



## What is a Momism?

Do you remember your mother pulling out a crumpled tissue from her pocket, drenching it with saliva and wiping your face? Worse than that - maybe she would just skip the tissue and lick her finger.

It's a memory most (if not all) of us have. In addition to her royal blue velour housecoat and flowered nightgown, we remember many things about our moms. Most notably might be her words of wisdom.

And so, as a tribute to Moms everywhere, we are proud to use those words, otherwise known as Momisms, to advertise Palmerton Telephone's products and services throughout the year. If you've seen the latest flyers, you know how eye catching they can be.

### MOMISMS GAVE US THE KNOWLEDGE WE NEED FOR LIFE.

#### KUDOS TO THE UNKNOWN AUTHOR OF THIS POPULAR WIDESPREAD E-MAIL THAT SUMS IT UP THE BEST:

**MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.**

*"IF YOU'RE GOING TO KILL EACH OTHER, DO IT OUTSIDE. I JUST FINISHED CLEANING."*

**MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME RELIGION.**

*"YOU BETTER PRAY THAT WILL COME OUT OF THE CARPET."*

**MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME ABOUT TIME TRAVEL.**

*"IF YOU DON'T STRAIGHTEN UP, I'M GOING TO KNOCK YOU INTO THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK!"*

**MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME LOGIC.**

*"BECAUSE I SAID SO, THAT'S WHY."*

**MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME MORE LOGIC.**

*"IF YOU FALL OUT OF THAT SWING AND BREAK YOUR NECK, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO THE STORE WITH ME."*

**MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME FORESIGHT.**

*"MAKE SURE YOU WEAR CLEAN UNDERWEAR IN CASE YOU'RE IN AN ACCIDENT."*

**MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME IRONY.**

*"KEEP CRYING AND I'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO CRY ABOUT."*

**MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME ABOUT THE SCIENCE OF OSMOSIS.**

*"SHUT YOUR MOUTH AND EAT YOUR SUPPER."*

**MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME ABOUT CONTORTIONISM.**

*"WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT DIRT ON THE BACK OF YOUR NECK?"*

**MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME ABOUT STAMINA.**

*"YOU'LL SIT THERE UNTIL ALL THAT SPINACH IS GONE."*

**MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME ABOUT WEATHER.**

*"THIS ROOM OF YOURS LOOKS AS IF A TORNADO WENT THROUGH IT."*

**MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME ABOUT HYPOCRISY.**

*"IF I TOLD YOU ONCE, I'VE TOLD YOU A MILLION TIMES. DON'T EXAGGERATE!"*

**MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME THE CIRCLE OF LIFE.**

*"I BROUGHT YOU INTO THIS WORLD, AND I CAN TAKE YOU OUT."*

**MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME ABOUT ANTICIPATION.**

*"JUST WAIT UNTIL WE GET HOME."*

**MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME MEDICAL SCIENCE.**

*"IF YOU DON'T STOP CROSSING YOUR EYES, THEY ARE GOING TO FREEZE THAT WAY."*

**MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME GENETICS.**

*"YOU'RE JUST LIKE YOUR FATHER."*

**MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME ABOUT MY ROOTS.**

*"SHUT THAT DOOR BEHIND YOU. DO YOU THINK YOU WERE BORN IN A BARN?"*

**MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME PATIENCE.**

*"SURE, YOU CAN DO THAT. AS SOON AS YOU'RE 21 AND LEAVE THE HOUSE!"*

**MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME ESP.**

*"PUT YOUR SWEATER ON; DON'T YOU THINK THAT I KNOW WHEN YOU'RE COLD?"*

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## Phone Numbers

**Customer Service**

610-826-6650

**Business Office**

610-826-2115

**Repair Service**

610-826-3444

**Gilbert Office**

610-826-9321

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# From the Manager's Desk...

Do you know that  
Palmerton Telephone  
has been serving the  
area since 1900?

