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A Letter from the Founder of The Kindest School

Dear Parents and Educators of the Kindest Generation,

First of all, thank you for your interest in The Kindest School. As a lifelong learner and educator, one of my ambitions was to make a larger impact on education, and I am proud to announce the launch of our online textbook for the 21st century learner, The Kindest Generation.

My 18+ year career started in 2000 at a rural elementary school before moving toward making a difference in the lives of those in the inner-city of Jacksonville, Florida. As laws kept changing to take academic freedom away from the teachers, I grew disenfranchised with the entire system. I was tired of being told to tell kids WHAT to think, instead of doing my job and teaching them HOW to think.

I decided that my next chapter in education had to take me far away from the American public education system as I could get. As I looked for new ways to reinvent my teaching style and methods, I helped develop the Elementary School curriculum at Korea International School, Jeju, where I would win the Faculty Global Leader twice in my time there. I ended up spending over six years at international schools in South Korea and Azerbaijan, where I learned about how education differed on a global scale. My time abroad would inspire my passion for both learning and educating.

I learned along the way that there is a major struggle happening in schools between keeping traditional education or transitioning to the 21st century. I

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recognized that education needed a change, and for once, it's time to give the teachers a voice in how our kids are educated, not legislators who have never taught in a school before.

As a teacher, I focused on creating KIND students, and that led to the four thematic units of the Kindest Generation textbook. Since 2014, I've been working to develop a program that would give power of education back to the parents, the educator, and the student. You will not find political influence or traditional curriculum at The Kindest School. It's my goal to make learning customizable, based on the wants and needs of each individual learner.

As I've continued to learn in this role, I started to realize that what wasn't possible 5 years ago in education, is now possible. Driven to make a change in education, I retired from the classroom to found The Kindest School on November 1, 2019, a revolutionary approach to how we educate the Kindest Generation in the home.

Learning shouldn't be expensive. That's why I am making the Kindest Generation, our paperless, multilingual textbook for 21st century educators, available for \$1 a year to PTAs, with an option to also bring Kindest Generation lessons to teachers at the click of a button.

Kindly,

Brian Tupper

Founder, The Kindest School

Author, Kindest Generation



Four KIND Thematic Units

K – Knowledge is Power:

In today's digital society, information is everywhere. We aim to motivate students to seek the right information to cultivate thought and to take action. These lessons challenge students to think critically about issues that affect their day-to-day lives as well as their future. Being well informed and seeking out the facts are essential steps in becoming more knowledgeable about important topics that are affecting today's society.

**KNOWLEDGE
IS POWER**

I – Inspire Others:

Making the world a better place starts with simple, individual acts. Those acts can be ordinary or extraordinary and can inspire one person or many. Heroes inspire others to do wonderful things and follow in their lead. These lessons focus on people from average citizens to famous icons who have inspired others to make a positive change in the world.

**INSPIRE
OTHERS**

N – Never Give Up:

Persistence is an essential attribute of a successful person. We believe in cultivating a “growth mindset” in children, so that they realize it is common to struggle with a concept or issue at school, in peer situations and in everyday life. Neurological research supports that the brain is very much like a muscle and needs exercise to grow. As such, it is not only okay for students to have a productive struggle while learning, but it is at those times when they are learning the most. To overcome these struggles, children need to learn determination, to believe in themselves and in the “power of yet,” and to never give up.



D – Diversity is Strength:

At a time where the media sensationalizes division and inequality, we hope to bring lessons to our youth proving that the greatest strength of our nation, and this planet, is our collective diversity. No child should feel inferior or superior to another, regardless of race, religion, gender or social status. These lessons spotlight diverse leaders and amazing stories from people of all backgrounds who have championed the fight for justice, equality and kindness.





KINDEST GENERATION AT HOME



Kindest Generation at Home

**English Lessons for At-Home Learners
Make Screen Time, Learning Time**

Kindest Generation is an interactive, multilingual textbook designed for at-home learning. Our online textbook features engaging and inspiring lessons that give parents the opportunity to make screen time, learning time for their children. The Kindest Generation's curriculum aligns under four thematic units derived from the

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acronym, KIND: Knowledge is Power, Inspire Others, Never Give Up, Diversity is Strength.

