

January 9, 2019

Hear ye! Hear ye! To whom it may concern,

I put forth this pen to parchment today with intent to share a moment to come, God willing, on a fanciful journey which started with the Mountain Grove R-III School District, soon to be twenty-five years ago.

I set forth on said journey with intent to bend the world to be a better place for all mankind. To which I believe my course has been held, one student at a time. I am confident that the change has set sail and need not rest at safe harbor. Further more none of said change could have been possible without the help of all those who attended, worked, and cared for the Mountain Grove R-III School District during my journey. To all those I say "Thank you!"

This parchment can not contain the fruit yielded by said journey. To this I shall not cherry pick only a select few of the countless opportunities, blessings, and moments in time for one to grow in character. No, the fruit shall only be enjoyed or shared by participants beyond this parchment.

One of the finest parts of an extraordinary journey is the ending and the final log entry. Only God knows the future and I have been blessed

with many days and my cup runneth over,
hence forth upon completion of the 2018-2019 service
time at the Mountain Grove R-III School District, I
shall close the log book with a final entry on this
splendid adventure.

And with the prophecy of said final log
entry recorded know this, my intent to bend
the world to be a better place shall not rest.
My fire for change has never billowed with such
fury! I say to you "Kindle your fire until your
flame has fury! Never yield when standing for
what is wise and good!" Know that I offer you
hope and confidence that the world can be
bent toward wise and good. Be bold, be
yourself, and be a great American!

Respectfully,

Richard Nelson