

Tutors need to learn from students

EDITOR'S NOTE: 1990 is International Literacy Year. Here, North Halton Literacy Guild tutor Eileen Evans examines the role of tutors as learners.

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It seems to me that we can become more effective tutors if we are aware that we are learners as well. What does this mean? There are several issues involved here but most important is allowing our learner to teach us what they want to learn. It may be that we have a lovely lesson, lovingly planned but in the essential social exchange before we begin, a point may be made by our student which indicates a more relevant approach for that day.



My learner was motivated to learn to read and write by the birth of her daughter. She is determined to break the cycle of illiteracy inherent in her family. Living as her family does on a very tight budget in a small apartment, the cost of disposable diapers was posing problems for her. She does not have a washing machine. The ensuing discussion taught me more about my student than weeks of more formal lessons. We went on together that day to learn how to compare prices of diapers, how to do some very basic research which involved reading packets and simple arithmetic. I gained a new respect for her intelligence as she told me how long disposable diapers take to break down in the garbage dump and how this worries her. She was

GDHS offers math courses

For those who find it difficult to attend day school, Georgetown District High School will be offering a math credit beginning this February. The course will run two evenings a week for 13 weeks, probably on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

According to Mr. M. Leeking, Night School Supervisor, the course will be taught at multi-grade levels most of which are general level. Teaching multi-level classes involves a variety of teaching strategies and it has been very successful in our daytime classes.

The teacher of the course will be Mrs. Eleanor Langdon. If you would like more information, please contact Mr. M. Leeking at the high school 877-6966.

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then able to put these ideas on paper, using the dictionary for the first time to find words for herself - a major breakthrough. It turned out to be a very meaningful session. My lesson stayed in my briefcase! A positive learning environment was created in which the learner was self motivated.

Another important area is empathy with the learner - an obvious statement. But to really appreciate how it feels to be in a learning situation is quite difficult for us unless we actually put ourselves in that situation. Remember learning to drive? How terrifying at first, so many things to remember at once, how easily our confidence was shaken, how halting our efforts, how desperately we wanted to do it right to please the instructor? So it is with learning to read and even more so with learning to write. Even though we think we are patient and understanding, we can be more so if we remember our own traumatic learning experiences.

Twenty years ago, to please my expert bridge playing husband, I went for bridge lessons. An unsympathetic teacher reduced me to a frazzle. I can still hear his sarcastic voice saying "stupid" and "I can't believe you played that card." I was made to feel useless and extremely dumb. To this day playing bridge is an ordeal for me not a pleasurable pastime. I have never been able to play with confidence. But as a learning experience it was invaluable to me as a teacher. I should thank that man for giving me insight into how fragile is the link between teacher and learner.

The Indians have a saying - "You cannot know a man until you walk in his shoes." How true! So - become a learner. You will be a better teacher.

Cancer society wants to catch smoker while they're young

"If smoking can be prevented in childhood and adolescence, then, in the vast majority, it will be prevented forever," said Barbara Rieger of the Halton Hills Cancer Society.

This week is National Non-smoking Week and for the second consecutive year the Canadian Council on Smoking and Health has chosen to highlight Children and Tobacco.

Schools across Canada, including St. Francis of Assisi, have Grade 3 students that are sealing mementos from the present year in time capsules to be opened in their high school graduation year, 2000, said Ms. Rieger.

She added the Grade 3 students are "ideally suited to become symbolic ambassadors of a smoke-free society."

Ms. Rieger said every year as they progress through school the cancer society plans to do something special with the graduating class of 2000.

The Halton Council on Smoking and Health distributed the time capsules to 95 schools in the Halton Region, Ms. Rieger noted. The council has representatives from both school boards, the cancer society, the Lung Association, the Addiction Research Foundation and the Heart and Stroke Association.

According to the cancer society, 90 per cent of adults who smoke, begin to smoke during or before their teens. Very few people start smoking after they reach the age of 20. Efforts are being made to prevent students from smoking before the age of 12, Ms. Rieger said.

Ms. Rieger herself is one of the few who started smoking after reaching 20 years old. She started smoking at age 21 and quit smoking after 17 years.

She said unlike most people she did not smoke and it became did not need a non-smoking program to stop. Most of her friends "socially unacceptable" to smoke, she said.

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Balance at 4.48c per kW.h.
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Preliminary Design Study
Main Street, Georgetown
10 Sideroad to Maple Avenue

Date: Thursday, February 1, 1990

Time: 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Place: Committee Room
Halton Hills Civic Centre
1 Halton Hills Drive
Halton Hills (Georgetown)

Currently a preliminary design study is being carried out by the Town of Halton Hills on the above noted section of Main Street. The study is being undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for Municipal Road Projects.

The Public Information Centre has been arranged to provide the area residents with the opportunity to review the preliminary design proposals. The Information Centre will be an informal drop-in centre where those who attend will be able to discuss the study with municipal representatives. A second information centre will be held at a later date to review the preferred alternative.

This meeting is open to all interested parties. If you are unable to attend or have any questions, please contact:

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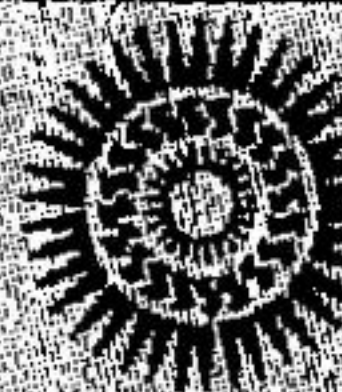
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