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MEET YOUR

PRINCIPAL



I wonder how many of us educators realise the power we wield. We can make or break a child simply through the words we use.

I was reminded of this fact when a young man visited my office a few days ago. He had come on official work, but prior to the discussion, he asked if he could pose a question. Greatly intrigued, I gave permission, and he began to narrate a story.

As per our protagonist, he had been a student of our school way back at the turn of the century – in 2001. According to his tale, one day he had put up a drawing on the bulletin board outside his class. The sketch depicted two doves on a branch, with one bird donning a parachute! The other feathered friend was addressing him and the balloon read “The problem with you is that you lack confidence.”!!

Apparently, that day I was walking past the class when I saw the picture, (Please note – I was simply a teacher at that time and did not even teach our young hero) and stopped to take a look. Apparent-

ly, I then stepped into the class and asked them as to who the artist was. With great trepidation, he stood up and was vastly relieved when I proceeded to congratulate him on his work of art! It seems that I then asked for his diary and penned a brief note to his parents, lauding them for his talent and telling them how impressed I was by his creativity.

He paused in his narration to inquire if I had any recollection of the incident. I nodded and responded in the affirmative, stating that it was a tad hazy, but I did remember the drawing.

As far as I was concerned, the story ended there. So you can imagine how surprised I was, when he proceeded to continue with his narrative! As per his description, that short message I had written, changed his life! Apparently, it gave him the courage to pursue art as a career, and, as per him, every time he felt discouraged, he would recall that note and recover his confidence.

Today, he is working alongside some of the best artists in the world.....he is a cartoonist with DC

and Marvel comics!!

I have never been more humbled in my whole existence. Had I really changed the course of a young man’s life with the few words I had written so casually? It would seem that I had. And it was then that I was struck by the power we teachers wield..... if this was a story of building...do we realise that a few words can also break?

Let us then be very careful about how we use our words. Scripture says, “.... the tongue is a small part of the body, but it boasts of great things. Consider how small a spark sets a great forest ablaze.” Let us then build, not destroy. Let us leave behind us a legacy of love, compassion and justice. Let us help our children be whole and let us help them discover the beauty and magic that they hold within themselves....for each one of us is beautifully and wondrously made.

Mrs. Kavita C. Das
Principal



It feels impossible to contain a flood of emotions on a piece of paper. There has been love, heartbreak, struggle, success - the list of my experiences is endless. Every year when my children graduate, I graduate with them. I grow with my kids and learn so much from them. They are great teachers.

My boys have taught me that mischief is the spice of life; it keeps the child inside us alive. My boys have taught me to be patient, as they have often tested my patience....

One particular moment that I feel is worth capturing, is when they all meditate in the morning; even the restless children sit calmly with their eyes closed and hands joined in prayer to God. What a blissful start to a day! Well, it is just the beginning. All the energy flows in after that and we have a day full of buzz. I somehow like it. Life would be so monotonous without having to run after my boys, screaming from one end of the corridor to get them inside their classes, getting their ties around their necks from inside their pockets. I often think of bringing skates to school, life will be so much easier.....

I wish my boys all the very best. I hope and pray that my children prosper in life and grow with every experience into better human beings. Their growth gives me satisfaction and a sense of pride that there is something right we are doing as a school... as a community.

Nitika Singh Brar
Middle School Coordinator



Wow! What an amazing year? It was a roller coaster ride for all of us from SJAID (St. John's All India Debate), to the Sports Day in the evening... Mass...Prayer service....as we celebrated our Diamond Jubilee with a bang. The visitors from two Edmund Rice Institutions from beyond Borders, for immersion, kept us involved.

This visit in particular was a great learning curve for us.

As we celebrate our successful journey as the No.1 school, we take pride in our accomplishments, celebrate our successes and learn from our challenges. Every time we flutter or fail, the determination of achieving our goals becomes stronger.

As this academic year comes to an end, I will miss my senior most class (batch of 2019-20). They have deeply touched me. I am happy as they are spreading their wings to soar high. I am feeling sad because I'll be missing their presence in my room, constantly asserting their rights over food lying in my office, and also their laughter resounding in the senior school corridors. I was also very impressed by their resilience, especially after the loss of one of their batch mates. Their comeback after this traumatic experience was a big lesson for all of us also. My prayers and wishes for each one of them, as they step out to make their future.

To everyone who has touched my life, I would like to convey all the happiness and success in all their endeavours.

God Bless!

Vandana Bansal
Sr. School Coordinator

All the Best

Dear young and not so young friends, I want to share my thoughts with my young Johnnians who are the future torch bearers of our nation. Nothing in life defines us more than how passionately we go about doing what we believe in. It is the most important ingredient for success and happiness in life. Thus we have either to acquire skills, suited to our environment or change our environment to suit our skills. Some people never change. You never know in which form an opportunity may knock on your door. An achiever should always be prepared to recognize it and grab it.

Put others before yourself and you can become a leader. Life is much bigger than the trappings of life. Before you feel jealous about someone, you must realize that you don't really know how that man himself feels about his life. When faced with two difficult choices, the easier one is most likely to be the wrong choice. Life does not prefer short-cuts. One must think twice before taking an easy way out of any situation because the long-term consequences could be far reaching and disastrous. If you want things around you to change, you have got to do something more than what you have always been doing. Dreaming and believing is fine, but it is the one who out performs others, who wins - Talent alone does not work. What separates the talented from the successful, is the sheer dynamics of consistent, hard work. An old quote says, "The only people who never fail are those who never try."

Incessant persistence always pays. Always try, come what may. Persist, but do not persist blindly. Persist with planning. Persist in steps. When you reach one step, aspire for the next. You may fail, when you persist. But you will always fail, when you do not. The choice is yours.

Aspire, persist and achieve!



Neelam Bhandari
Junior School Coordinator