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Dear Parents, Teachers and Child Care Providers,

When you first hold your baby in your arms, this small being is a wonder to behold. What will his life look like? What will she chose to do?

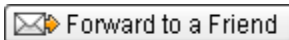
Children come with their own strengths and desires. This month we explore how we influence the legacy our children will ultimately leave.

If you have ideas or stories to share on this, please add them to our [Facebook Page!](#)

Warm Regards,

Kathy Slattengren

P.S. I hope you enjoy this newsletter. Please do me a favor and forward this to a friend who also may enjoy reading it.



What Will Your Children's Legacy Be?

One of the gifts Steve Jobs, co-founder of Apple, left the world was the commencement speech he gave at the [Stanford College graduation in 2005](#). This speech captured the wisdom he had learned from his experiences - wisdom that can help us as parents.

Dreams for Your Children

What dreams do you have for your children? Do you hope that they will one day go to college? Steve Jobs biological mom sure did. She was an unwed college graduate student and decided to have him adopted by college graduates. However, these college graduates wanted a girl not a boy so he ended up being adopted by a mom who had not graduated from college and a dad who had not graduated from high school.

Presentations

Life changing classes for parents of tots, tweens and teens! [Schedule a six week class or one night presentation](#) for your school, business or private home!

Public class:
November 9 7:00 - 8:30
The Wild, Wild Web:
Keeping Your Kids Safe
in the Digital World
[Register today!](#)



Online Classes

Are your kids pushing your buttons? Do you want to see better behavior from them but aren't sure how to get it? Start finding solutions today!

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His biological mom only agreed to sign the adoption papers after the couple agreed they would send Steve to college. Did they keep their promise? Yes. He attended Reed College for six months before deciding the cost of spending his parents' savings wasn't worth it.



Although he dropped out of college, he found a way to attend some of the classes that interested him the most. While he did not attend college in the way his biological mom hoped he would, he did learn what he needed to know to pursue his own dreams.

Your Children's Great Work

What type of work do you hope your children will someday have? Your children are deeply attuned to your desires for them.

While you want only the best for your children, if they pursue your dreams instead of their own dreams they will be on the wrong path. They may end up attending years of schooling to achieve a career only to find out that it isn't their passion.

Some children know what they want to do when they grow up from an early age. However, this is rare. Most follow a more crooked and winding path. There may even be some dead ends along the way.

Steve Jobs spoke about finding what he loved to do early in life. When he began Apple with Steve Wozniak, he was working hard doing something he loved. The company grew to over 4000 employees complete with a Board of Directors. The Board eventually fired Jobs when there was a serious disagreement over future directions.

Although it was devastating for Jobs to be fired from the company he started, he realized he still loved the work. He was also free from the restrictions of a large company and went on to start two new companies, NeXT and Pixar.

His career path had a number of twists along the way. He gave this advice to the Stanford graduates, *"Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it."*

What do your children love to do? What are they good at? Your children will build their lives around their strengths, not their weaknesses. By helping them find their strengths, you're guiding

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[Facebook Tips for Parents](#)



Other Resources



them to finding their great work.

Empowering Your Kids to Live Their Own Brilliant Lives

You may have strong feelings about the type of life you want your children to live. Most parents find it very challenging when their children make decisions that are not in alignment with who they want their children to be.

However, the way your children choose to live out their lives is ultimately best left up to them. Jobs stated it this way, *"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become."*

Your children's lives are a gift. Your guidance will help them unwrap, use and enjoy the gift.

This Month's Challenge: Your Children's Legacy

This month's challenge is to think about your children's strengths. What do you see as each of your children's greatest gifts? How do you think you can help them develop their talents?

Please feel free to share your ideas in our [Facebook page](#).

Last Month's Challenge: Allowing Children to Struggle

Last month you were challenged to think about how your children are currently struggling. What are their greatest challenges? How did you avoid rescuing them?

Upcoming Presentations

Parent Learning Link

Wonderful Wednesdays at Evergreen Hospital in Kirkland

7 to 8:30 PM - \$30/\$50 (pair of parents)

10/12/2011 **Tweens + Sexting - What's Your Plan?** - Amy Lang

10/26/2011 **Power Conversations NOT Power Struggles: Talking to Tweens and Teens** - Margit Crane

11/2/2011 **Parent and Tween Safety Class - Tackle the tween years with safety and confidence together!** - Kim Estes

11/9/2011 **The Wild, Wild Web: Keeping Your Kids Safe in the Digital World** - Kathy Slattenqren

See the [complete schedule and register here](#).

Scheduling a Presentation

Would you like a presentation at your school, company, church or your private home? [Choose the presentation topic](#) then [email us](#) or call 425-770-1629 to schedule it.

Planning a Presentation

Are you responsible for planning parent education events for your school or group? If so, you'll want to check out Parent Learning Link's [Parent Education Event Guide!](#)

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