

WHEN PARENTING AND TEACHING PLAY THE MUSIC

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They say being a teacher is a “noble profession”. A desire to “touch the heart” of your learners, making a big impact to their life as they get older, giving the pieces of you just to reach their dreams in the future and lastly that “candle light moment” in the classroom are really priceless.

While being a parent to your offspring is liking watering and protecting a young plant from harm to grow stronger and bigger in the future. It is raising a child from birth to independent adulthood. As they say, education begins in your home and parents serve as first-hand teachers to their young ones.

What if both careers play the same music? I mean if both meet in one path as teacher who have his/her own family to raise and take care while teaching as same as parent who have family but still need to perform her profession as educator.

The educator versus parent dynamic is tangible for many teachers. Altering the responsibilities of raising their own offspring while hovering other people's children is no laid-back task. Teacher-parents who devote their whole day around kids have a hard-hitting time handling their time and energy, and pupils and kids alike can sense the effects of that.

To make sure that teacher-parent role will have a dynamic work, with my personal experience and of course some readings I made as teacher-parent too, here are some advice to help my fellow noble warriors, which I read it through Dr Emma Kell in her Now Teach article.

First is Communication, in a ever changing world today, teacher-parents must adopt solid relationships with their children and their pupils, and that can only transpire through open, authentic communication.

Second is put on the right cap. Instead of arbitrating and associating, we should set an example. Ask yourself: It is essential to be a teacher or a parent right now?

And lastly, retain all your teacher-parent plates spinning, FOCUS. We all know that being a teacher slash parent is very tiresome task but its fulfilling. Our number one job as a teacher-parent is to supervise your energy.

Being a parent can surely be a daring when you jump your teaching journey. However, with the precise support and forward planning, you will nail the flawless, even it is not so perfect, work/life balance.

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