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PEARLS FOR PARENTS

Changing the World

A Message to MHS Parents from Pete Hinojosa

Let's face it. Changing the world might have been something we aspired to when we were young and idealistic. Now, as parents of teenagers, we're older, MUCH more realistic, and tired. We'll leave world-changing to Bruce Willis. No, wait. He's into SAVING the world. That's different.

Actually, it isn't. If we're changing the world, we ARE saving it. And the truth is, all of us can do something, no matter how cynical or tired we are. Real world-changing happens in our most common everyday experiences – holding a door, smiling and meaning it, listening carefully, reading a truth, speaking a truth, doing a truth. The power for a ground-swell of change comes when these personal, private moments are multiplied exponentially through a community, a city, a nation.

That's what *Pearls for Parents* is all about. Each week I'll be e-mailing you a short real-life story about topics like Communication that Works, Generating Self-Esteem and the Value of Integrity. These stories will parallel the principles some of your kids are learning in my leadership classes at MHS.

So, make a point each week to read these "pearls", think about them, and then talk with your kids about them. It's not rocket science, but it can change the world . . . one kid, one family, one school at a time.

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