

Chapter 1 : ABOUT | Passion For Learning

Passion for Learning was founded in with the intention of recruiting adults from all walks of life who could bring their experiences, enthusiasm and skills to children struggling to read and learn.

Now, hard science is telling us the same thing. Emotions can significantly alter the creation and recall of memories. People are better at remembering information that is emotionally charged rather than information that is neutral or flat. But aside from influencing emotion, passionate engagement can empower students to feel in control of their own learning. Whether you are talking about passion, inspiring passion, cultivating passion, or thinking passionately about your own interests, you can be the one to revolutionize learning. On that note, here are a few ways to incite passion in your own students: Share your own passions with your students. Take time to share what makes you passionate about a specific topic. Indulge in your own passions when you are outside of the classroom. The energy you put into something you love outside the classroom will find its way into to your lessons. Let students share their passions. It is important to let students pursue their own passions individually , but it is equally important to let them share their passions with others. Especially in the absence of feedback or judgment, the act of sharing something personally fulfilling enhances your excitement for it and motivates you to share it further. Introduce students to resources that help them exercise their passions. If a student seems especially interested in art, ask her to see you after class and present her with a list of resources “ books, gallery websites, virtual lessons, etc ” that she might explore in her free time at home. Help students find others who share the same passion. It is one thing to share your passion with a marginally interested classmate, but it is something entirely different “ and enormously powerful “ to share it with someone who reciprocates that passion. Not only does it confirm that your passion is valued; it confirms that you, as a person, are valued. This is an especially useful tactic in a middle school setting, where, for students, fitting in can be an even higher priority than learning. While students are preparing for their class-wide robotics competition, show them videos of engineering projects from universities and institutes across the world. Emphasize the real-life significance of machines that are built to help people, whether in life-threatening medical situations or in the kitchen at home. Divorce practicality from the picture. Use your best judgment to decide what sort of support each student needs and when. Trust that hard work follows naturally from passion. Try not to let any bias creep into the picture when it comes to student passions. Though you may harbor a secret fondness for the student who pores over Shakespeare during your 7th grade reading period, encourage the student who brings a fly-fishing guide to class as well. Let students take control. When students believe they are in control of their own learning, they value it twice as much as they would otherwise. Allow twenty minutes for students to design their own school schedules “ complete with periods devoted to video games and basketball, if they want “ and see what interests you can identify and incorporate into your lessons. Learn how to recognize passion in momentary obsessions. Some students may seem interested in anything and everything, flitting from one topic to another, one day to the next. While interest in something is certainly better than interest in nothing at all, see what patterns you can recognize over time. Is she simply trying to be different, reaching for the opposite of whatever topic is of current interest to the rest of the class? Some students have trouble opening up and revealing their passions in class. Check out our guide to working with parents here. Surround your students with passionate people. Call in guest speakers and show your class videos of people doing what they love. When your star math student decides to take advanced French instead of participate in the Math Bowl Competition, support her through and through. Express your faith in her value as a person, not just as a talented mathematician. Help connect students to a new subject through an existing passion. Be proactive when it comes to student interests. Show students how learning about seemingly unrelated topics can help them learn more about their passion. The power of interdisciplinary learning should not be underestimated. Not only will this help her confirm the significance of her passion; it will prove to her that previously unfamiliar and uninteresting subjects actually do have value. Set aside time to let passions flourish. Help students create something with their passions. A passion unpracticed is better than no passion at all, but a passion that yields results makes a student feel confident,

accomplished, and smart. Weave standards into passion-based learning. One way to cover all your responsibilities as an educator is to incorporate assessment standards into passion-based learning, or vice versa. This tactic deserves an entire article to itself, but suffice it to say that it can be done. Be ready to define it, defend its place in the classroom, and help others throw all negative connotations of self-serving, reckless abandon out the window! Let yourself be inspired by other impassioned educators. Understand what passion means for students of different age levels. For younger students, aim wide; for older students, aim deep. Understand what passion means for students with different backgrounds. While some students may have no trouble understanding what passion is, others may feel uncomfortable with the concept. Recognize that some students may have been raised by passionate parents and others may have been discouraged to do much self-reflecting. Understand where passions come from. For some students, passion may be a way to hide from negative events at home or at school. For others, it may be a way to connect with a friend or to please a parent. Wherever the interest comes from, understanding its origins will help you to direct its growth. Connect passions with intelligence, not talent. It is a confidence he will take with him into other subjects as well.

