

From the Internet...

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and now things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose. Her mother took her to the kitchen and filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to boil.

In the first she placed carrots in the second she place eggs and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil, without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl.

Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me, what do you see?" Her daughter replied, "Carrots, eggs and coffee." Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell she observed the hard boiled egg. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma.

The daughter then asked "What does it mean, mother?" Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity..... boiling water. Each reacted differently, The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?" Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength? Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and hardened heart? Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. When the hour is the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate yourself to another level? How do you handle adversity? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?

Hall Smarts

by Aaron Dunham

This week a new class competition has been started. This week I asked two Juniors and two Freshman five questions each in the search for the smartest class. The Junior contestants this week were Josh Tucker and Adam Peterson. Representing the Freshman class were Brett Recker and Josh Schindler.

Freshmen Vs. Juniors

1. Spell racecar backwards.

Josh- r-a-c-e-c-a-r

Adam- r-a- I screwed up Already!

Brett- r-a-c-e-c-a-r

Josh S.- r-a-c-e-c-a-r

2. What are the three capitals of New Mexico?

Josh- N and M (That's two thirds of a point)

Adam- New Mexico City (Very Inventive of you)

Brett- Mexico City and Santa Fe (One third of a point)

Josh S.- Mexico State and Albuquerque

Answer: Santa Fe, N, and M (I know, it isn't a fair question)

3. What QB broke Dan Marino's touchdown pass record?

Josh- Brett Farve (Watch Some Football)

Adam- Peyton Manning

Brett- Peyton Manning

Josh S.- Peyton Manning

Answer: Peyton Manning

4. Who was president right before Clinton?

Josh- George H. W. Bush

Adam- Bush

Brett- Reagan

Josh S.- Bush

Answer: George H. W. Bush

5. How many more senators does California have than Iowa?

Josh- 8

Adam- 0

Brett- A lot

Josh S. - 47 (Wow talk about no balance of power)

Answer: 0

The Juniors pull off a close one with 5 and two thirds points, winning by one third of a point. Next week the Sophomores will take on the Seniors in the 2nd battle of the classes.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of JANUARY 24, 2005

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2005

1. HS FFA to Johnston Elementary for PALS - 9:00 AM (Bus Leaves at 8:45 AM)

2. JH Boys Basketball at C.P.U. in Urbana - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:15 PM)

3. HS 9/JV BB - Girls HOME (MS Multipurpose Room) / Boys at E.B. - 6:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 5:20 PM)

4. HS JV/V Wrestling - HOME - C.C. & Ed-Co - 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2005

1. HS Drill Team Practice - MS Multipurpose Room - 5:30 PM

2. HS JV/V BB - Girls HOME / Boys at Cascade - 6:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 5:15 PM)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2005

1. HS Softball Pitching & Catching Practice - HS Gym - 6:30 to 7:45 AM

2. Class Ring Presentation to HS Freshmen - Auditorium - 8:12 AM

3. JH Boys Basketball - HOME - Starmont - 4:00 PM

4. HS JV/V Wrestling at C.P.U. (with Ed-Co) - 6:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 4:15 PM)

5. HS 9/JV BB - Girls HOME / Boys at Alburnett - 6:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 5:15 PM)

6. HS Drill Team Practice - MS Multipurpose Room - 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28 2005

1. HS JV/V Wrestling at C.C. - 5:00 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:30 PM)

2. HS Varsity Girls & Boys Basketball at Alburnett - 6:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 5:00 PM)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2005

1. MV Elementary Basketball League Games - Earlville Elementary Gym - 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM

2. HS Band & Vocal to State Jazz Band Festival in LaPorte City (Bus & Suburban Leave at 6:30 AM)

3. HS JV Girls & Boys - HOME - Marion - 3:00 PM

4. HS V Girls & Boys - HOME - Marion - starts after JV games