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THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION

BY KIM, 15

My name is Kim, I am a student as well as a player for Payatas Football Club. I am currently in the 9th grade. From elementary level until high school, I am recognized as one of the top students in my school. Although, there are also times when I struggle with some of my subjects. But with some effort and studying together with my classmates, I would eventually understand the topics better.

One of my biggest challenges as well is learning how to balance my school work and playing football. It gets especially hard when I have trainings and I also have to turn in projects at the same time. But my coach, coach Roy, always tells me that I should always prioritize my studies. He says that this is

more important. One of the ways that I am able to work through this is through time-management, a skill I learned recently.

Being a student and a life-long learner, I truly believe that it is crucial for everyone to know the importance of education. I value my education because this was an opportunity given to me and my brother. Being a scholar at Fairplay played a significant role in my growth. This is why I am motivated to finish my studies, so I am able to serve others as well.

When we say education, it is not only about learning different subjects in school, it's also a way for us to be able to meet and learn about other people's culture and experience things

outside of what we're familiar with. It is all about taking in everything that we can use in order to better our lives.

Studying is important but it will be more meaningful when we're happy doing it. I think it is also important for us to learn about how we can connect with other people. One of the most memorable things that I learned as a student is something one of my teachers, Mr. Aguilar said. He said, "if you can't be a solution, don't be part of the problem." Of everything that I've learned in life, this one has stuck with me the most. In everything I do, I try to apply this. For me, education and learning is not only achievable in the four corners of the classroom, but outside too. At home and in the community.

ARTISTS' CORNER



BY JHIMWELL, 15

KNOWLEDGE IS WEALTH

BY ROVIC, 16

I live in a place where many people aspire to be wealthy. Most of the people here in Payatas work in the garbage industry. Many take on scavenging or driving dump trucks as their main source of livelihood. Many of the families here also struggle to keep their kids in school. Aside from having to spend money on the kids' uniforms and books, they also need to pay for transportation and provide daily allowance.

Sometimes, I would think to myself, what would my life look

like if I were rich? The ones they call "the upperclass" in our society. I find this interesting. My routine would probably look something like, waking up early in the morning and having delicious food ready to eat on the table, my personal driver would then come to pick me up from my home and drop me off to my office. I would work in a big and fancy company and enjoy a stable income. Maybe life would be easier and more comfortable if that were the case.

Although, the more I think about

it, the more I ask, is it right to dream of just being wealthy? What if all the money disappears? What happens then? That is the moment I realized that there are some things in life more important than money.

I think we should all strive to be wealthy of knowledge than of money. For all the country's children to be able to read, write, and count. This will arm them against everything life will throw at them, a chance to pursue their dreams. Wouldn't that be a better world?

THE HOPE OF THE COUNTRY

BY LOREN JOYCE, 17

Edukasyon ay ating pahalagahan
Dahil ito'y pamana ng ating magulang
Na balang araw may maganda tayong
kinabukasan
Kapag ang pag-aaral ay pinasikapan.

A-BA-KA-DA ang unang itinuro ng ina
Kahit ito'y bago pa sa aking tainga
Bawat salita na nakasulat sa pahina
Ay hindi mahirap intindihin dahil may
gabay niya.

Kaya pahalagahan ang gintong bigay
ng ama at ina
Na mag aral hanggang sa nabubuhay sila

Pagod ay hindi iniinda
Basta makapagtapos ka ng pag-aaral gaya
ng iba.

Sa sitwasyon natin ngayon
nananatiling mahalaga ang edukasyon
Kabataan ang pag-asa ng bayan
Kaya ang pag-aaral ay huwag katamaran.

Kaya kung hangad mo ang maging
matagumapay
At magkaroon ng magandang buhay
Maging masipag at handang mag-alay
Dahil balang araw sayo'y maraming
sasaludo at kakaway.

MATCH THE ITEMS TO THEIR NAMES!

Paper



Bag



Book



School



Pencil

