

Educators share advice on communication

In our annual reader survey, we ask educators: 'Looking back on your experience as an educator, if you could share one piece of advice with your peers, what would that be?' Here are some of their responses on the topic of communication.

'Communication is key, whether it be with a co-worker or a student. Sometimes a simple **"Hello, how are you today?"** Can make the world of difference to someone.'

'**Make connections with others outside of your classroom and share ideas and resources.**'



'Always consult with your peers regarding difficulties you're having with students. They may have experience to help advise you ...'



'**Talk. You are never too experienced to get advice and try new things.**'

'Get to know your students as early as possible – all good relationships are built a conversation at a time. Ring families early in the year – you always learn so much about a student's context.'

'... **Communication and emotional intelligence are important skills for teachers ...**'

'Share with your colleagues - stories, resources, strategies and all the ups and downs of teaching so that it becomes a profession of collegiality and support.'

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