

PANORAMA of EDUCATIONAL THOUGHTS

An Old Educator's Views on Adventist Education
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Christian Education:

The book, *EDUCATION* tells us, "True education means more than pursuing a certain course of study. It has to do with the whole person, and with the whole period of existence possible to human beings. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers." This is very similar to what the Bible says about the early years of Jesus in *Luke 2:52*, "...Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." All of our students need to grow as Jesus did. How are you going to accomplishing this in your classroom, this year?

Perhaps you can use these suggestions about developing your student's Physical, Mental, and Spiritual growth.

PHYSICAL is probably the most difficult in a small school. Adventist teachers often could use some help with PE classes.

www.fitness.gov The President's Council on Physical Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition offers challenges, awards, and videos that a teacher can use to organize their PE program. Check it out and work on the President's Challenge with your kids.

www.gameskidsplay.net This website gives ideas for several games you could play at any school.

www.sites4teachers.com/links/redirect.php?url=http://www.sports-media.org/links/data/index.html Sports Media offers some of best links to PE and Sports related sites on lesson plans, activities, and coaching.

MENTAL is where many of our Adventist teachers shine. We know how to develop the intellect. Our students earn high scores on ITBS. But, "True education means more than pursuing a certain course of study." Perhaps we could use a few links here.

<http://www.journeytoexcellence.org> The Journey to Excellence outlines how Adventist schools relate to improving mentally.

http://circle.adventist.org/browse/?browse_node=287 This link is where you can access the NAD Curriculum Guides.

http://circle.adventist.org/browse/?browse_node=707 You can have access to nine pages of NAD Curriculum Standards, here.

SPIRITUAL should be the area where Adventist schools work most efficiently. Perhaps you could use some new ideas.

<http://sdaedspiritualresources.org> The NAD has set up this link to encourage Adventist teachers in their personal walk with God and equip them with resources that will strengthen their call to teach His children and youth. You NEED to use this site!

<http://www.kidsindiscipleship.org> Kids In Discipleship (K.I.D.) is a ministry of the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church dedicated to equipping parents to spiritually nurture their children to have a personal, meaningful, and fruitful relationship with Jesus. This ministry can be used by your school to teach your students to develop their spiritual abilities. It is a great resource!

<http://www.youtube.com/user/KidsInDiscipleship> Watch a video about Kids in Discipleship (K.I.D) on You Tube.

<http://www.kidsministryideas.com/links/index.php> The General Conference Kid's Ministries site has more helpful ideas.

http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Adventist_Youth_Honors_Answer_Book/Outreach Pathfinder honors are a ready source of information that can be used to create lesson plans. This site provides almost thirty outreach honors with the questions and the answers needed to complete them. This is an excellent way to encourage students to be workers for Christ.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fz_PYn-Q_0&feature=related Share this You Tube video with your students, then help them to share their story, either as a class or as an individual. You might want to share YOUR story with your class—and us.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_23O7zY32Q&feature=player_embedded The Church of the Nazarene produced this video about children. The message for each of us is very clear. Will you make a difference?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RE1oEYQI5t8&feature=more_related You may also enjoy this video that has the interesting title of *How Not to Mess Up the Great Commission too Much*. Think about it and decide what YOU can do!

SHARE your ideas as you help your students develop physically, mentally, and spiritually. Send an e-mail, make a video, tell your church, have a school program, etc. Here is one last link that would make it possible for you to share with others.

www.Ustream.com Create a free account, plug in your web camera, and share your program with the rest of us.

THE END

That's it for the September PET newsletter. I hope you found something you wanted to read, download, and/or use.

If you have any questions, comments, or complaints, send them to: vaughn.jennings@yahoo.com

Remember, Circle.Adventist.org has all of the back issues of PET Newsletter.

Find them at: http://circle.adventist.org/browse/?browse_node=691

I pray you continue to realize the blessings God has for you as you minister to His kids,

(Note: Links above are live.—You can click on them to go to the site.)

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