A MOTHER’S NOTE

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More than a decade ago, a teacher received a thank you note from a mother who was then an Executive Secretary in a prestigious, well-known company in the Province of Bataan, and there she wrote this: “Thank you so much for guiding my son, Fernando. I have always believed in the policies of the school and in the capabilities of the teachers in moulding the pupils' values. Indeed, when good values are formed, everything else follows.”

The teacher can still recall how smart and polite the kid was. He was well-bred and well-mannered. Obviously, he mirrored the kind of family he has and the things they give much attention to — good values.

Nowadays, everyone wanted to meet more and more people like them; people who give more importance on values prior to any other things, parents who believe in teachers’ capabilities to co-parent their children, and parents who appreciate the values-formation of their children better than the grades they see on their report cards.

With the existing trends in the community, social media, and every other platform that capture the attention of children, good values are now being disregarded and forgotten. This leads to a community where cursing is part of speech, disrespecting others is normal, disobeying teachers becomes a habit, disregarding rules and policies is tolerated, being sarcastic and rude is a sign of strength, and being selfish and narcissistic is self-love.
Upon writing, the teacher clearly recalls a saying which she first read also more than a decade ago: “What you ignore, you tolerate. What you tolerate, you accept. What you accept, you teach.”

It is hoped that as teachers who are lawfully given the right to correct these unacceptable behaviour, proper actions must be done as soon as these bad actions are caught. Teachers do not ignore, tolerate, accept, and teach bad values.

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