Chapter 2 : Passion For Learning | HELPING KIDS BECOME AMAZING STUDENTS

Since Passion for Learning (P4L) has helped students in low income communities develop the skills they will need for a 21st Century knowledge-based global economy and technology-rich society. Through our numerous programs, our students inquire, create, collaborate, problem solve, communicate, and connect with the world.

Jordan Catapano Jordan Catapano Many teachers would verify that they entered the field of teaching because they love it. Not only do they love teaching others, but the subject material they teach thrills them. Stories abound of would-be teachers switching out of college majors to pursue the career they love. In other cases, teachers work with their subject material – whether it be English, Math, Science, or whatever – in arenas beyond just their classroom. They gravitate towards those venues. They feel complete when they work with and talk about what they love. And then they meet students who are, shall we say, not quite as enthusiastic. Be open with your own passion. If you love something, then show it. Regularly apply your passion, and tell your students. If you were thinking about something, working on a project, or just walking along and found something interest that relates to class, tell you students about the experience. Get students to apply it, too. The world is diverse and fascinating. Classrooms, on the other hand, are abysmally isolating at times. Give them a glimpse of the real world. At least, that what we adults think. Constantly remind students that being smart, passionate, engaged people is cool – and give them plenty of opportunities to be cool. Set goals and reward improvement. When students set a goal for their own academic growth, half the battle is already won. Now they have an internal motivating factor that will help propel them to that next level of success. And lavishly reward students who make any improvements. Turning even just one student onto a particular topic is not easy, and getting an entire class passionate is a true challenge. But with the right enthusiastic atmosphere, students might just realize that learning can be really, really cool. Now you tell us: Leave your reply in the comments section, below.

Chapter 3 : Passion For Learning Quotes. QuotesGram

The learning process should be one that becomes habitual. Education shouldn't end once you've graduated high school, college, or any other institution. By creating a passion for learning you will, in effect, create a lifetime of opportunity; this passion gives you the drive to explore new topics and challenges each with their own risks and.

Email When Ron Clark started teaching a decade ago, he never thought he would be a widely read author and a nationally honored teacher of the year. His latest, "The Excellent 11," has provided teachers and parents with tips on how to motivate and inspire children to learn. Clark believes parents and teachers can plant the seeds for what children learn and how well they will achieve. "Qualities Teachers and Parents Use to Motivate, Inspire, and Educate Children," he encourages teachers and parents to make the most of their daily interaction with children. The list is as follows: Children are impressionable and look to adults for guidance. Teachers and parents must inspire and motivate kids to want to learn, achieve, and be the best they can be. By creating adventure, parents and teachers are creating an environment where children are free to let go of inhibitions and be themselves - building their confidence, fostering trust, and encouraging them to become better students. Doing things like taking kids to amusement parks or taking your teenager to a rock-climbing wall might seem scary, but if you can do that with your son or daughter, those things bond people. The best teachers and parents are those who think outside the box and put themselves in the mind-set of the children they teach. They are willing to try many different techniques until they discover the best solution to helping their children learn. Learning from mistakes and retaining positive memories helps a child to become a deeper individual with a better sense of self. It will mean so much for the kid down the line. It is important for teachers and parents to present information to kids in a balanced way, covering all types of learning styles. When adults show kindness, they are building a vision in the eyes of a child of how others should be treated. Good teachers and parents make sure children feel safe and comfortable in their learning environments, and teach them how to solve problems amiably and in a mature manner. One thing I will not tolerate is if you bully or call each other names. They can grow up to be wonderful scientists or reporters or outstanding teachers and these kids are hating school. We cannot ignore it. We have to teach kids compassion at a young age. We have to talk to them about their feelings and how their actions affect others. As a parent, know they can come to you with their feelings. Parents and teachers need to teach kids that whether they are making a science presentation, studying for a test, trying out for an athletic team, or facing any challenge in life, the key to success is preparation. When dealing with kids, parents and teachers should attempt to see things from their perspective, and find humor and understanding in their mistakes and embarrassing moments. Laughter is a powerful way to connect with children. When parents and teachers are specific with children in terms of what they expect from them, kids are far more willing and able to live up to those expectations. They need to take the time to help children develop skills, such as listening, taking notes in class, studying, and staying organized. It is also important for them to show kids the importance of gratitude. There is no greater job in the world than raising a child. Parents and teachers must stand strong and remain committed to doing whatever is necessary to raise children with optimism, understanding and love. Clark says Passion is the most important quality for parents and teachers to never lose sight of. According to the author, the order of the qualities is not important. What is important is that they are being used to develop and nurture young talent.

