

JUST A HUMBLE OEUVRE

STRIKING UNDIMINISHED CHORDS 4 KINDRED SPIRITS. THE THOROUGHLY POLITICAL NATURE OF EDUCATION IS OFTEN DENIED. ARTLESS POLITICIANS, PUNDITS, BUSINESS LEADERS, LOBBYISTS AND OTHER TINKERS FRAME THEIR PREFERRED OUTCOMES AS 'COMMON SENSE'. 'COMMON SENSE', UNEXAMINED, HAS WON THE DAY TO THE DETRIMENT OF CHILDREN FOR TOO LONG. TIME TO TALK BACK TO POWER.

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Apologies

New corporate look with pictures of kids I've never seen. More pictures than words. The elevation of images over ideas, of form over content, of style over substance. A perfect inversion of everything that I hope for our students. We'll work on it. Could take awhile. Sorry.

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Great Schooling is Simple

Bad schooling is extremely complex. And legislative attempts to limit the damage done by really bad schooling can make the administration of good schools fairly complex. But at its core, good schooling is simple. Not many moving parts.

Good schools have good teachers. Those teachers are well educated, well housed, well supplied, clear about the purpose of the school and trusted to do their jobs. Simple doesn't mean easy. Good teachers work hard. But they know where they are going and they work without getting sidetracked by every shiny object that comes into their field of vision.

Fostering this sort of simplicity in a society that suffers debilitating addictions to both complexity and immediate gratification is sometimes a challenge. Citizens want systems, programs, acronyms, committees, specialists, guarantees, progress measured on the quarter hour, and frequent numeric representations of the superiority

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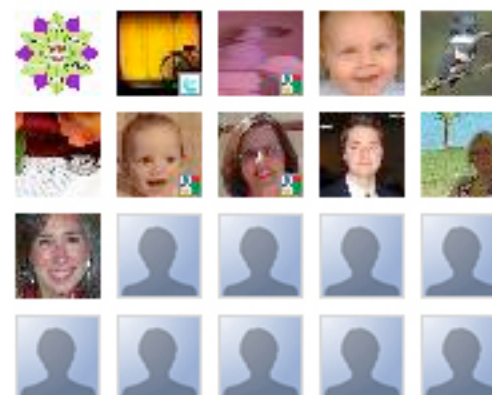
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