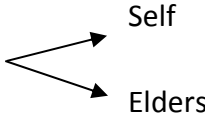
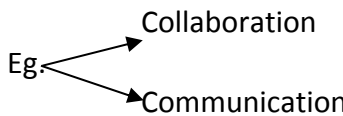
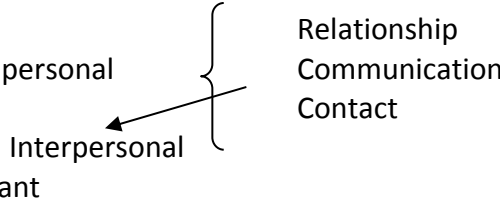


Notes from October 18th Community Conversation Hosted by Chesterwood Village - Sandy Beardslee

CHALLENGES

- Lack of respect 
 - Self
 - Elders
- Parents don't work with teachers
- Electronic age is bad
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 - for seniors – A generational gap
 - Hurts communication between generations
- Technology challenges education
 - ~ Teach basics vs. how to utilize technology to do it
- Transfer advances (successes) in technology to students
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 - Important to
- Expense of technology
- Legal mandates without funding
- More parental input
- Technology prevents thinking and problem solving
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 - Basic skills – cursive – students have hard time
- Standardized testing has questionable value
 - ↓ (Mandate, roles)
 - Teachers teach to the test
 - ~ Takes creativity away from teachers
 - ~ Takes away basics (problem solving)
 - ~ Test for rote memory rather than whole person
 - ✓ Eg. – Creativity 
 - ~ Test doesn't evaluate what the child becomes
- Tests stuff facts vs. teaching skill
- Varying family support level
 - └─┬─> Discipline issues/bullies
 - └─┬─> Focus on small minority
- Behavior of students
 - └─ Dress codes
 - └─ Control taken away from teachers and principals to discipline
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 - Lawsuits change teachers

SUCSESSES

- Warm and safe environment
- Left school happy
- Could talk to teachers any time – Before and after school
- Favorite teachers
 - ~ Warm, patient, understanding
 - ~ Encouragement
 - ~ Moral standards – Do well for them
 - ~ Small town – Teachers part of everything
 - ~ Creative – Brought things kids were interested in
 - ~ Meanest – Kept on a subject until kids got the lesson
- Good teachers instill a love of learning Teach to test
- Never embarrass you
Respect
- Broaden a person's whole being rather than just get a job
- Many purposes in education
- Take a variety of subjects
- How important is personal 
 - Relationship
 - Communication
 - Contact
- Multi language Money????
- Pride in work, community, school
- Self-worth, self-confidence
Work ethic
- Enjoy school activities
 - ~ Need a break
Eg: Sports, music Keep kids healthy
- Kids all learn differently
Tap into their needs, interests, style