All of our lessons are readily accessible from any device, and promote positive social and emotional behaviors. They also support English language development.

Here are just some of the benefits of using The Kindest Generation at home!

- Our lessons focus on positive people and their inspiring stories.
- Our lessons focus on human rights and climate science, two pressing issues that the Kindest Generation will face in their future.
- Our KIND lessons have all activities translated into Spanish, Korean, Mandarin, and Thai. (More to come!)
- Our lessons are highly engaging, with a focus on current events and relevant stories.
- Learners get instant feedback on quizzes.
- Great for working cooperatively, with a parent, or with a tutor.
- Most of our lessons use Newsela, which allows the reader to choose their reading level.
- Our lessons are crafted using the latest in education technology, including Nearpod, Quizlet, Newsela, and Quizzizz.
- All lessons are created or approved by an award-winning international educator and Nearpod PioNear.





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IN THE CLASSROOM



Kindest Generation in the Classroom

Ready-to-Teach ELA Lessons for Educators
Teach the Kindest Generation

Kindest Generation is an interactive, multilingual textbook designed to benefit both 21st century learners and educators. This online textbook features current and relevant topics that align under four thematic units (Knowledge is Power, Inspire Others, Never Give Up, Diversity is Strength).

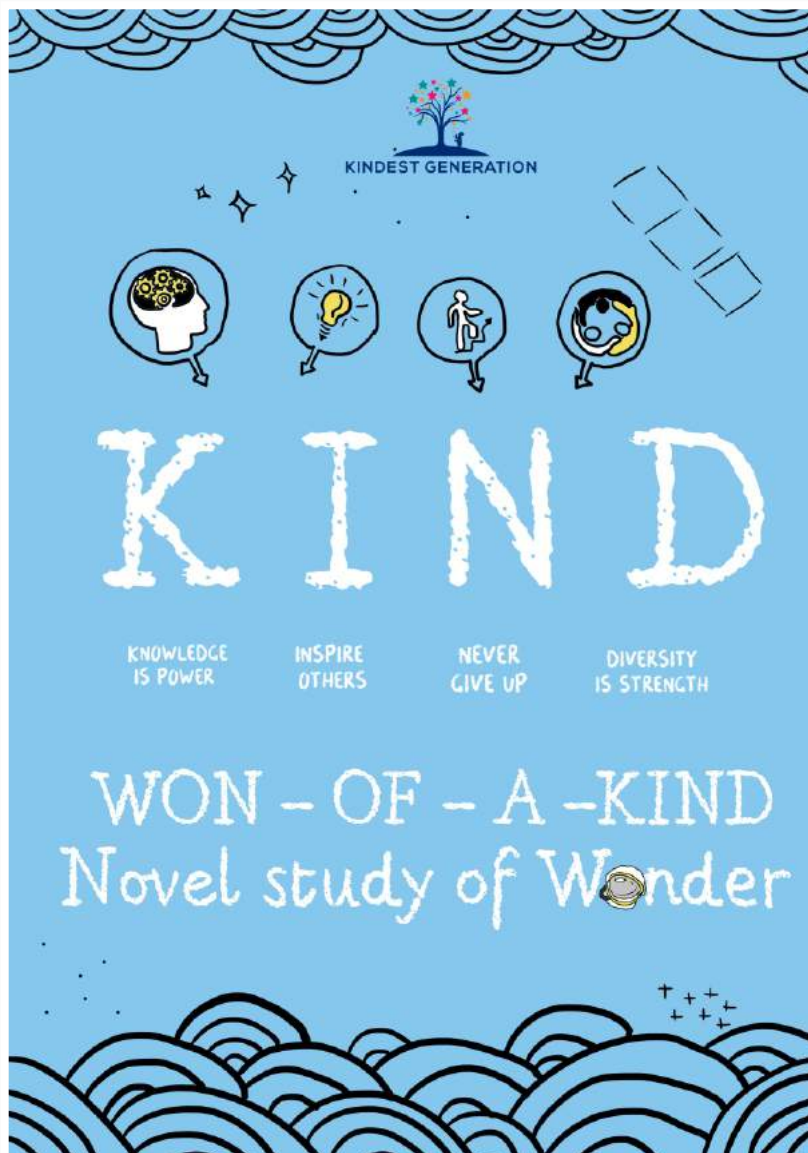
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- Learners get a reading program that's high interest, engaging, and focused on inspiring stories and important issues that are relevant to their lives.
- Teachers get lessons designed by an award-winning international school teacher that help support their ELL learners while integrating social-emotional learning into their ELA programs.
- Each lesson from the Kindest Generation textbook is environmentally friendly, helping educators transition to paperless classrooms.
- Kindest Generation translates the directions for each activity into multiple languages in order to support English language learners.
- Kindest Generation uses Nearpod to integrate Quizlet, Newsela, and Quizziz to maximize student engagement.

