
what's up doc?



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Hello, Everyone:

Well, with Thanksgiving coming in two days, this is a short week, and this will be an early, and short, WUD message. Can't have a holiday about gratitude without expressing my gratitude to all of you for all you do, and all the things we have to be grateful for.

Many of you will be working on Thursday, instead of being at home with your families and friends. I'm thankful for those of you who spend your holidays working at Bridge City, Jetson and Swanson, taking care of our kids and helping them to have a nice Thanksgiving, away from their own families. We know that often our staff is the only "family" that some of our youth will see during the holidays (and the rest of the year as well) and I thank you for all that you do for them, daily, and especially during the holidays. What a blessing you are.

I'm thankful for the PPOs and Field Staff who never seem to rest in your efforts to help our kids under supervision, as well as their families, and the less fortunate throughout our communities. You never seem to stop, and you are a blessing to our youth, our communities and our agency.

Speaking of blessings, I believe our OJJ kids are blessed to have the secure care staff, educators, PPOs and administrative staff throughout this agency, all looking after them. It's a blessing to have a second chance, but to have all of you helping them to change their lives and become productive citizens, is nothing short of phenomenal.

I'm thankful for those of you who invite "strays" to your family gatherings – we all know someone who just can't make it home for the holiday. I don't know if you have ever been in that situation, but I have, and let me tell you, it's a blessing to have a co-worker or friend take you in for the holiday.

I'll close with my wish for each and every one of you in every OJJ location to enjoy a Thanksgiving holiday full of contentment, with those you love, with my thanks to you all for all that you do, on holidays and every day, to meet the mission.

Sincerely,
"Doc"

Dr. Mary Livers

P.S. – Be thankful for modern medicine and the flu vaccine. I neglected to get my shot this fall and I'm paying the price with a nasty case of the flu. I'm thankful for warm beds and good doctors. It's not too late to get your flu shot if you have not done so. Most big pharmacies offer them with no appointment needed, and insurance covers the modest cost. Please get your shot and avoid spending your day (any day) in bed.

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