

Teachers' Reflection

This thought-provoking movie makes me pay attention to the social issues related to Hong Kong's education system. It is heartbreaking to see Zoey, an underachiever from a Band 1 school, being repeatedly punished for thinking outside the box and discouraged from striving for her dream. As a teacher, I remind myself constantly that we can never use a one-size-fits-all approach to teach as everyone is unique with different education needs. However, how can we help students to develop creativity? Students need permission, confidence and the space to be creative. I hope that Pooi To girls can be more willing to take risks and be more innovative in the journey of self-discovery towards their dreams and goals.

In addition, the most impressive scene and character in the movie is the autistic student who refuses to go to school because of an unexpected change. As a mother of two kids, I fully understand how challenging it can be to look after children, not to mention those with autism. Parents have to fully accept their children rather than focusing on how they are different from others children. We should celebrate small successes, and stop comparing ours to others. Feeling unconditionally loved and accepted will help them more than anything else. Every kid can be extraordinary in their own right, and has an entire lifetime to grow and develop their abilities.

Written by Ms Daisy Leung

This movie touched me deeply because I have experience teaching students with special needs. SEN students need more time and effort to learn what seems to be simple in the eyes of many others. Harsh words might have been said to them because of their differences. Yet, aren't we all different? Don't we all have the same basic wants and needs?

We all want love, security, acceptance, and to make a difference in the world we live in. No one likes to be criticized or ostracized. We should not make a judgement call on someone merely from their external appearance, and behavioral differences. We don't know what they have been through or what they may be challenged with at that moment.

Not judging or criticizing others helps us grow positively to become a large-hearted person. Appreciating differences allows us to unite with one another, and forge a bond that gives access to peace, love and happiness. I hope Pooi To girls can grow up to be passionate and compassionate and serve our community in a constructive way.

Written by Mr. Louis Yeung

作為一個老師，看完這齣戲，心裏不禁反思：何謂教好每一個學生？是令她成績大躍進，還是助她找到屬於她自己的人生路？相信答案是後者！就正如戲中那間特殊學校校長所言，每個學生也像一片葉子，是獨一無二的。所以，身為老師的使命就是按照每個學生的特質，悉心地澆灌，引導她找到最合適的人生方向。

作為兩個孩子的母親，看完這齣戲，心裏又不禁反思：何謂培育子女？誠然，在這個社會的洪流裏，

有時我也不自覺跟隨社會的要求去教導子女。或許有時我也像戲中女主角的媽媽一樣用盡千方百計驅使自己的子女迎合社會對人材的要求。這齣戲讓我學會多用心聆聽子女的有聲無聲的說話，也不要永遠用一把「大人」的尺子去量度他們。作為一個媽媽，我只願學像女主角的外公那樣，全心全意陪伴子女成長，讓他們在自己的人生路上展翅高飛！

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