Check out the FAQ section to learn more about using Kindest Generation in the classroom.



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The Kindest School is proud to present our #WonOfAKIND novel study, designed to be a 21st century reading companion to R.J. Palacio's novel, Wonder.

Educators can download all lessons into their Nearpod library and use it with their class in seconds. This completely paperless, Won-of-a-KIND novel study contains 22 interactive, ready-to-teach Nearpod lessons and 8 assessments for each part of the novel. Teachers will also receive our World of Wonders lesson from our KIND collection of non-fiction lessons. (March 2019)

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Each lesson has:

- Vocabulary terms taken from The Kindest School's Premium Content Quizlet sets
- A self-graded quiz with open-ended questions to check comprehension
- A fill-in-the blank activity to help summarize what has been read
- A empathy reflection piece where learners will "tweet" on a class collaboration board from the point of view of the narrator

Most lessons have:

- A Venn diagram draw-it activity to compare and contrast the film and the book
- A character traits predictions and reflection piece on many of the main characters
- Open-ended reflection questions about social issues that arise in the book

This Won-of-a-KIND novel study was recently discovered by Quizlet, who subsequently made The Kindest School one of Quizlet's first "Premium Content Partners!" The Kindest School's premium Quizlet content contains 600 unique terms with parts of speech and images, including pop-culture references and idioms, as well as 75 multiple choice reading comprehension questions.





AFTERCLASS



Kindest Generation After Class

**Online English Lessons PLUS
Academic Coaching**

AfterClass is a new educational program that blends interactive English classes, academic coaching, and independent learning opportunities from the top educational resources available today. It is structured using the four thematic units and uses education to inspire kindness, compassion, empathy, and a growth mindset while enhancing 21st century skills and competencies.

Knowledge is Power

AfterClass helps learners set realistic learning goals and provides parents with monthly reports detailing data collected from the most effective resources available in education today. We also provide our learners with a variety of independent learning activities that focus on reading, math, health and wellness, computer science, and digital citizenship.

Inspire Others

Mondays through Thursdays, AfterClass provides online English lessons with one of our certified educators. Using the interactive Kindest Generation curriculum, we engage learners with positive stories of compassion and kindness, inspiring people, and important issues that are relevant to them and their future, such as climate science and human rights.

Never Give Up

AfterClass helps students develop a growth mindset and gives them an opportunity to learn at a pace that is comfortable for them. Whether it's learning a new language or learning computer science, there will be struggles along the way, and our educators will be there to help our learners continue to build on both their successes and their failures.

Diversity is Strength

In addition to using the Kindest Generation's curriculum, which is designed to support English language learners with lessons translated into multiple languages, The Kindest School will sponsor a child in a developing country for every cohort that fills up. Learners will take part in a letter writing campaign to help develop a sense of empathy and an understanding of the strength in diversity.





Independent Learning Opportunities

The Kindest School's Google Classroom

In addition to gaining access to the Kindest Generation at home, the basic AfterClass program consists of giving the learner access to our Google Classroom AfterClass program. Here, our learners will find a compilation of some of the best educational resources available on the web, including AfterClasses on:

- Current events
- Grade specific math activities
- Digital citizenship
- Health and wellness activities
- Grammar lessons
- Civics lessons
- Foreign languages

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This is a great program for families who want freedom and flexibility, but also wish to have an affordable online curriculum that is up to date and a multitude of options for learning at home.

