“How To Be An Effective Teacher: The First Days of School”

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Harry K. Wong Facts

Education
• High School Diploma: Lowell High School in CA
• Undergraduate Degree: University of California
• Doctorate: Brigham Young University, Utah

Awards
• Horace Mann Outstanding Educator Award
• Outstanding Secondary Teacher Award
• Science Teacher Achievement Recognition Award
Harry K. Wong Facts

Background Achievements
• Author of over 30 publications
• Former secondary science instructor
• Educational speaker
• New teacher advocate

Personal
• Married to Rosemary T. Wong
• 3 children
• 4 grandchildren
Rosemary T. Wong Facts

Education
• Jefferson Parish Public Schools, Louisiana
• Undergraduate Degree: Southeastern Louisiana University
• Master in Education: Louisiana State University
• Doctorate: Brigham Young University, Utah

Awards
• Upton Sinclair Award (writing)
• Distinguished Alumnus Award
• Silicon Valley Woman of Influence Award (leadership in Ed.)
Rosemary T. Wong Facts

Background Achievements

• Former Elementary School Teacher
• Co-Author & Contributing Writer
• CEO of Harry K. Wong Publications
• Involved with charitable organizations
  (i.e., “First Days of School Foundation”)

“How To Be An Effective Teacher:
The First Days of School”
Topics & Presenters:

The Effective Teacher  Regina Schneider
Positive Expectations  Kiana Kerns
Classroom Management  Jessica Bee
Lesson Mastery  Elaine Segner
The Professional  Danni Karas
“The First Days Of School Can Make Or Break You”
Keys To A Successful School Year

1. Establish good control of your class

2. Be an effective teacher
Control Means

• Knowing what you are doing/consistency

• Establishing classroom rules/procedures/pedagogy

• Knowing your professional responsibilities
Be an Effective Teacher

• Have a classroom that is:
  • Caring
  • Thought-provoking
  • Challenging
  • Successful
Effective Teaching Characteristics

• Positive expectations for student success

• Good classroom manager

• Designs good lessons for student mastery
Effective Teaching

• Establish a relationship with a mentor

• Attend professional development events

• Learn as much as possible from other teachers

• Strive for excellence in everything you do
The Four Stages of Teaching

• Fantasy
  • Survival
  • Mastery
  • Impact
People who do things right are **efficient**.

And people who do things right over and over again, consistently, are **effective**

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Question: What will prepare me for my first year of teaching?

Answer: An induction program!
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WHAT: -Coordinates NAU’s Teacher Education Programs offered in the East Valley

-Partners with Community College’s to expand programs

-Develops programs and sequences/schedules

-Works closely with NAU faculty

-Advises and supports prospective and current NAU Teacher Education majors
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WHEN: ASAP to find out about NAU’s Teacher Education Program
1. One semester in length
2. Dual major students do a split placement in one semester
3. Apply one year in advance
4. Cannot self place
5. NAU’s office of field experience places students
6. Must pass AEPA elementary education subject knowledge test.
7. Student’s who wish to teach middle/junior high or high school must pass the test in subject you want to teach.

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   Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessments website

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10. NAU SUPPORT SYSTEM: College of Education Support Services, NAU supervisor, Cooperating Teacher
Arizona State University
Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
Student Teaching Facts

Who: Carmen Newland
    Director, academic services and student outreach

What: Oversees undergraduate student recruitment, admission, advising, recruitment and retention

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ASU Student Teaching Facts

- Different from traditional model
- Teach for two semesters
- 1 day of the week students take their final ASU courses
- 4 days of the week the students teach
ASU Student Teaching Facts

• Students receive immediate feedback

• Co-teaching (mentor teacher or another ASU student teacher)

• Site coordinators meet with student teachers on a regular basis
Student Teaching ASU
Two Semester Model

Student teacher

• Spends one full year in a classroom with a mentor teacher
• Meets with parents and sets up a classroom
• Experiences the transition over holidays
• Sees children progress over the entire year
ASU Student Teaching

• Secondary education majors student teach one semester
  • Still have content courses to complete (first & final semesters)

• Students cannot pick their school
  • Students can specify a grade
  • Students can specify a location within the valley
ASU Grant Projects

• BEST (Building Educator Support Teams)
  http://education.asu.edu/content/best-building-educator-support-teams

• Teacher Incentive Fund
  • September 2010
  • ASU was awarded $43.4 million from the U.S. Department of Education
  • “will provide resources to 71 schools in Arizona for comprehensive school
    reform, including a "pay for performance" element”
  • Through the two grants, 20 Arizona school districts are served
Expectations

• Knowing what you can or cannot achieve

• Two kinds of expectations
  • Positive or high
  • Negative or low
  • Same amount of energy for both
Positive or High Expectations

• Optimistic
• Whoever you teach will succeed
• Greater odds of success
  – Using energy to make sure it is so
Negative or Low Expectations