Chapter 4 : Giving Kids Passion For Learning - CBS News

Regularly apply your passion, and tell your students. Be an example. If you were thinking about something, working on a project, or just walking along and found something interest that relates to class, tell you students about the experience.

During the past two decades, educators, politicians, and the media have given unprecedented attention to new mandates for increasing student achievement, enhancing educational opportunities for all students, and reforming school practices to prepare students for the 21st century. Could it be that the current education reforms have not yet fully dealt with what teaching and learning are all about? In a word, yes. There is more to education reform than improving test scores: This essential part of our profession shows itself most readily when teachers commit to understanding the whole child, not only as an intellectual being, but also as a social and emotional one. Learning is a factual and emotional experience. We have been so focused on standards and assessment for students, and have given such limited attention to supporting, nurturing, and encouraging teachers and students, that we may be reaping some unexpected and frightening results: Until we place more attention on the social and emotional needs of students in a balanced educational program, neither federal mandates nor good intentions will yield the results we desire for young people. Each of us may remember a teacher who opened a closed door within our minds. To keep improving how we teach, we must give more attention to the interplay between the science of teachingâ€”pedagogyâ€”and the art of teaching, which deals with the unique way a teacher transforms students to reach their potential. A teacher must be anchored in pedagogy and blend imagination, creativity, and inspiration into the teaching and learning process to ignite a passion for learning in students. Moreover, we must recognize and reward teachers who endeavor daily to create classrooms in which students succeed academically and become inspired to take responsibility for their own learning. The best reward we can give teachers is to ensure that they have the best possible working conditions for teaching, which includes a strong support systemâ€”especially for those new to the profession. When students, especially in middle school and high school, realize that teachers and schools give them the tools to take control of their own learning, their behavior and outlook on life become more positive and more resilient in the face of change. More than ever, educators need to teach students not only to keep up with the information and changes that occur daily outside the school, but also, and more importantly, to learn how to evaluate what they read, see, and hear so that they can separate the wheat from the chaff. Students, like teachers, need to be open to learning throughout their careers and throughout their lives. Educational change will require taking a different path beyond test scores and other snapshots of student achievement. Certainly it is important that we are able to demonstrate what we are doing to ensure that the lives of young people are transformed by academic and practical skills we help them to develop. Better test scores will not change education, but committed teachers can and will. To truly transform education, educators will need to embrace the following professional qualities: Deep, personal commitments to students and colleagues. A love for learningâ€”in school and out of it. Reflective thinking about our teaching or administrative practices. Time for personal and professional self-renewal. We already know more than we need to know in order to do that. Our commitment to teaching the young, whether they are 5 or 25 years old, increases as we experience more of those special moments when we know students are making connections between knowledge and their own lives. Those momentary flying sparks ignite a passion for learning. He retired in as deputy state superintendent in the Georgia Department of Education. Enter the periodical title within the "Get Permission" search field. To translate this article, contact permissions ascd. Learn more about our permissions policy and submit your request online.

Chapter 5 : Home - Passion For Learning - Helping Children Learn Chester

To develop a passion for learning, make friends with other people who love to learn. [2] If there are people around you who discourage you from pursuing your passions, stay away from them if possible or try to shut them out.