AfterClass Live

Nonfiction English Lessons, Book Club, and Academic Coaching

AfterClass Live - Book Club and Academic Coaching

- Kindest Generation at Home
- The Kindest School's Google Classroom
- Academic Coaching for Khan Academy and Code.org
- 16 Live English lessons a month using our Kindest Generation nonfiction lessons and novel studies (with weekly reports)
- The Kindest Readers Program (with monthly reports)

Along with access to the Kindest Generation at Home and The Kindest School's Google AfterClass(room), AfterClass Live allows for live, online educator-learner interaction and academic coaching. Reading with your child is important, but sometimes, parents just don't have the time. Let us help you!

Four times a week, one of our educators will lead a live, online book club using the Kindest Generation novel studies or our Kindest Generation English curriculum. Two of the lessons will focus on nonfiction reading from our Kindest Generation at home library, while two of the lesson will focus on children's literature. Our first novel study will be our Won-of-a-KIND novel study of Wonder. The Kindest School was chosen by Quizlet to be a Premium Content Partner to develop their supplemental content for Wonder.



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Each week, parents will receive reports detailing every response to every question from AfterClass Live. Our team of educators will monitor their progress for The Kindest School's computer science course, developed by Code.org.

In addition, our learners will get the benefit of joining our Kindest Readers Program, which provides monthly progress reports on a learner's nonfiction and fiction reading levels. They will also gain access to The Kindest School's Khan Academy math and grammar courses, where students will receive monthly, individual recommendations.

In all, our learners will meet in AfterClass a total of 16 times each month (Monday-Thursday) at less than \$10/lesson, making AfterClass one of the more affordable programs for online English available.





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The Kindest Mission

The Kindest School is a revolutionary way to educate in the 21st century. In September 2019, our first class will launch with students who are ready to use a new approach to learning at home, a style which we call “customizable education.” Online learning has changed how adults learn, and now The Kindest School looks to bring this learning shift to students of all ages. Learners around the world will have the opportunity to earn an education from an accredited virtual school.

The Kindest Model

Education is not a "one-size-fits-all" model. Each learner is unique, has their own personal interests and strengths. The Kindest School recognizes this, and we want to help our students flourish with a holistic approach to education that focuses on building a growth mindset, empathy, and a sense of service to their community. Our model of education takes government, its unhealthy obsession with grades and standardized testing, and all their roadblocks for learning and replaces them with the people who care most about the individual child: their family. The Kindest School uses our AfterClass program throughout the school week, during normal school hours. However, we build 4 hours into each school week to focus on service and helping others.



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Student Centered

Our educators will determine where each student would like to improve and use the Teachable Affiliate Program to recommend online classes to students to help them become better learners in areas of interest. Our learners will be given multiple recommendations on what they'd like to learn online, and from whom. Where as a traditional school would offer 20-30 electives, we are offering tens of thousands of choices. All of this learning will culminate, not in report cards, but in a learning portfolio that shows growth and service, along with data driven reading and math results, and live English lessons four times a week.

Growth Focused

The Kindest School focuses on the belief that, if you practice a growth mindset, empathize with others, and lend a helping hand in the community, you will be a far more productive member of our global society than the ones who can score higher on a standardized state test. Hence, there will be no grades given to our learners...only data shared between parent, educator, and learner. We will not have report cards, rather students will be able to show their academic achievement through their online learning portfolio, which is what higher education learning institutions are prioritizing over traditional report cards.



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Zero-Tolerance Policy

Lastly, and probably most importantly, The Kindest School has a ZERO-TOLERANCE policy for bullying. If your child is being bullied by another member of the Kindest School, a screenshot of the incident is all we need to launch an investigation. If it found that a member of The Kindest School is bullying, they will immediately be removed from the program for a minimum of one year. After this time, they will need to apply for reinstatement. A second offense will lead to immediate expulsion. Bullying is an epidemic, not just in America, but around the world as well, and it will not be tolerated. Our mission is to give students a place to learn that is free of fear and full of kindness.

Approved and Accredited

I have shared these ideas with the academic accreditation agency, AdvancED, which helps to maintain the high academic standards of over 36,000 educational institutions worldwide. They have given me the green light to open my virtual doors in September of 2019.

For more information, contact teachkindness@kindestgeneration.com to receive an enrollment application for September 2019.

