discover the charm of reading books. No wonder, most of her school children were avid readers.

But, of course, she taught pupils not only to enjoy reading and be good at interpreting the plot of a book but to love the Motherland and be good, helpful and sympathetic people.

On Teacher's Day my family wishes Valentina Andreevna health and long life.



*Krupkina Valentina Adreevna*

## MY GRANNY

My granny, Volkova Valentina Ivanovna, was born in 1950 in Sosnovoborsk. She graduated from Penza State Pedagogical University named after V.G. Belinsky. She worked as a teacher of German for 40 years. She was really fond of her work. She really enjoyed working with students, organize various events, get together and go camping. Besides, she visited different places like museums and theaters with her students. She found it very cognitive, enjoyable and rewarding. She always maintained a good relationship with her students.

Her students were very attentive. They and my granny understood each other. They had good knowledge of German. Many of her students say that they had no difficulties in learning German at universities.

My granny liked her colleague teachers and the atmosphere in which they worked. She still has good relationship with many of her former colleagues.

My granny's students always congratulate her on various events, visit her and organize meetings. My granny goes to these meetings with great pleasure. She is interested in life paths of her students. My granny doesn't doubt for a moment, that she has chosen the right job.

I guess, the profession of a teacher is very significant in people's life. The teacher is a person who is always ready to help pupils, who takes a real interest in their work. The teachers learn a lot of important and needed things, despite low wages and time-consuming work.



*Volkova Valentina Ivanovna*

## THE TEACHER OF MY FAMILY

The profession of a teacher is one of the most ancient in the world. It's importance cannot be overestimated. Year after year teachers provide their students with new knowledge and new experience. This is what the future of the country depends on.

If you ask any member of my family about our best teachers, all of us will definitely name teachers from the Yerlygaev`s family as their favorite ones.

I would like to tell about the Yerlygaev`s family. The teaching dynasty in this family counts a number of generations.

Maria Ivanovna Yerlygaeva was my mum`s first teacher. Mum says she was very intelligent and supportive. She had her `unique` approach to every student. Classes used to be quite big in the past- as many as 38 pupils. In my mum`s class there were 35 school children. Maria Ivanovna managed to focus her attention on all her kids, maintain good discipline and motivation. She taught her students not only to read and write but inspired kids to study.

Maria Ivanovna`s two daughters also followed her footsteps in career and entered the Pedagogical Institute in Penza. Her elder daughter Olga Georgievna became Chemistry and Biology Teacher, the younger one, Tamara Georgievna, chose teaching of Math.

My mum was in Year 5 when Olga Georgievna started her teaching career at the secondary school in the village of Teshnyar. Her lessons of Biology and Chemistry were amazing. Pupils with Chemistry or Biology textbooks in their hands revising for the lesson in the school corridor were a common sight during the breaks. Olga Georgievna was very strict and demanding. That`s why, all her students did well at school final and entrance exams. My mum, for example, passed her Biology and Chemistry exams with excellent marks.

Olga Georgievna taught not only my mum, but her two brothers, my uncles Alexander and Sergey.

My uncle Alexander remembers that there were lots of troublesome and naughty pupils in his class. Once they even tried to blow up the chemical reagents in Chemistry classroom. At first, Olga Georgievna got very angry but later she forgave them all.



*Two sisters and two teachers: Olga Georgievna and Tamara Georgievna with their pupils*



