

REAL TEACHERS NEVER STOP!

By Rick Rossini

I am not a teacher, but the one thing I do know about are teachers. I come by it honestly.

My two older sisters are teachers. They married teachers. I married a teacher who later went on to become a Vice Principal and eventually a Principal and then a Superintendent of Education.

Many of our friends are either teachers, union representatives or educational administrators.

I have also been very fortunate over the years to work with many different educational institutions in helping "*put the magic back*" into learning and teaching.

And to top it all off, we have a five year old who has just started in the school system.

Yes, the one thing I do know are teachers; both personally and professionally.

Good teachers, not-so-good teachers, old teachers, new teachers, and especially Real Teachers.

Real Teachers are that very select group that put education and life long leaning above everything else. You know the ones I mean; they go that extra mile, stay longer than expected, make the extra effort and never stop learning and sharing that "love of learning" with everyone else. Yes like all great achievers, Real Teachers never stop.

Real Teachers never stop living. Their memory and legacy is carried on and handed down from generation to generation, student to student and mentor to mentor.

I cannot tell you the times over the years that students, both past and present, have come up to my family and friends and shared with them the real value they have added, and the difference they have made, to their lives. And you can tell by their "inner glow" just how sincere and passionate these students are about their comments.

Real Teachers never stop trying and learning. Their own passionate love affair with knowledge, and sharing that knowledge with others, burns even brighter over the years. They walk their talk and really do what it takes to get the results that they desire. To see this I need look no further than my own wife.

Watching her grow as both an educator and professional over the years, I am awe struck with the sheer will and determination Real Teachers like her possess. Her never ending, already early mornings that were made even earlier as she would consistently get up two hours ahead of schedule to complete her readings and work necessary to achieve her Doctorate of Education. And still put in the time and effort required to run the school.

Real Teachers never stop giving. No matter their situation in life, age, physical health or current position they never stop giving to help others. They realize that by continuously helping and striving to improve life for others, they in turn can help make the world be a better place. And it can show up in the strangest ways.

As my wife finished her first year as Principal she told me a story about an elderly woman that volunteered and helped out at her school. Beside giving of her own time and effort, she would show up at the end of the year and donate quite a few books to the school Library.

My wife took her into her office to personally thank her for all that she did and shared, and was quite surprised to find out a little bit more. It seems this woman was financially not that well off, and was also taking care of her ailing husband, so she did not have a great deal of disposable income or time.

However she had been a retired teacher for quite some time, and as she put it, "could not stop helping out the kids and the school".

During the year she would go to as many garage sales as she could and pick up books for next to nothing. She would then spend her days sorting through the books and cleaning up the ones that would be most useful. At the end of the year she would end up donating quite an amazing collection to the school. She had been doing this for quite a few years at her own expense.

Yes Real Teachers never stop. They never stop living. They never stop trying and learning. And they never stop giving. Their story goes on and on.

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