

CHAPTER ONE

Education

2 Quote This!



I dedicate myself to the life of an educator, to laying the living foundations upon which successor generations must continue to build their lives.

I dedicate myself to the advancement of learning, for I know that without it our successors will lack both the vision and the power to build well.

I dedicate myself to the cultivation of character, for I know that humanity cannot flourish without courage, compassion, honesty, and trust.

I commit myself to the advancement of my own learning and to the cultivation of my own character, for I know that I must bear witness in my own life to the ideals that I have dedicated myself to promote in others.

In the presence of this gathering, I so dedicate and commit myself.

Steven Tigner—Affirmed annually in the Boston University School of Education Junior Pinning Ceremony



There is no word in the language I revere more than “teacher.” My heart sings when a kid refers to me as his teacher, and it always has. I’ve honored myself and the entire family of man by becoming a teacher.

Pat Conroy



Children need all school workers. A person is not “just” a janitor, not “just” a custodian. Janitors can see children when (teachers) don’t see them, and bus drivers recognize that children who are disruptive on the bus are likely to be disorderly in the classroom. They’re partners in education. We need each other to make this work.

Rev. Jesse Jackson

A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.

Henry B. Adams



It takes a special person with patience and wisdom to share, to unlock the treasure waiting within children everywhere.

Joan Zatorski



The future of the world is in my classroom today, a future with the potential for good or bad . . . Several future presidents are learning from me today; so are the great writers of the next decades, and so are all the so-called ordinary people who will make the decisions in a democracy. I must never forget these same young people could be the thieves and murderers of the future. Only a teacher? Thank God I have a calling to the greatest profession of all! I must be vigilant every day, lest I lose one fragile opportunity to improve tomorrow.

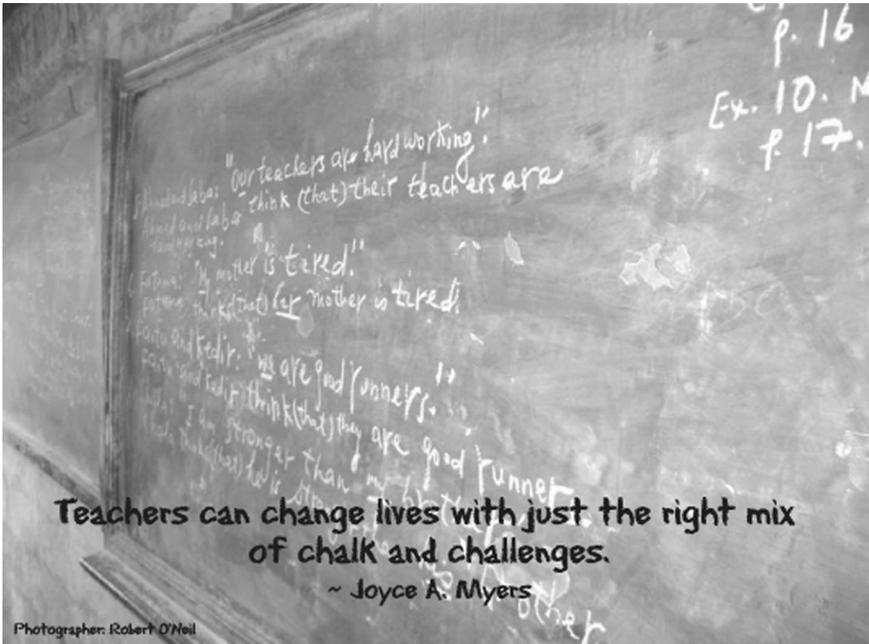
Ivan Welton Fitzwater



One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feeling. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child.

Carl Jung

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I like to think that the greatest success of any life is the moment when a teacher touches a child's heart and it is never again the same . . . Everything America is or ever hopes to be depends upon what happens in our school's classrooms.

Frosty Troy



Any teacher can study books, but books do not necessarily bring wisdom, nor that human insight essential to consummate teaching skills.

Bliss Perry



Good teachers are like hearts . . . they will go where they are most appreciated.

Unknown



A teacher is like a candle which lights others in consuming itself.

Giovani Ruffini



What the teacher is, is more important than what he teaches.

Karl Menninger

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Teachers know there will always be rocks in the road ahead of us. They will be stumbling blocks or stepping stones; it all depends on how we use them.

Unknown



Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher.

Japanese Proverb



A teacher's constant task is to take a roomful of live wires and see to it that they're grounded.

E. C. McKenzie



It is noble to teach oneself, but still nobler to teach others—and less trouble.

Mark Twain



One hundred years from now . . . it will not matter what my bank account was, the type of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove, but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.

Anonymous

To live a single day and hear a good teaching is better than to live a hundred years without knowing such teaching.

Buddha



A teacher who can arouse a feeling for one single good action, for one single good poem, accomplishes more than he who fills our memory with rows and rows of natural objects, classified with name and form.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe



In a completely rational society, the best of us would be teachers and the rest of us would have to settle for something less because passing civilization along from one generation to the next ought to be the highest honor and highest responsibility anyone can have.



Lee Iacocca



A great teacher never strives to explain his vision. He simply invites you to stand beside him and see for yourself.