*Olga Georgievna with pupils*

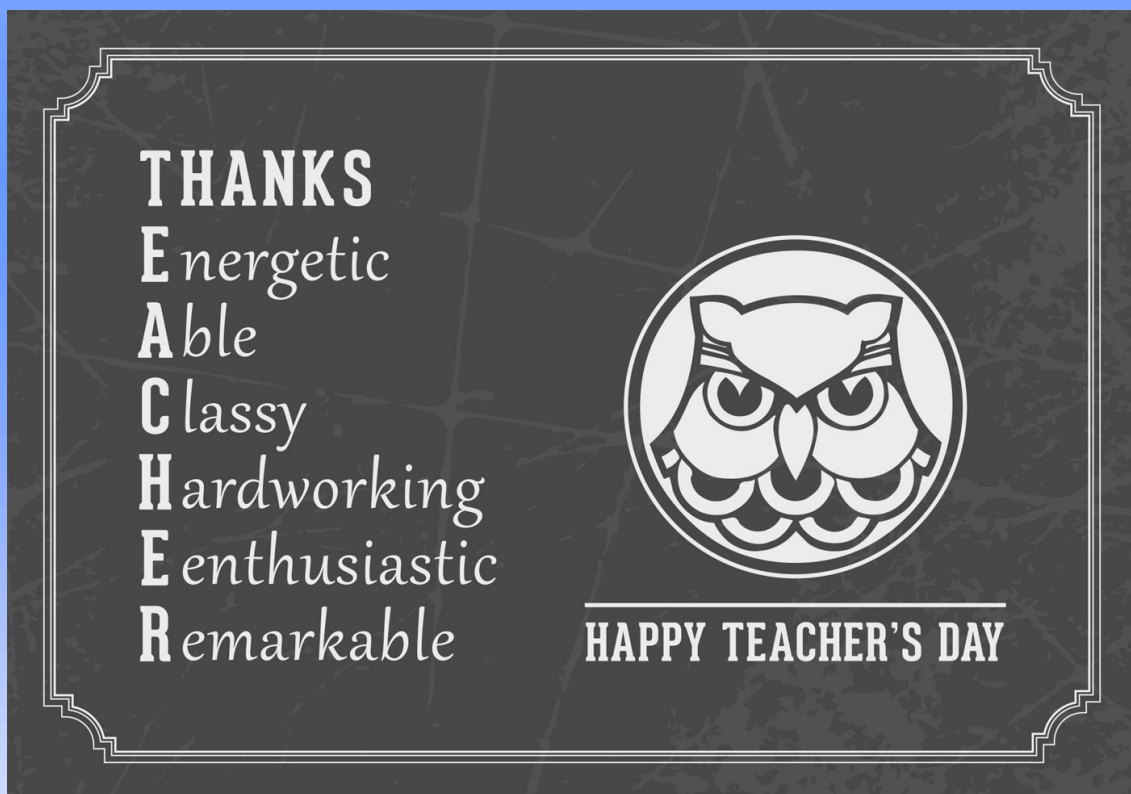


Olga Georgievna remembers that at Teshnyar village school there used to be a beautiful school garden where she cultivated 50 kinds of flowers, various vegetables and orchard trees. All students enjoyed helping her in the garden. She taught them to love Nature, be ecologically-minded people.

Though she retired five years ago, she keeps working as a private teacher. I'm lucky to have her as my private teacher of Chemistry and Biology. Her methods of teaching are brilliant: she can make even the most complicated theory issues understandable for everyone. The most challenging tasks become easier after Olga Georgievna explains them. She knows how to encourage, motivate and inspire her students. Thanks to Olga Georgievna I became the District Biology Olympiad winner last Year. I can assert that she is the Teacher sent by God.

Olga Georgievna worked for 40 years at school: 25 years at school in the village of Teshnyar and 15 years at secondary school in Sosnovoborsk. 30 of her pupils became doctors, teachers of Chemistry and Biology. Many of her students became District and Regional winners of Chemistry and Biology Olympiads.

Olga Georgievna is awarded a title of the «Honorary Worker of the National System of Education». She says that though teaching is not an easy job but she has never regretted choosing this profession. She is sure that devotion to teaching, love for children and professionalism are a key to success.



## MY FIRST TEACHER

My favourite teacher is my mum Yelena Petrovna Biteleva. She is a Dance teacher.

She teaches Dancing at School of Arts. My mum is beautiful and slim. My mum is also my first teacher. She began teaching me dancing when I was 3 years old.

My mum adores Dancing. She is very creative and hard - working. She's got many students . They love her and I love my mum too.



*Yelena Petrovna Biteleva*



*The Academic Dance Ensemble "Zabava" with its Artistic Director Yelena Biteleva at "New Stars" Dancing Contest in Sochi. (May 2017)*

## OPINION

There is an arch-famous Chinese proverb which runs that «Teachers open the door but you must enter by yourself»

But is it wise to fall for an illusion of taking a teacher for your personal underpaid, yet eager, bell-boy who's totally dedicated to one purpose only-to swing the door open wide whenever student approach it.

We asked Nastya Vdovina, a 2017 graduate from school №3, to share her views and comment on the proverb.

Education is one of the most efficient things in our fast-changing mobile world. It demands patience and self-sufficiency. Many people claim that knowledge of a student absolutely depends on a teacher. At the same time there is another opinion that a teacher is just an intermediary between a student and vast opportunities of education. So is it a teacher who is crucial for your education and development or you must get it by yourself?

Teachers, undoubtedly, have a profound effect on a student. First of all, they can calm your fears and worries. Have you not ever been afraid of mockeries, of being bewildered and frustrated while studying? A teacher can help you leave your comfort zone, teach you to fight your battles and face your troubles. Additionally, a teacher can tell you about all ins and outs in various fields of science and art. He or she has endless experience. Knowing different points of view on the same topic, he or she can teach a student respect choices and opinions of others. Consequently, teachers give one opportunities to become an intelligent and perceptive person.

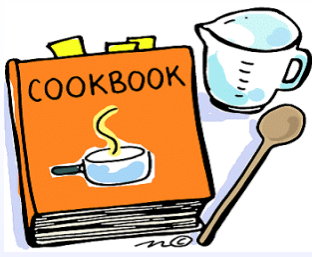
On the other hand, teachers are often accused of being unprofessional when their students do not have all the necessary knowledge. Is it his or her fault that a student does not wish to take what he or she can give? After the teacher has taught you, is it up to you to actually go out and use the knowledge (or face all the negatives from the lack of it) properly. The teacher has opened the door, but only you can take the step in.

To sum up, I would like to highlight that your education and future are in your hands, but you should not ignore the help which is given you by more experienced people, especially teachers.



*Anastasiya Vdovina, second-year student of the Faculty of Oriental and African Studies, Kazan Federal State University.*





## *PANCAKES RECIPE FOR AN AUTUMN DAY*

This pancakes recipe is good for breakfast and brunch .This is a low-calory option that gives healthy fiber you need.

### **Ingredients:**

- 50g self-raising flour
- 50g wholemeal
- 2 small eggs, separated
- 150ml skimmed milk
- berries and low-fat yogurt or fromage frais to serve.

### **Directions:**

1. Sift the flours into a bowl or wide jug and tip any bits in the sieve back into the bowl. Add the egg yolks and a splash of milk then stir to a thick paste. Add the remaining milk a little at a time so you don't make lumps in the batter.
2. Whisk the egg whites until they stand up in stiff peaks, then fold them carefully into the batter – try not to squash out all the air.
3. Heat a non-stick pan over a medium heat and pour in enough batter to make a pancake about 10 cm across. Cook for just under a minute until bubbles begin to pop on the surface and the edges are looking a little dry. Carefully turn the pancake over. If it is a bit wet on top, it may squirt out a little batter as you do so. In that case, leave it on the other side a little longer. Keep warm while you make the remaining pancakes. Serve with your favorite healthy toppings like jam, honey or an ice cream.