• Pessimistic
• Whoever you teach will fail
• Greater odds of failure
  – Using energy to see that nothing happens
Dropout Rates

• Students not in school and not high school graduates ages 16-19 (2009)
  – AZ 7%
  – US 6%

• Graduation
  – Not a celebration of education
  – Mocking and disrespect
First Day of School

• First day celebrations
  – School, parents, community
  – Assemblies

• Welcoming
  – Stand at door, busses
  – Name and room number on door
  – Guides in halls
Dress For Success

• You are treated as you are dressed
  – Work for you or against you
• A positive example
• What statement do I make?
Dress for Four Main Effects

1. Respect
2. Credibility
3. Acceptance
4. Authority
Invitational Learning

- William W. Purkey
- Developed the model
- The most inviting place in town
- People are: able, valuable, responsible, and should be treated accordingly
Four Levels of Invitational Learning

1. Intentionally disininviting
   - Deliberately demeaning, discouraging, defeating
   - Never smile
Four Levels of Invitational Learning

2. Unintentionally disinviting
   – They feel they are well meaning
   – Oblivious, chauvinistic, condescending, patronizing, thoughtless
Four Levels of Invitational Learning

3. Unintentionally inviting
   – Well-liked, effective, unaware why
   – Do not have a consistent philosophy
Four Levels of Invitational Learning

4. Intentionally inviting
   – Diligent, consistent, purposeful
   – Have a sound philosophy
5 Concepts to Increase Positive Student Behavior

1. Name
   - Friendly and respectful
   - Never condescending
     • putting down their identity
   - Pronunciation
   - Importance
5 Concepts to Increase Positive Student Behavior

2. Say “Please”
   - Kindness
   - Polite, cultured
   - Example

“Please?”
5 Concepts to Increase Positive Student Behavior

3. Say “Thank you”
   – Gratitude and appreciation
   – Good transition

“Thank you!”
5 Concepts to Increase Positive Student Behavior

4. Smile
   – Communicates 3 things
     1. Hospitality, graciousness
     2. Polish, cultured
     3. Want others to feel good too

5. Love
   – Loveable and capable
Classroom Management

• Two goals
  – Student involvement and cooperation
  – Productive working environment

• Task oriented

• Predictable environment
Classroom Ready

• Jacob Kounin
  – Influential in the study of classroom management
  – Used video tapes to analyze teacher and student behavior
  – Effective teachers were classroom ready
A Successful Teacher is Ready

- The work is ready
- The room is ready
- The teacher is ready
- Readiness is the primary determinant of teacher effectiveness
Prepare

- Floor space
- Work area
- Student area
- Wall space

- Bookcases
- Teacher area
- Teaching materials
- Yourself
Pre-School Invitation

• Letter to parents and students *before* school
  – Excitement
  – Invite to open house
  – State materials needed for class
  – State *your* expectations
Greeting on Day One

• Post class information outside the door
  • Stand at the door to greet
    • Introduce yourself
    • Check registration
• Allow students to enter knowing expectations
  – Seating chart and bell work
Seating Assignments

• Maximizes learning and management
• Minimizes bad behavior
  – Difficult students in front
  – By height
  – By age
  – In alphabetical order
Seating Arrangements

- Arranged to go with task
  - Listening to lecture
  - Small groups
  - Taking a test
  - Individual work
  - Sitting for story
Daily Routine

• Have assignment ready upon entering
  • Post assignments (no times)
  • Common procedures

LET'S HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR
Taking Role

• Look at roster yourself
  – Do not call names or send paper
• Have student folders to refer to
• Interactive student accountability
  – Moving name tags
  – Sign-in sheet
Discipline Where Teacher is in Charge

- Teacher-directed
- Students get no choices
- Teacher uses intervention and isolation
- Classroom has limits without freedom
- Climate can be tense
Discipline Where Teacher is in Charge

• Outline rules, consequences, and rewards
  • Rules promote consistency
    Post them, explain them, expect them
    Can be general or specific
  • Consequences teach responsibility
    Promote rewards and penalties
    Penalties should not disrupt class
Discipline Where Both are in Charge

- Student and teacher cooperate
- Students is offered structured choices
- Classroom has freedom with limits
- Teacher walks through problem with student
- Agreements are reached
Discipline Where Both are in Charge

• Have a discipline contract
  – What is the problem?
  – Why is there a problem?
  – What will I do to fix it?

