

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

'Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten' B.F. Skinner

There once was a farmer who grew award winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair where it won a blue ribbon. One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something very interesting. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbours. "How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbours when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?", the reporter asked. "Why sir", said the farmer, "Didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbours grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbours grow good corn."

The above story connects so well with the purpose of education- transforming self and others for a greater purpose. The aim of education is not knowledge, but action. The schools today have a tremendous responsibility of nurturing a deep sense of right and wrong in the minds of our future citizens. Development of intellectual qualities such as reflection, introspection and tolerance becomes imperative as does the ability to replace negative emotions with positive ones. I feel that today when the world is shrinking and the concept of global world has come in, it is essential to imbue our children with 'think global, act local'. In these times when every nation is talking about peace but actually preparing for war, when money spent on manufacturing bomb could well be spent on educating millions of children, when terrorists are roaming freely on the streets targeting the government and innocent people, it is important that our young generation is sensitized and motivated enough to take responsibilities to create a world where there is peace, harmony and co-existence. It is the only way to transform the world.

Here in Presentation Convent School, we strive hard to give a balance of scholastic and co-scholastic activities through which every student is made aware of her hidden talents and potentials which could be discovered and made use of as her best contribution to the world she lives in.

As we get back to school after a relaxed summer holidays with renewed enthusiasm and determination let us begin by asking ourselves few important questions.

- What can I do for others?
- How can I make life a little happier? (in my home, in my school, in my society)
- What can I contribute for the betterment of my country?

Answer to these questions will definitely lead us to do the right thing at the right time.

Best wishes and God's blessings in abundance to you now and always.

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