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"Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding"

- Proverbs 3:13

EXAMINATION IN PROGRESS

RAIS exams are scheduled this week starting Monday, March 6, 2017, for High School, Middle School, and Elementary School except the Pre-School Department. Exams are the way to test our knowledge. Without conducting the exams and tests, students would not know what subject to focus on. They are necessary to measure what they have learnt.



A school principal in Singapore sent a letter to the parents before the exams. It read, "Dear Parents, the exams of your children will start soon. I know you are all anxious for your child to do well. But please do remember amongst the students who will be sitting for the exams. There is an artist, who doesn't need to understand Math. There is an athlete, whose physical fitness is more important than Physics. There is a musician, whose Chemistry marks won't matter. There is an entrepreneur, who doesn't care about History or English Literature. Do not think that doctors and engineers are the only happy people in the world. One exam or low marks won't take away their dreams and talent. If your child does get top marks, that's great! But if he or she doesn't, tell them it's okay because they are cut out for much bigger things in life. Please don't take away their self-confidence and dignity. Tell them no matter what they score, you love them and will not judge them. Please do this and watch your children conquer the world."

By: Ms. Dulcebella Tagubar
Grade 4-A Homeroom Teacher

Einstein and the Essential Exam

There is often debate among legislators, professors, teachers and even sometimes students as to whether exams are helpful or not. On the one hand, it's important to know at what level a student is in their learning and where improvements are needed, but on the other hand, testing and preparing for a test don't always permanently educate the student. So should we or should we not put students through examinations?

It's commonly spread around schools and other areas when discussing success that Albert Einstein was a failure in school. This is often attributed to his Greek teacher that said, "You will never amount to anything, that he was wasting everyone's time, and that he should leave the school immediately." This of course was possibly one of the largest underestimations a teacher has ever made, as this phrase has now become world famous because of how wrong the teacher was. What has this got to do with exams?

It's true that Einstein had some problems with Language as we have seen with his Greek teacher and then his weakness in French led to him not being able to pass the entrance examinations for the Federal Technical Institute in Zurich, but there is no doubt that in the areas that interested Einstein, namely math and science, he was well above average.

Throughout Einstein's life he was constantly tested and had to solve problems. In fact, it was his work as a patent clerk, where he was involved in testing others work he would gain the skills that would help him to find out how the whole world works. This would then gain him worldwide notoriety for many lifetimes, if not the rest of human life, and also lead to many breakthroughs and technology that we use daily.

Testing, therefore, is not only a vital part of education, but also a vital part of development as a human and of humanity. If we do not test ourselves and look for improvement, we will stagnate and unforeseen problems we were unaware of through idleness will harm us more than if we had developed our minds and culture in preparation. As the great Mohamad Ali said, "I hated every minute of training, but I said, 'Don't quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a champion.'"

By Francis Sherwood

JUNIORS' FUNDRAISING

The Junior-senior Banquet is an annual event hosted by the juniors for their beloved seniors, esteemed administrators, teachers and staff. As such, it has become a tradition for the juniors to unify themselves through their cooperative efforts to raise funds for the banquet. Fundraisings are a great opportunity for a caring community like RAIS to come together and offer their unwavering support to the juniors' cause. On behalf of the juniors and the advisers, I thank all for their continuous support. Let's make the last fundraisings of the juniors a memorable one. This Friday, 17th of March, the juniors will be serving mama noodles, roast chicken, fried ice-cream, burgers, fries and drinks. We look forward to seeing you all again.

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