• Hold student responsible
Discipline Where Students are in Charge

- Teacher is hands-off
  - Student is responsible for conduct
    - Teacher listens
  - Climate can be chaotic
- Class has freedom without limits
  - Teacher is nondirective
    - Student is taught responsibility
Discipline Where Students are in Charge

• Raise responsibility system
• Create levels of behavior
  – Anarchy, bossing, cooperation, democracy
• Implement this system in 3 stages
  – Teaching: proactive
  – Asking: discuss level not behavior
  – Eliciting: reflect on the level
Procedures

• Every activity
• Procedures are life
• Three steps
  – Explain
  – Rehearse
  – Reinforce
Class Size

• Costly
  – Reduction of students by 5 means 1 or more extra teachers per grade level
  – Need extra classroom
Class Size

• Research shows reduction to 15-18 in primary grades
  • No support for secondary levels
• Problem occurs during rough economic times
  • Allows more learning
Main Points

• Organize classroom first
• Teach for the students
• Good instruction
  – 15-20% more powerful than other variables
• Role of teacher is to uncover lesson
Effective Assignments

• Backward design:
  – What do the children need to know?
  • Form objectives
  • Build tests
  • Build assignments and activities
Effective Assignments

• Blooms Taxonomy
  – Knowledge, comprehension, application, analysis. synthesis, evaluation
• Verbs used in objectives
Effective Assignments

**Example**
- List four adjectives
- Describe what happens when static electricity occurs
- Explain the difference between mammals and reptiles

**Nonexample**
- Read Chapter 6
- Complete the worksheet
- Do this activity
- Do the problems on page 20
Effective Assignments

• What do the children need to know?
  – Follow the state standards
    • K-12th grade
    • Standards Website
Effective Assignments

- National common core curriculum standards:
  - Replacement of state standards
  - Aligned with college and career readiness standards
  - Compilation of best practices of state standards
  - Consistent end result for all states
Effective Assignments

• Optimum Length of Assignment
  – High school: 5 days
  – Junior High: 4 days
  – Intermediate school: 3 days
  – Primary school: 1 day, occasionally 2
  – Special education: 15 minutes

• Shorter is better
Tests

• Used to determine concept comprehension

• Tests are not for:
  – Curve grading
  – Period to kill
  – Material covered
  – Passage of time
Testing vs. Assessment Culture

- Purpose of test is to assess performance
  - Not for a basis of a grade
  - Testing for grading purposes is labeling students
Reflective Assessment Technique

- Not Wong’s original idea
- One theory of assessing students:
  - Teachers need only 15 minutes
  - Teachers learn more about students than testing
  - Results are 30% higher than normal tests
  - Best used if teachers have taught concepts before
Reflective Assessment Technique

• Four step process:
  – Anticipate
    • One or two key concepts, then activity
  – Review
    • Tally students comprehension
  – Reflect
  – Adjust
Scoring Guides

• Apply to all grades
• Student and parent to know what’s expected
• Share the **what** and the **how** with the students

• Scoring guide not rubric
  – Teacher jargon
  – Rubric is not clear or simple
Learning Teams

- Positive:
  - Collaboration
  - Students benefit
  - Offer support
  - Follow up
  - Peer observation
  - Alignment and convenience for students
Learning Teams

• Negative:
  – It takes time to develop norms of team
  – 1st year of team is used in building relationships
  – No growth as a teacher
    • Relying on others
The Professional & Teacher Leaders

The more you learn – The more they learn
Secrets to Success

• “Beg, borrow, and steal”
• Positive attitude
• Think, dream, and plan
• Want to make a difference
• Don’t make excuses
How to Reach Mastery

• Think, reflect, then implement
• Be open to professional development
• “Use mentors and resources to help you create a teaching style that works for you”
• Motivate
• Mediate
• Mentor
Qualities of Effective Leaders

• Sets a good example
• Is motivational
• Shares information
• Focuses on goals
• Implements deadlines
• Is well prepared
Teacher Workers VS Teacher Leaders

Teacher Workers
• Use excuses
• Complain
• Are frequently late
• Are “I” centered
• Are victims
• “Another day, another dollar”

Teacher Leaders
• Have plans and goals
• Are open to learning
• Are prompt and prepared
• Are “we” centered
• Have power and control
• “pursue life, love, and happiness”
Effective Teacher Leaders

• Can implement
• Are proactive
• Are willing to learn
Who are vulnerable teachers?

• Those who view themselves as “survivors”
• Those who are close minded
• Blame others to protect themselves
• Cannot handle stress
• View teaching as a “job”
Choose VS Decide

Leaders Choose
- I earn
- I create my happiness
- Life is better when I help others
- I enjoy challenges
- I “can” do this

Workers Decide
- People give me
- Others give me happiness
- Life will be better if…
- I “can’t” do this
Tips for Beginning Teachers

“40% of new teachers quit within the first 3 years of teaching”

• Don’t quit
• Don’t give up
• Don’t blame
• Don’t whine
The Significance of Teachers

• Models of leadership
• Influential
• Teaching makes all other professions possible
• Teachers deal with large numbers of people
Beliefs of Successful Teachers

• Everyday is a new day
• Every child can learn and grow
• Partnership
• We are here to help
• Education is essential
• Smile warms the hearts of students
Teacher Leaders

• Make choices
• Strive to make a difference
• Be professional
• Use resources
• Never stop learning
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