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Parental Wisdom – Emails

You Can Be Anything You Want To Be

Question: What is the best time of year to think about your child's education?

Answer: When the school year ends.

From the time children can understand, parents will say, "You can be anything you want to be." They sincerely mean it, but life happens when you're busy making other plans. Before we know it, our little 'want to be' cowboys and ballerinas are choosing a college, a major and deciding what they want to do for the rest of their lives.

Where college used to be about learning the possibilities, today's exorbitant cost rules out testing the waters. If you really want to help your children find their passion in life, don't expect to drop them off in kindergarten and pick them up in thirteen years ready for life.

With more white space on our calendars, the summer is the perfect time to connect with your child and help explore their passion. Don't think of this as added pressure to learn what they want to do, but rather an opportunity to determine what they *don't* want to be. How sad when a first year medical student returns home because he realizes that he can't stand the sight of blood.

Thanks to [Dr. Rob Gilbert](#) for sharing this [video](#) illustrating the need for us to trust a child's creative process. As if you needed additional motivation after watching the video, visit Parental Wisdom Free Reports and select Project Imagine!®.

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-Confucius