HOW CAN I BEST TOUCH THE LIVES OF MY PUPILS?

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“To teach is to touch a life forever”, this is an article written by Jocelyn Laurel, published by ‘The Manila Times’ issued last October 3, 2016. This article was written to honor our dear teachers in celebrating World Teachers Day which was proclaimed by UNESCO as a day to recognize the rights and responsibilities of teachers as well as “to celebrate educators and the central role they play in providing children everywhere with quality education.”

“At some point in our lives, each of us must have come across an amazing teacher, who touched or even transformed our lives,” she stated. Teachers are the second parents of our pupils in school. They spend most of the time in school. It’s a big challenge for teachers to get along well with pupils. Though challenging, this profession also provides teachers a greater opportunity to make a difference on their pupils’ lives.

“Joseph C’deBaca, a classroom educator of 20 –plus years and the founder of an online site called Teacher’s Learning Center (TLC), says ‘Teaching is not just a job or a career; it is a 24/7 identity’, and I quote. Truly it is. Teachers became immortal to every learner that he held. They will not forget you. They even imitate you.

As teachers mold the mind of these young learners, they are contributing to pupils’ total emotional, physical, mental, and social needs. When pupils feel the love from their second parent, they will never forget you. They will always come back and pay tribute to you. Let’s bear in mind that these young people are not just empty bottles that have to fill. They are like candles that we should light. Listen to them. Know their feelings. Know where those emotions came. Encourage them. Embrace them. Let them feel you care even
if it is in the most impossible way. Children need belongingness and love. They need affection. They were still the future that we will hold on too. Let them lead the way.

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