3 BIG LESSONS A TEACHER LEARNED DURING COVID-19

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It said by many educators that “learning is a lifelong process” and to learn we need lessons. Life can be surprising in many ways not only for students but for teachers as well. Covid-19 teaches a lot to each one of us like the following:

WE ADAPT TO SURVIVE. Covid-19 allows us to shift from our old normal to new normal – everything is virtual. At the start of 2020, we often asked “What will happen?, When are classes will resume?, When will everything return to normal?, How are we going to teach?”. At the middle of 2020 until now we already have answers to our question. And teachers are still here today because they adapt to survive 2020. Career keeps on going. Teachers all over the world came down to asynchronous or synchronous or blended teaching as face to face classes are still on hold. Every teacher is forced to be techie. Even the curriculum hit few changes. These show that being adaptive is becoming flexible to entertain what is new and sometimes entertaining something new means the only option a person should choose to either stop or keep going.

WORK FROM HOME IS A REAL MULTI-TASKING BIG TIME. Teachers are so used to do things simultaeneously at work environment. Covid-19 presented a new work place-our home, where a teacher can work and do some household chores in between the schedule or simultaneously (depending on the work at hand). Work from home taught teachers to wear uniform on top to attend classes virtually and wear “pambahay” at the bottom. Parcel delivery is now accepted on time even on working hours. Those who have their own family can now look after their kids while there are attending virtual classes. This setup maximizes their presence at home, but still have issues on their time at home.
because work is still work even at home. Family becomes physically borderless while teachers and students become physically bordered.

TEACHERS ARE STILL TEACHERS. Thanks to the internet connection, service providers and gadgets that allow teachers to still do their responsibilities. The absence of chalk, board and classroom don’t make a teacher lesser. Roles remain the same but the mode of carrying it out had changed because of the pandemic. As long as there are students and lessons to teach, teachers remain to be teachers face to face or virtually. And still it is a noblest profession.

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