R. Innan



I've always tried to be aware of what I say in my films, because all of us who make motion pictures are teachers—teachers with very loud voices.

George Lucas

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Compassionate teachers fill a void left by working parents who aren't able to devote enough attention to their children. Teachers don't just teach; they can be vital personalities who help young people to mature, to understand the world and to understand themselves. A good education consists of much more than useful facts and marketable skills.

Charles Platt



Teachers, I believe, are the most responsible and important members of society because their professional efforts affect the fate of the earth.

Helen Caldicott



I put the relation of a fine teacher to a student just below the relation of a mother to a son . . .

Thomas Wolfe



Teachers are the reservoirs from which, through the process of education, students draw the water of life.

Sri Sathya Sai Baba



A good teacher, like a good entertainer, first must hold his audience's attention. Then he can teach his lesson.

Hendrik John Clarke

What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to the soul.

Joseph Addison



Teachers teach because they care. Teaching young people is what they do best. It requires long hours, patience, and care.



Horace Mann



Teachers are expected to reach unattainable goals with inadequate tools. The miracle is that at times they accomplish this impossible task.

Haim G. Ginott



Teachers who inspire know that teaching is like cultivating a garden, and those who would have nothing to do with thorns must never attempt to gather flowers.

Unknown



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Whoever first coined the phrase “you’re the wind beneath my wings” most assuredly was reflecting on the sublime influence of a very special teacher.

Frank Trujillo



What greater or better gift can we offer the republic than to teach and instruct our youth.

Marcus T. Cicero



What a teacher doesn’t say . . . is a telling part of what a student hears.

Maurice Natanson



You can pay people to teach, but you can’t pay them to care.

Marva Collins



The dream begins, most of the time, with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you onto the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called truth.

Dan Rather



If a man keeps cherishing his old knowledge, so as to continually be acquiring new, he may be a teacher of others.

Confucius

A loving heart is the beginning of all knowledge.

Thomas Carlyle



He who dares to teach must never cease to learn.

Richard Henry Dann



We cannot hold a torch to light another's path without brightening our own.

Ben Sweetland



Education is light; lack of it is darkness.

Russian Proverb



There is a place in America to take a stand: it is public education. It is the underpinning of our cultural and political system. It is the great common ground. Public education after all is the engine that moves us as a society toward a common destiny . . . it is in public education that the American dream begins to take shape.

Tom Brokaw



Schools will change more in the next 30 years than they have since the invention of the printed book.

Peter Drucker

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We can talk or dream about the glorious schools of the future or we can create them.

Marilyn Ferguson



Knowledge changes extremely fast. But that in itself is not new; knowledge has always been fast. What is new is that knowledge matters.

Peter Drucker



For the first time in human history it really matters whether or not people learn.

Peter Drucker



Education is the most important profession because through the hands of educators pass all professions.

Unknown



The most important outcome of education is to help students become independent of formal education.

Paul E. Gray

Education could be much more effective if its purpose was to ensure that by the time they leave school every boy and girl should know how much they do not know, and be imbued with a lifelong desire to know it.

William Haley



Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.

Malcolm S. Forbes



Education that consists of learning things and not the meaning of them is feeding upon the husks and not the corn.

Mark Twain



Every time you stop a school, you will have to build a jail. What you gain at one end, you lose at the other. It's like feeding a dog on his own tail. It won't fatten the dog.

Mark Twain



There is an old saying that the course of civilization is a race between catastrophe and education. In a democracy such as ours, we must make sure that education wins the race.

John F. Kennedy

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We cannot always build the future for our youth,
but we can build our youth for the future.

~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

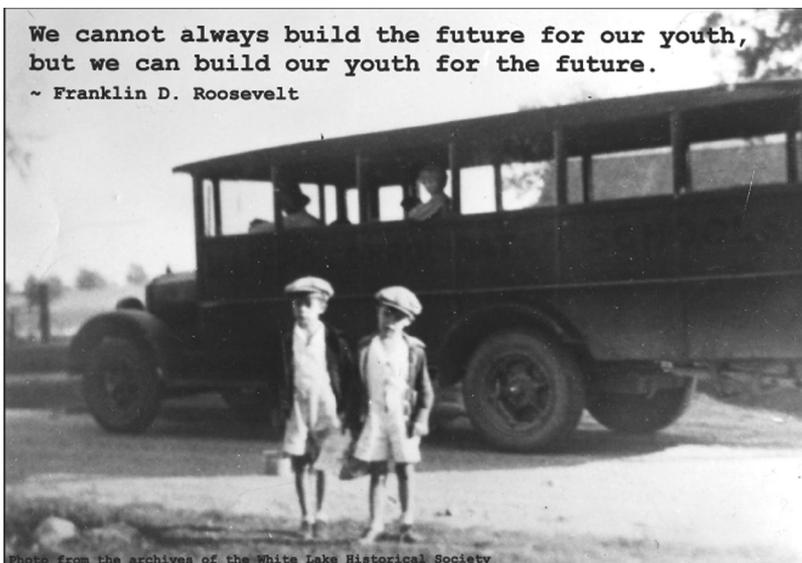


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