

Dear Parents,

Now that your child has shared his/her learning process and achievements with you, please take a few moments to complete this mystery optional “homework assignment.” When you have it completed, mail it back to school in the envelope provided. To help us better sort these, please write your child’s name on the front of the envelope. We would like to have these all opened on the same day, so please mail yours so it arrives in time for our May 1st celebration called *Pennies From Heaven*.



Does your teenager have selective listening? Are there times when you want to have a “heart-to-heart” conversation and the lines of communication clearly aren’t optimal? Here’s your chance to give some positive advice especially since this is a milestone in your teenager’s school career. Even though there isn’t an official 8th grade graduation, your son/daughter is moving onto high school after being your “kid” for the last nine years in school. Adulthood is right around the corner. This is a time to celebrate accomplishments and, at the same time, look toward the future.



Please give your teenager your “two cents worth” by giving him/her your best pieces of advice or wisdom. Use a piece of decorative stationary or even just a plain sheet of notebook paper. Glue two pennies somewhere obvious and use the title: *My Two Cents Worth!* Then have some fun. Write down those pearls of wisdom that have been welling up in you over the years or consider giving one poignant piece of advice that can positively help shape your teenager’s future. You might even try to make the pennies themselves significant. Perhaps you can find pennies dated the year your son/daughter was born, or maybe you can find a 2005 and a 2006 penny to represent the 8th grade year. The important thing is to give a positive, lasting memory to your child. This will be a gift that will be remembered for a long time to come.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this optional “homework assignment.” Please keep this a secret. We want this to come as a complete surprise to the students on May 1st.

Sincerely,

Neon Team Teachers