PARENT-TEACHER COMMUNICATION: A KEY TO CHILD’S ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

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Parents are child’s first teacher. Their role is vital to the growth and development of a child. On the other hand, teachers who are called as loco parentis, also play an essential role in the life of every student. He has the power to change a child through continuously imparting knowledge and moulding the student holistically. Parents and teachers play significant roles in educating the child.

Parents who are considered as one of the school’s stakeholders, need to actively involved in the child’s education. Their involvement offers opportunity for the success of a child. Through effective communication with their child’s teachers, they help the teacher to evaluate and assess, as well as make adjustments on the methods and techniques they will be using in order to ensure an effective and efficient learning process.

Communication is pivotal in building a good relationship with the parents. It is a key in establishing an understanding and trust between the teachers and parents. Reaching out, bridges the possible gaps that may exist between the parents and teachers. A strong and effective communication leads to a life-long engagement of both teachers and parents and serves as a way for students’ academic excellence.

Students whose parents and teachers have better communication, are more likely to build the feeling of belongingness and importance. In this way, they become more engaged in their studies as well as in their academic performance. They feel positive, in such a way that they know for a fact, their parents and teachers are working together for
their better future. They tend to experience less stress. Instead, they’ll become optimistic about their school and the benefits of attending their classes.

In these changing times, teachers should continuously develop their skills in building a strong relationship with the parents. Through different ways, and with the use of technology, teachers can possibly stay in touch with the parents. Attending parent-teacher conference is one of those effective ways of communication. It is a great opportunity to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the pupils. It is also a good avenue for both parents and teachers to talk about the student as a whole and what matters for the child. If there are problems, both parents and teachers can evaluate and come up with agreed solutions to resolve the issues. In addition, learning reinforcements can easily be identified. Written communication with the group of parents is another useful way. Report cards, newsletters and information notebooks are some of the written communication tools that teachers usually used in providing the parents the necessary information regarding the students’ progress and performance. Through these, parents become well-informed about their children achievements inside the school.

The use of technology is another way of promoting a better communication with the parents. On the part of the parents who are busy working, maximizing the existing technology is a big help for them to keep an eye on their child. Video conference, phone calls as well as text messaging are varied ways, teachers can communicate with the parents.

Depending on the circumstances and goals, building a strong communication with the parents is necessary. This will be a stepping stone for helping the child to learn and to become skillfully and excellent in their academic performances.
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