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THIS MONTH'S INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES!

"Your hardest times often lead to the greatest moments of your life. Keep the faith. It will all be worth it in the end."

-Anonymous



"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on."

-Robert Frost

"Not all who wander are lost."

-J.R.R. Tolkien

POLLS AND QUIZZZ

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The Diamond: April's Birthstone

By: Kirthana Golla

The birthstone for the month of April is the diamond. Diamonds are a symbol of eternal love, and for those who wear them, they are thought to provide them with better balance, clarity, abundance, and an increase in inner strength. Diamonds are also a symbol of clarity and strength. Diamonds are the most popular gemstone worldwide and the

prices vary according to their carat weight, clarity, color, and cut. Although they are often colorless, diamonds come in a variety of colors: yellow, brown, red, or green. They can be pale or intense, and the more saturated the hue, the more valuable the stone. Jewelry containing a diamond is also given to celebrate



10th, 60th, and 75th wedding anniversaries. The birthstone is clear or white which represents the transparency of diamonds. Diamond is entirely made of carbon and is the hardest natural material known to man. (["April Birthstone Color and Flower & more April Birthday ..."](#)) The diamond is also one of the zodiac birthstones for the zodiac sign Aries.

- In Sanskrit, the diamond is called "vajra," which also means lightning. (["April Birthstone: The Diamond | Symbolism and Fun Facts ..."](#)) In Hindu mythology, vajra was the weapon of Indra, the king of gods.

- The largest known diamond is 2,500 miles wide and weighs approximately 10 billion trillion carats.

- The diamond, composed solely of carbon, is the hardest gemstone and can be cut only by another diamond. Diamonds form about 90 miles deep

in Earth, at tremendous pressure. ([“April Birthstone: The Diamond | Symbolism and Fun Facts ...”](#))

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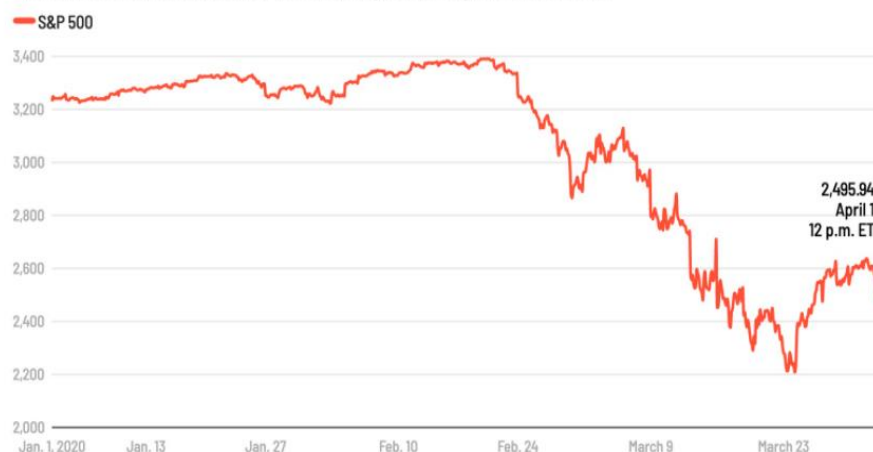
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STOCK TRENDS APRIL

Nathaniel Dsilva

The S&P 500 is giving back recent gains

Wall Street's broadest index has had a brutal year, having fallen 20% so far.



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In the Elevator with Dr. Looney

An INTERVIEW WITH DR. LOONEY

Interviewed and written by Nathaniel Dsilva

What is your favorite food?

I love the taste of a steak grilled on an open flame to a medium-rare temperature.

What is your favorite singer/band?

"I love listening to music and have many favorite artists. Enrique Iglesias, Lionel Richie, and Garth Brooks are on my go-to playlist. Similarly, I enjoy listening to many bands from a variety of genres but gravitate toward sounds from the likes of Hootie & The Blowfish, Guns N' Roses, and Chicago."

What is your favorite book or genre?

"My favorite children's book is entitled, *Skinny-bones*, by Barbara Parks. It can typically be found in the historical fiction, and biographies sections of a library."