## A FRIENDLY REMINDER

About a year ago, we began to offer a new service, a bundle of features and a calling plan featuring free calling to any point in the continental U.S.-all for \$39.99 per month. We named it the Val-YOU Package. This has become a very popular service with over 15% of our residential customers subscribing to it. In today's world, with some families spread out all over the country, it's a great way to keep in touch without breaking your budget. However, there have been two notable problems.

Since we "buy" long distance service from a larger carrier and "sell" it to you, we have to pay our bill on time. We expect the same thing of you. Our tariff states, and we tell the customer at signup, that your bill must be paid by the 20th of the month or you go back to paying for your long distance service by the minute. Most of our customers pay on time, but a few who

do not, get very surprised and angry when we enforce the guidelines.

Another provision of this service says that you are not allowed to use the long distance feature to call Internet service providers. Several customers thought we didn't mean what we said and were surprised when they got a letter from us telling them to stop doing this. We are checking and we will follow through.

We took a calculated risk in offering this service and as long as we all play by the rules, everything works well. You get a bargain and we make a little money.

Sincerely,

*Tom Lager*

General Manager  
Palmerton Telephone Company

## Momisms...continued from page 1.

### MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME TO MEET A CHALLENGE.

"WHAT WERE YOU THINKING? ANSWER ME WHEN I TALK TO YOU... DON'T TALK BACK TO ME!"

### MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME HUMOR.

"WHEN THAT LAWN MOWER CUTS OFF YOUR TOES, DON'T COME RUNNING TO ME."

### MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME WISDOM.

"WHEN YOU GET TO BE MY AGE, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND."

### MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME DIPLOMACY.

"I DON'T WANT TO HEAR WHO STARTED IT, IT TAKES TWO TO FIGHT."

### MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME SHARING.

"PLAY NICELY WITH THAT OR I'LL JUST TAKE IT AWAY FROM BOTH OF YOU."

Recipe May08

## Pierogie Casserole

- > 1/2 cup sour cream
- > 1 (8 oz.) bag shredded cheese
- > 1 box lasagna noodles
- > 3-6 large onions (Preference)
- > 1 stick butter
- > 10-12 mashing potatoes
- > 1/4 cup milk
- > Salt & Pepper

### Directions:

1. Cook potatoes. Add milk, salt, pepper, sour cream, cheese and mash like normal mashed potatoes.
2. Cook the noodles.
3. Sauté butter and onions in a frying pan.
4. Layer noodles, mashed potatoes and cheese mix, onions and butter until you use all ingredients.
5. Bake 350° for about 1/2 an hour or until hot (covered).

# The "How To" Corner

## PHONEGUARD™

Once you have added PhoneGuard to your telephone account, you can use a touch-tone phone to set-up or modify its features.

To set-up or modify your PhoneGuard service

1. Dial 610-826-2121.
2. Enter your phone number (including the area code).
3. Enter your access PIN (Personal Identification Number).
  - > Your temporary access PIN is the last five digits of your telephone number.
  - > For your protection, we recommend changing your access PIN so that unauthorized changes cannot be made to your account. Your new PIN can be 4 to 10 digits long.
4. Press the # key. You will hear the status of your service - whether or not the entire PhoneGuard service is active, the Do Not Disturb feature is selected and/or the Telemarketing feature is selected.

5. Next, you will hear a list of options:
  - > Press 1 to activate/turn off your Phone Guard Service.
  - > Press 2 to select/turn off the Do Not Disturb feature.
  - > Press 3 to select/turn off the Telemarketing feature.
  - > Press 4 to change your access PIN.
  - > Press 5 to change your Do Not Disturb PIN.
6. Choose the option you wish to modify, and press the appropriate key. After you make a change, you will hear the revised status of your service, and will be prompted to make any additional changes.
7. When you are finished making changes, you can hang up the phone.

You can also customize your PhoneGuard service online at [www.flexphone.com](http://www.flexphone.com). In the Telephone Company ID field, enter 0196.

*Do you know that  
Palmerston Telephone  
copper wires, connected  
end to end, circle the  
earth 4 times at the  
equator?*

## Don't Get Caught by PHISHERS!

**It's Phishing season!** This widespread problem is not new, or limited to any time of year, but seems to be increasing.

