ICT IN EDUCATION

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Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has established its role in the field of education. It is now an important aspect in our life, but still it doesn’t stop there. It never fails to surprise us in becoming more and more advance every day and making our work more convenient. It has been of great help to us educators in different ways.

Use as instructional materials

Projector, together with a computer, is the leading technology-based instructional material in this generation. We can do a lot of things through it. Playing dance videos as energizer, posting lectures, showing videos on how to, and short stories to motivate the learners are just some of the hundreds of ways to use projector. Using these seems like they are just playing games but the truth is they are already learning a lot.

Connecting with the kids.

Nowadays, learners are so hooked to social networking sites like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and the likes. Creating an account and being friend or a follower of our pupils doesn’t mean that we are losing their respect. In fact, liking their posts and making a simple comment makes them feel connected to us. It will result to better relationship with the learners. Not only can we be friends to them, but also we can make pages which will serve as e-bulletins where we can post updates and announcements.

Sharing Files

Social networking sites lets us connect with the learners, as well as with our fellow teachers. In this way, sharing of files like tests, ready-made lesson plans, activities and forms can
be easily done. The Facebook page “TAGA-DEPED AKO” (https://www.facebook.com/groups/tagadepedako/) and the site “DEPED TAMBAYAN” (http://depedtambayanph.blogspot.com/) are some of the useful links that continuously help educators in sharing.

Memos

Traditionally, teachers received memos few days after it has been signed by the authority. The higher the level where the memo came from, the longer the time teachers had to wait. Nowadays, the Department of Education is also utilizing the help of internet. They have their own site which is http://www.deped.gov.ph/. Aside from that, every office in each division also has their own just like what we have here in Bataan which is http://www.depedbataan.com/. Through it, teachers have a higher and easier access to memos, advisories, and issuances.

Planning

Aside from teachers having easy access to the government memos, through internet, the government is also connected with the teachers which make planning a snap. With the help of sites like Learner Information System (LIS), Enhanced Basic Education Information System (EBEIS), and School Building Information System (SBIS), government can easily find the needs of each school. Based on the information they submit, the administration can choose the schools which needs additional attention and the urgency of their needs.

Definitely, ICT now plays a major role not only in teaching and learning process, but also in administrative management. Let’s just hope that more and more educators get the chance to acquire the convenience of this and appreciate the good thing technology brings.