



FROM PINS TO PEN . . . AS I SEE IT!

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In America only one in eight of the country's forty-eight million children between the ages of 5 and 18 participate in organized after-school activities. Just one in eight that are part of supervised programs, be they art, science or athletic in nature. One in eight!

Somehow that just seems to me, well, somehow frightening. No wonder America has so many out of shape and overly shaped children. And what are the other seven doing while Mom and Dad are working? Where are those children going to learn the importance of things like

integrity, determination or persistence if not in a structured after-school program? They certainly aren't taught in Biology or Algebra but they are part of most things that happen between 3:00 and 6:00 PM.

This is all so frustrating. For me, I couldn't wait for the final bell of the day to