Do you have a life lesson learned due to the pandemic that you would like to share?

"The pandemic has taught me how important it is to truly listen to and respect the perspectives of others during these challenging times while staying true to the mission of the organization."

What do you think is the most important thing for students to do at school?

"I understand that school can be monotonous for many students. It is an imperfect and messy social experiment. However, as a whole school is a perfect place to learn from failures, celebrate achievements, and to expand one's knowledge of self and others."

Do you have anything you would like to say to your students?

"Stay committed to the path leading to your North Star. Learn to walk, run, and skip along the way while being kind and honest, but do not stray too far from your path. Know that we all stumble sometimes. A scratch here, a bruise there and a little dirt is good for the soul and will keep you honest."

The exchange is over

Red Riding Hood

(from the wolf's perspective)

By Caroline Netto

I was just minding my own business in my house making veggie stew, then I hear footsteps and joyful singing. I step outside to look, and I see a plump little girl with a basket of goodies. I licked my lips and I decided to talk to her.

"Hello, where are you headed today my plump, I mean delicious, I mean little girl with delicious bread?" I asked rushed to correct myself.

"I am Red Riding Hood. I shall head to Grandmother's house just down the path to the little cottage with the straw, sticks, and bricks she got from those 3 odd-looking pigs. She is ill and mother told me to bring this to her."

I remembered those 3 little pigs. These pigs were driving their mom nuts and my brother helped to get rid of them, but I will tell you later.

"I shall join you; I am off to head in that direction."

"Okay, then Mr. Wolf."

I headed down the path with her where I had a plan laid out in my head.

"I know a place for gorgeous flowers to pick," I spoke.

"Mother said not to stray from the path. But... I guess Grandmother would like a few flowers for her vase at her home."

"It is just this way..." Leading her away from the path.

"I think that those over there would be perfect for your granny," I said pointing in the distance.

"Okay!" She said running off into the distance. I ran away while she was not looking. She was clearly not very smart.

I ran to her Grandma's house. I ran the whole way without stopping because was hungry. I went into the house she must have known that Red Riding Hood was going to come because the front door was unlocked. I was expecting to find a frail old lady, but she was very plump, and her shirt rose because of her stomach. I decided since I did not bring my recipe book, Oh! How I would have loved some Plump Lady Soup, I just gobbled her whole.

I got dressed in her granny's clothes and put her glasses on. That old lady stunk! It smelled like scones lathered in old lady perfume. (pumpkin spice to be exact)

Knock *Knock* *Knock* Ugh. It was the annoying granddaughter.

"Come in sweetie!" I said in a raspy voice.

"I brought you flowers, I'll put them in a flower vase over here Granny."

"Okay. Thank you darling."

"My Granny, what big eyes you have!"

"Better to see you with!"

"My Granny what big ears you have!"

"Better to hear you with."

"What big eyes oh I already said that... they are just so big! They are like a wolf's eyes! But, OH MY what big mouth you have!!!"

"Better to eat you with!"

Let us pause before you think once it is not my fault, she never let me have a slice of bread or fruit or cake or and other of that Mary Poppins basket. OK continue. Again, let us understand, it was not **MY** fault that I was hungry. Okay maybe it was that boy I ate yesterday he was still crying wolf all the way down.

I then pounced on her and her cape and all. Oops, I knocked over a lampshade that was so loud. I still wanted more. So, then when a lumberjack hearing me knock over that embroidered lampshade came and tried to kill me, I was offended. He was wearing my brother (the one who ate/nicely devoured the three little pigs), no wonder he disappeared for so long.

"Grr." I pounced and then ate him to right there on the spot. Then, I went home and put my glasses on and wrote down a recipe for Granny, Granddaughter, and Lumberjack stew...

Did you know?

The Titanic sank on April 15th, 1912

On April 19th, 1775, the Revolutionary War began

April 24th, 1800, President John Adams approved the \$5,000 for the purchase of books for the Library of Congress

George Washington was inaugurated on April 30, 1789

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