



**February 2023**

## Educator Tips

1. Thank every teacher that every taught you.\*
2. Teach routines – sharpening pencils, turning in work, going to the restroom.
3. Model and provide think time.
4. Require writing in all subjects.
5. The person talking is the person learning.\*
6. Teamwork is important.\* Whether for planning or problem solving, collaborate with others.
7. Go to the restroom when you have the chance.
8. Learn how to laugh when you feel like crying.\*
9. Teach and expect students to provide complete answers. One word is not acceptable.
10. Prepare lunches ahead of time – either on the weekend or pack up extras from dinner.

## Mentoring Moment

A young teacher recently decided to resign her teaching position to pursue goals that were outside of the classroom. Her parting email to colleagues imparted wisdom (see Educator Tips above with an \* to benefit from her wisdom) gained from her brief years in teaching. Although not specifically calling it mentoring, she noted, “the way you lift each other up, cheer one another on, and care for each other is remarkable.” This early-career educator recognized an important facet of mentoring. Mentoring does not have to be formal with assigned partnerships or meetings. Mentoring is accomplished in the day-to-day interactions we have in our educational environments. Take the time to support each other in whatever way is most comfortable to you. The rewards will be worth your time.

## Recent Activities

### **DKG International has a new website!**

To improve user experience, the DKG website has undergone a makeover, but still provides the many resources and information necessary to members. Please be patient as you negotiate the website to find your favorite sites. Try it out today! Remember, you can always ask for help on the Chat feature located in the lower right hand corner during work hours.



**Partners and Projects** – Kappa chapter in Sheridan, Wyoming partnered with the National Honor Society of Sheridan High School and Rooted in Wyoming to winterize one of the local community gardens. Who have your chapters partnered with recently? Contact your regional EEC committee representative to share your story.

## Global Fact



### Did you know.....?

Since 1997, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has supported UNICEF's work around the globe.

In partnership with UNICEF, **Schools for Africa** became the Society's first official international project in 2010

## EEC Booklist

When you don't have time to read a book, how about listening to a podcast? Podcasts have exploded since their inception in 2004. Podcasts are versatile and convenient. You can listen as you walk the dog, do the dishes, or drive to school. Topics are as varied as your interests. Of course, the field of education has a whole list of podcasts that can enlighten and inform. Ask your colleagues for recommendations and share those with our EEC committee.

One recommendation to a podcast series is Hidden Brain. As described on their website, "**Hidden Brain** explores the unconscious patterns that drive human behavior and questions that lie at the heart of our complex and changing world". Executive director and host, Shankar Vedantam has been reporting on human behavior and social science research for more than 25 years. With a total of 431 episodes, you are sure to find many that capture your attention.

## Featured Blogs and Articles

Is Empathy the Key to Effective Teaching?  
Engaging and Retaining Members Through Mentoring  
Why is Training so Important?

If any of those titles interest you, then you need to read the blogs posted by these closely related committees: EEC, Leadership Development and Membership/Expansion. The work of these three committees relies on the success of each other. The blogs noted above give you timely information that guides your work and that of each chapter's EEC chair. These short missives provide plenty of points for discussion and relevancy to members.

Find these blogs and others equally as informative on the new website [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) under the "DKGIEF" tab.

## Contact Information

DKG International website: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

Committee members' names and emails.

Bianchinetta Benavides-Segura (SW)	<a href="mailto:bianchi.benavides@gmail.com">bianchi.benavides@gmail.com</a>
Marsha Brewer (SE)	<a href="mailto:gnash81@comcast.net">gnash81@comcast.net</a>
LaVonne Chaney (NE)	<a href="mailto:lavonnec45@gmail.com">lavonnec45@gmail.com</a>
Yvonne Gatley (Ch, NW)	<a href="mailto:yvonne.gatley@wyo4life.net">yvonne.gatley@wyo4life.net</a>
Debbie LeBlanc (IP, NE)	<a href="mailto:debbiel@dkg.org">debbiel@dkg.org</a>
Kaija Teikari (EU)	<a href="mailto:teikarikaija@gmail.com">teikarikaija@gmail.com</a>
Eileen Venezia (UN, NE)	<a href="mailto:evap114@aol.com">evap114@aol.com</a>
Trish Woodley (Liaison, SW)	<a href="mailto:trishw@dkg.org">trishw@dkg.org</a>

