

IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY INVOLVEMENT AT SCHOOL IN POST PANDEMIC TIME

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The family is the foundational building block upon which all societies are based. It is a powerful force that nurtures, shapes our identities, and forms the initial steps in learning, to take an active role in our lives and the society. As they say, a child's education begins at home, where they learn to share, cooperate, and express themselves freely.

In this post pandemic time, where education is of great challenge due to “learning gaps” as the effect of COVID 19 pandemic. The struggles faced by students, and parents at home were not even enough compared to the face-to-face manner in school before the pandemic time. Modular modality was not enough to cater the needs of the students academically: the reason of “learning gaps” among students.

Since everyone is trying to adjust with the new-normal life, the family and school relationship is of great importance. With the help of the school, their families should continue to be influential in providing a safe learning environment and continuously promote academic achievement and offering guidance throughout the educational process especially the mental health of both the family and in the teaching process management.

As the families are engaged in their school life as they continue education, students will eventually cope to new environment, aware of keeping the body healthy and realized the importance of acquiring knowledge with the help of their teachers in school.

Today, the teachers must involve parents in school activities, the more motivation, positive behaviors, and good grades increase.

So, how can parents become more involved with their child's school life in this post-pandemic time?

1. Save the contact information, Messenger's account, and even e-mail addresses of your child's teachers, to be sure you can easily address any concerns or questions regarding your child's progress.
2. Communication, such as Messenger, is the easiest way to connect with the school by attending school events, meetings, and parent-teacher committees.
3. Face-to-face discussion classroom goals with teachers.
4. By being responsive and open to the feedback from teachers about your child's progress, both positive and negative.

Teachers can encourage more family involvement in the school activities by following ways:

1. Give the parents your contact information, Messenger account, and e-mail address, to encourage parents to reach out when needed and establish a strong communication with the teacher.
2. Create Messenger group chats to connect with the school by sharing school events, meetings, and parent-teacher committees.
3. Personally discuss classroom goals with parents.
4. Establish an open connection with parents, in person, as much as possible. Communicate regularly with both positive and negative phone calls, upcoming events, and any classroom concerns you may have.

When parents and school staff work together, student academic success will continue to grow. May the pandemic be the instrument to be bind as one, work as one,

and together establish a relationship that creates a positive school and working environment even in this big challenge in education.

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