

セントラルケンタッキー日本人補習校 校長挨拶

出会いの幅を広げる「勉強」

～子どもたちの健やかで伸びやかな成長を願って～



人間は出会いの喜びを求めて生き続けるのではないかと私は思っています。様々な人との出会いや自分を別世界に連れ込んでくれた一冊の本との出会い。心を傾ける仕事との出会い、目をあらわれるような美しい自然との出会い。一生のうちで、どれだけの人やモノと、どれだけ深く出会うか、それがその人の人生の重みを決めるのではないのでしょうか。

出会いのためには、二つの条件が必要です。一つは、その人の行動に自由な幅があることです。箱の中に自らを閉ざしていたのでは何にも出会うことはできません。もう一つは、その人の思考が柔軟で、様々な出会いへのアンテナが磨かれていることです。どんなに素晴らしい人やモノに出会っても、こちらにその価値を感じ取るアンテナがなくては何にもなりません。

勉強することの一つの利点は、思考・行動の両面において、出会いの能力を高めることだと思います。モノの見方、考え方が多様に深くなればなるほど、出会う喜びのチャンスは増えます。

人々が学問や知識に触れることを許されなかった時代、どれだけ多くの天才たちが才能を発揮する機会もなく、一生を終えたことでしょうか。今でも、生涯能力を発揮する機会もなく終える人はいるのですが、少なくとも、学問や知識が出会いの幅を広げる道具になることは確かです。

文章を書くことが好きだという人。スポーツが好きでたまらないという人。まだ、子どもたちの中には様々な出会いとの可能性が眠っています。その眠りを覚ますのが、「勉強」であると思っています。

セントラルケンタッキー日本人補習校での「授業との出会い」。そして、「新しい先生や新しい友達との出会い」。学校での生活を通して、子どもたちが健やかに、そして伸びやかに成長することを願っています。

校長 松平昭二

The Principal's Message

Increasing One's Chances of Obtaining Opportunity Through Study

~Hope for our students health and growth~

I believe that in our lives, people long for exciting encounters, such as is found in meeting all kinds of people from all over the world or coming across a book that takes you on a thrilling journey of the imagination. Some find curiosities that get them excited every morning; some encounter the beauty of nature in its meticulous creation. It's the people and things that you encounter in your life, and the various experiences you gain from them that give depth to our personalities.

There are two important conditions required in any meaningful encounter. First is willingness. If you lock yourself up in a box, you will never connect with the people or things around you. Second is having flexibility and watching out for opportunities by keeping our antennas up. When we fail to have our antennas up, even should some important people or things pass before us, we may miss the golden opportunity. In fact, when we study, we enhance the thoughts and actions which help us be more attentive to the things around us. When we begin to think in depth and observe things carefully, we increase the chances of discovering the new and fascinating things that were always right there around us.

There was a time in the past when people were not allowed or given opportunities to study and to be trained. Because of it, we will never know how many geniuses and people who carried significant abilities were never acknowledged, as whose skills were wasted. Although, there are still people today who may never make the effort to realize their full potential, at least we know that with the aid of education and knowledge doors can still open before us a whole world of opportunities and meaningful encounters when we seek to learn.

Among students, there are those that love physical activities. Some have a love for writing. These students have endless opportunities but so often their desires for meaningful encounters are in slumber. Learning has the power to wake them up and stir their curiosities in other areas they may never have been exposed to.

My hope is that during their time at Central Kentucky Japanese School, our students will make new friends, deepen their relationship with teachers, and encounter new things in their classes which will help them to realize their fullest potential and even their dreams.

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