



Sometimes, we truly mean exactly what we say!

You'll have to forgive me but I've become one of those people who, when someone says, "Gee, I was so busy," I kind of just want to roll my eyes.

I've come to realize that on a certain level everyone is busy.

And I claim no exception to that rule nor ask for any pardon. ... (Roll your eyes now!)

So, it's with this backdrop that I greeted my mom with an afternoon call on the way home from work. She asked me how my day had been and I told her I had this meeting and was working on this grant and had met with this teacher... **it was such a busy day!** She made mention that I was so busy and need to take care of myself - that I was **burning my britches at both ends**.

It was at that moment that I think that I laughed harder than I've laughed in a while! With her wonderful mixed metaphors, she really hit the meaning of what she was trying to say with a clarity that only a mom can express.

We continued with our conversation and before we got off the phone she told me that she loved me and **remember, don't burn your britches**.

And I think that the English language and the world of metaphors got a little bit richer.

Happy Week Nerds,
Peter
(Thank you, Mom.)