PARENTS’ ROLE IN THE NEW NORMAL

by:
Albert D. Punzalan
Teacher II, Hermosa National High School

Parents have been known to be their child’s first teacher from the moment a child is born until they mature as an adult. To guide, teach, and raise their children to become a strong standing individual is the common goal of each and every parent. Our homes served as our first classrooms where in we have learned the basics of life including the introduction of good manners and right conduct from our parents or elderlies. Nowadays, parents’ roles expanded far beyond the traditional ways that we all got used to. As the pandemic approached all faces of mankind, changes occurred unexpectedly.

The education system is one of the most affected area in our society today because of the pandemic. In traditional teaching, schools provide the learning and discussion for the students. Teachers are very much engaged in the learners’ development all through out the school year and the parent’s role are to provide the needs of the learners, guide them as well when they are not in school. These responsibilities turned around in 2020 because of COVID-19.

Due to this situation, schools alone can’t address all the children’s development needs. Safety protocols and guidelines lessened the interaction of people leading us to come up with different learning modalities as the solution. Virtual learning intervention such as zoom app, Facebook, google meet, email, YouTube are being used to ensure the communication between the students and teachers in the continuation of learning. These new learning modalities need the meaningful involvement of the parent such as monitoring the students’ progress and supporting its education.
In addition, the Department of Education has been firm on its stand that learning must continue. Parents and guardians’ effort are essential to execute learning inside their homes and to monitor their children in staying away from distractions that may come along. This is very new to everyone especially to parents since they will take a big part in the new normal set up.

Moreover, the parents are now taking on a more support-oriented role by getting the modules in the school and assisting on answering assignments and home project. They also help their children process what are they learning and monitor their children’s online activity. The teacher will still be facilitating the students learning by everyday learning consultant.

Parents know their children more than any teacher does while teachers know how to give instructions very well. If both of what they know, and their skills will be combined which is to support the continues learning of the children. At end it will succeed amidst this pandemic.

References:
