

Happy National Education Week to You!



Education as our Focal Point

I want to wish all Jamaican educators and students a Happy National Education Week. This week provides us with the opportunity to examine our growth and change over the past year. We have all gone through a substantial transformation in order to sustain educational growth. This growth is reflected in our learning of new technological tools and instructional strategies to teach students. We realized that we are also students in our own way, due to our immediate need to develop advanced skills as tech savvy instructional leaders. Educators all over the world are enhancing and advancing their way of teaching, especially in areas that provide more meaningful experiences for students as we struggle through the lingering months of the pandemic.

We are stronger through Education

This week, I will be reflecting on my educational journey and the influence of my teachers on my development. My first teachers were my grandparents. My grandmother instilled in me the early-morning-rising mindset, which emphasizes waking up early and starting each day with a focus. She also taught me to cook and iron my clothes. My grandfather taught me basic measurements like inches and yards using his finger and arms as tools. They shared many stories with me around the woodfire as we ate roasted corn and sweet potatoes. I received family values and ideas of moral and ethical duties from my grandparents.

The school provided me with my formation; several principals, teachers, and guidance counselors contributed to my personal and academic development. They exercised patience and faith, not just in me, but all of us who are now private and civil professionals. Without debate, education is the most dependable avenue to advance the will and efforts of a people.

As we go through National Education Week, and the rest of the school year, be reminded of the strength we have in working together in delivering purposeful education. Even when we struggle, it is in pursuit of better for ourselves and our students. Educating others is not easy, but we, our communities, our society as a whole, and the world are stronger as a result.

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