THE IMPORTANCE OF VALUES EDUCATION IN A 21ST CENTURY: VALUES EDUCATION IN A FAST PACED WORLD

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Values are guiding principles of life, which measures one’s physical, social, emotional, mental and spiritual health. The inculcation of desirable values is felt necessary through education, understanding and its purpose.

Our values inform our THOUGHTS, WORDS and ACTIONS. Our values are important because it can help us create the future we want to experience for our 21st century learners.

As the future generations become the present, gone are the days when we are required to travel far to get information we need. The accessibility of internet connection makes information available to us anywhere and anytime. This change the way we communicate and acquire knowledge, however, it has not only affected nor changed our daily activities but it became tedious on the part of education.

Students no longer need to spend a lot for research and even in understanding the lessons. This is just one of the many changes brought about technology over the years. As most of the children, students spend many hours surfing from the web and it has become even alarming to know what our children are learning from the social media.

In this modern age, we believe it is even more important to remember and always bear in mind our fundamentals or the basic structures. We always looked back at our reason for being, we believe same goes with education. Whatever we learn and try to achieve, we are all human beings that should not forget the real importance of values in our lives.
In this context, a holistically developed child makes the greater society. Technology as an education tool is able to provide in-depth information, but choices which are made with are rooted in values, and in a technology-driven world where choices abound, it is values, coupled with information that make the difference.

Character Education Formation therefore, combined with so-called 21st Century Skills and Literacies is definitely important in ones’ life and can really help nurture a child to be safe, supported with discipline and challenge, especially the Department of Education should keep emphasizing the foundational development of the child, the being: PAGPAPAKATAO, Values Education, ETHICS, RESPECT and PAGPAPAHALAGA sa KALIKASAN.

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