Phishing is a term used to describe a scam that attempts to obtain personal information, often to be used for identity theft. The phishers impersonate legitimate companies, such as Internet Service Providers, financial institutions and other respected organizations, and ask for passwords, login names or social security numbers. Often, their e-mails, instant messages and telephone calls express an urgency to respond, hoping to "catch" or trick the victim into responding.

Phishing attempts are very sophisticated and it can be extremely difficult to tell if the request is real. Don't take the bait! **No credible organization will ever ask you for sensitive or personal details in an e-mail.** In addition, never click on the link provided in a questionable e-mail. It may contain a virus that can contaminate your computer. Instead, if you believe the contact is legitimate, go to the company's Web site by typing in the site address directly or using a page you have previously bookmarked.

For more information, visit our partner PenTeleData at  
<http://www.ptd.net/securitytips>

## Brain Teaser March 2008 Winner!

**Congratulations to  
Kenneth D. Smith of  
Kunkletown, PA.  
Kenneth was the  
winner of a \$25 Gift  
Card to Roadies  
Restaurant and Bar  
at Penn's Peak in Jim  
Thorpe, Pa.**

Which fruits come  
every month?

Answer: "Date/Dates"

### Fun Facts

An ant can lift 50 times its own weight, which is equivalent to a human being pulling a 10-ton trailer.

The pupil of an octopus's eye is rectangular.

The largest jellyfish in the world has a bell that can reach 8 feet across and tentacles that extend over half the length of a football field.

One-fourth of the 206 bones in the human body are located in the feet.

A hippopotamus has a stomach 10 feet long, capable of holding 6 bushels of grass.

The first VCR, or video cassette recorder, was made in 1956 and was the size of a piano.

Thomas Edison's first major invention was the quadruplex telegraph. Unlike other telegraphs at the time, it could send four messages at the same time over one wire.

Wile E. Coyote has only caught the Road Runner once (May 21, 1980).

A squirrel has no color vision, it sees only in black and white. Every part of its field of vision, however, is in perfect focus, not just straight ahead, as with humans.

Seating on the first scheduled inter-city commuter airplane flight consisted of moveable wicker chairs. There were 11 of them on the first Ford Tri-Motors. After several years, Ford replaced them with aluminum-framed leather chairs.

### PhoneGuard™

**PhoneGuard may be the answer to control your incoming calls!**

**With PhoneGuard, you can:**

- > **Block telemarketing calls.** An automated message states, "If your call is of a telemarketing, survey or solicitation nature, please hang up now. These calls will not be accepted. Otherwise, from your touch-tone phone, dial 1 plus the pound sign to complete this call." If you subscribe to Voice Mail, the caller is presented with the option to stay on the line to leave a message.
- > **Put your phone in "Do Not Disturb" mode.** It will only ring when someone to whom you've entrusted your personal identification number enters the code.
- > **Activate a "Preferred List" of callers,** so that when they call, you hear a special ring to indicate their distinction. Likewise, when the "Do Not Disturb" feature is active, and someone enters your PIN, you will hear the special ring.

**Could PhoneGuard help you?**

**Call us today at 610-826-6650 to subscribe.**

Instructions for using PhoneGuard are included in this month's "How To Corner".

### Can you beat this **BRAIN TEASER?**

**Palmerton Telephone is giving away a \$25 Gift Card to Roadies Restaurant and Bar at Penn's Peak in Jim Thorpe, Pa.**

To enter, e-mail the correct answer to [ptelco@ptd.net](mailto:ptelco@ptd.net) or send a 3" x 5" index card to 465 Delaware Ave. Palmerton, PA 18071. Please include your name, address, daytime telephone number (to call only if you win), and the Brain Teaser answer. All entries must be received by **5/20/08**.

**Good Luck!**  
**Palmerton Telephone**



### Brain Teaser

If the wind blows only from the north. Where must I be on planet earth?

*Hint: Two Words*