When I mix these paints, I get a whole new color! While grades and test scores are important, what about the sparkle in their eyes when they discover a "new" bug in the backyard, see a painting that inspires some art of their own, and overcome frustration to go hand-over-hand across the monkey bars? In the end we want their love of learning to go beyond school and sustain them throughout their whole lives. If I Were a Parent: Teaching kids good manners Unfortunately, lots of kids start to lose their passion for learning as they grow up. Some research indicates that 40 percent of U. How do they get to that place? For some kids school becomes less about learning and more about achievement, right answers, and grades. And as they get older, they want to play it cool and avoid showing a sense of awe about pretty much anything -- at least to us. Even kids with exceptional grades are sometimes in it for the letters on report cards and have lost sight of learning. Start Early, Inspire Often Babies and toddlers find everything fascinating: Parents can build on this natural inclination in lots of ways. First, you can share their wonder at the world. If your kid is amazed by a spider web or delighted by the garbage truck, let yourself mirror that enthusiasm and build on it by asking questions and noticing things: What other shapes do I see? Nature hikes, museums, road trips, and even your own street can have tons of opportunities to discover things and wonder at what you see. Other than showing and sharing excitement, parents can help kids make sense of what they experience. Watching, playing, exploring, and talking with your kid helps them connect some dots and continue a dialogue. Check out videos that examine unique concepts, such as the ones on Khan Academy, Vsauce, and SciShow. Model Learning In addition to being open about your own wonder and curiosity, you can also be a role model for the learning process. And sometimes, an unsolvable mystery is part of the fun! Seeing you learn something -- for example while playing family games or trivia apps -- demonstrates the process. Also consider watching movies and TV shows that help foster curiosity. Show kids how to use references and research apps to gain a deeper understanding of a topic. Instead of always being the expert, be an explorer with your kid and let them teach you along the way. Reinforcing their effort and process with specific observations makes a bigger impact. Even if you do have some hot wisdom to drop, try to stay open and curious about other positions or further facts about a topic. Foster problem solving and critical thinking by going deeper, examining opposing points of view, and finding connections. Asking, "what do you think? Working through steps, finding information, and untangling tricky moments shows kids that we keep learning throughout life. Read or watch current events together and fact-check the stories to discover additional information to inform your opinions. Watch documentaries on various subjects such as history, animals, and space. Sharing new discoveries increases knowledge -- as well as bonding. Go Beyond Subjects and Skills Sure, we want our kids to be great at math, reading, and science, but what about the so-called "soft skills" like kindness, empathy, and perseverance? While they can be hard to measure, we want our kids to keep learning about how to be the best human being they can be. Like more concrete skills, building these character traits lend themselves to modeling and narrating so kids can see how grownups work through interpersonal issues: Use the conversation starters in the "Talk to your kids About Role model responsible online behavior so kids are respectful to others when they start interacting online. Learn more social media basics to set your kids up for positive online experiences. Even as they get older and want to attempt things on their own, you should still let them -- within reason, of course. When kids are mostly told what they need to learn in school, being able to explore their own interests can be really powerful. Not only can they piggyback on their own passions, but they can also learn things that are especially relevant to their real lives, like changing a tire, organizing a toy drive, or cooking. Self-reflection, mindfulness, and metacognition -- understanding how you learn -- let kids gain a deeper understanding of themselves and how to approach new topics and circumstances. Have a nightly challenge where everyone has to share one fascinating fact they learned that day at dinner. Twitter is a gold mine of facts.

Chapter 6 : How to encourage your children's passion for learning - CNN

"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow." - Anthony J. D'Angelo quotes from blog.quintoapp.com

Chapter 7 : A Passion for Learning Begins with a Spark

Yet, the harsh realities of bureaucracies, the paperwork that reforms generate, the unrealistic demands made upon teachers, and the blame placed on teachers and administrators for education's failures, not surprisingly, have diminished the passion for teaching and learning in many schools.

Chapter 8 : 5 Ways to Share Your Passion for Learning | TeachHUB

Passion for learning is the key pedagogy to prepare for 21st century challenges. I've witnessed this in my own journey. I met a graduate student working in a very esoteric (read: boring) scientific field that uses magnetism to determine the properties of atoms.

Chapter 9 : Passion Quotes - BrainyQuote

Facilitation of learning process is not only evaluation and documentation of learning outcomes, but also setting target-oriented learning goals. Facilitator has to see the potential of the learner: to motivate the learner, to give ideas, tips, and feedback, to offer resources, to ask supportive questions and listen to them.