Theme: Leadership for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

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SMALL STEPS , BIGGER LEAPS



GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL, NAGAMANGALAM EDUCATE THE CHILDREN TO EXPLORE BEYOND THE SYLLABUS

I received my promotion as a Head master to this high school from my earlier post of Post graduate math's teacher on 02.08.2018. My school is one of the high population schools in Ariyalur district. At the time of my promotion the strength was close to 300 and now it goes close to 400. Besides lot of private schools near the locality, Parents highly rely on our school. Even there is high and higher secondary schools are there on the way, some children travel 15-20 km surpassing those schools to reach our school. So, it makes us highly responsible to act upon the parents and public trust.

Motto of our School in the form of our Logo

On my first academic year here, I decided to show the people what kind of school is ours with a logo. I joined my hands one of my old students who is a tech savvy, to design the logo. School is not the place which concentrate only on academic development but it is the place to make holistic development and shape the personality of the students with Love and Education. I wanted to depict this thought in our logo. with his help we came up with a wonderful logo design which is very much appreciated by our fellow academia's and our higher officials as well.

INFRASTRUCTURE – THE BACK BONE Development of Basic Needs

In order to give the quality education and best academic practices we need a good

infrastructure. Even the school is upgraded as high school on 2008, the school was struggling with basic infrastructures till 2018.

We borrowed one building from the elementary school which is located in adjacent campus. In 2015 the school moved to 3 rooms building and in 2016 a lab which is also used as class room due to the inadequacy of space.

As the admissions were poured in we have to segregate each class in to two sections. For that we were in need of 10 class rooms, an office room which is essential one and a staff room to accommodate nearly 18 staff.

In 2018 time we were short of 6 class rooms, High tech lab room, library room. The campus was big with few building without a back side compound wall and very few trees. This was the situation I stepped in as a leader of the school with zero experience on administration.

My first work was to give freedom to the books locked inside few steel shelves. I asked to open and stacked them category wise so as to give them to the kids to read. But where to keep them and where to ask the reading enthusiasts to sit?

Here I got a flash, A broken table tennis table was there, and I asked a carpenter to cut the plywood safely and use them to make a good open shelf to house books and magazines. With zero expense we got a wonderful shelf which is kept outside HM room and students used to sit in veranda to read the magazines and books.



Making use of available structure to construct two makeshift class rooms

After the erection of front compound wall, we got an idea why don't we put up a metal sheet rooms with minimum cost class rooms. We called the mansion and had discussion with the local PTA and SMC office bearers and raised the fund. Making use of the compound wall a structure is built and metal sheet roof is made to cover. Now we were able to accommodate two class children from under tree class to somewhat a safer place.



Lab and Library Building

Our incessant requests fell on government's ear so we received sweet news that Lab and Library building was sanctioned for our school. As the contractor was a nice and dynamic person, he made the building ready within six months of time. The fund for furniture for the new building is allocated directly to the school. So we made our dream library and class rooms out of it.



Sweet news – double delight

We heard a sweet news in November 2019. We were allotted a two class room building under SMC fund and further it is asked the Head Master to construct the building. We wanted to make use of every penny to complete the building as strong structure. During the construction small repair works in the old buildings and toilets were done with the spill over materials.



Renovation gave new life to old structures

We have two toilet units for the boy, unfortunately both of them were in un usable condition. With the School grant fund of our school, we managed to repair the toilets and students let in.



Bore well made to touch the under water source

We were initially provided with two bore wells but only one was in service. Due to the unavailability of water resource in the reachable depth it is abandoned. To my wonder that abandoned bore well has a huge overhead tank. If we bring this to working condition this bore well itself far enough for the school. The submergible pump was lowered to an additional depth of 50 feet. As soon as we switched on, water gushing through the pipe.



Extra-curricular activities make the children to like the school

Most of the schools encourage the academic activities. The academic achievers only crowned others were kept to clap for them. On entering to school leadership, I decided to crown even the last bench students to be crowned for their achievements in their own skill.

Giving Opportunities to all

First of all I gave a big change in the Morning Prayer structure. Instead of Head Master, all the staffs were asked to preside over the prayer activity according to the attendance order.

We have 5 classes with two sections each. So we enlisted the classes who have to take over the prayer activities on weekly basis. It is strictly followed no student is left behind. All the students were got opportunity to stand in prayer and do an activity like pledge, thirukural, quiz, math fact, science fact, quote or proverb and news reading.



Arts and Crafts

Even the kids with less academic scores are good at art and craft works. If they were given opportunities they are ready to unleash their talents in this area. we saw many young talents in arts and crafts among the students. Even few kids went to represent ariyalur district in competitions.



Clean and Green Campus

Cleanliness is next to godliness. But a Green campus only can make even god to smile. As we have Green Club, we encourage the students to do planting saplings and cleaning the campus.



After 2018 the face of the School campus is entirely changed. The green cover area widened. As a token of appreciation news7 TV channel showed our campus picture in their twitter handle.



Sports and Games to Strengthen the body as well as mind

Every year 25 % of our students go for sports and games events, and get places to district level and state level events.

In the year 2023-2024 our students went to state level in the Squash games. our school girls also went to state level for swimming.



An awareness program against the intake of Junk Food is organised in school. Students are asked to participate in exhibition. Lot of students participated in the exhibition with delicious food items made up of millet based contents.



Awareness rally against the usage of Tobacco, Alcohol and other narcotics substances

An awareness rally is arranged in school to make awareness against the narcoticsbased substances. 360 students went around the streets of the village with the hoardings and slogans.



The unending war against plastics

Our students went on a rally to make an awareness on hazards of the usage of plastics. They went around the village with the hoardings.



World Environment day Celebration

We arranged an event on World Environment day joining hands with an Organization 'Marangalai kaappom'. Students take oath to conserve nature and signed the declaration as a token of awareness.



After Joining the School as a head master, I regularly conduct parents meetings to discuss the discipline of the students and their academic performance. I make use of these meetings to bring awareness among the parents on adolescent psychology.



"Kalvicheer" - Furniture and other goods offered by Parents

We gave prior information that School wants material supports from parents. Whoever can support can bring their gifts to school on 'kalvicheer' day. We were dumbfounded on seeing the line of parents who came with lot of materials which were our essential need.



Library Opening ceremony

Our school got new library building on 2022. We invited the leading children writer in tamilnadu 'Vizhiyan' to open the library room and reading session. He gave an awareness speech on reading beyond the text books.



Annual Day

As we got a mandate from our department to celebrate annual day, we started planning. we wanted to depict the multi talents of our kids. And show cast our school's fame to the public. Teachers, old students and public were came forward to help us to make it as a big event.





We are the fore runner in these area....

Admission Campaign

In order to boost the admission ratio we go to the nearby elementary schools, meet the parents and keep a banner near bus stop to get the attention of parents and inform them the facility we provide in our school. These campaign activities used to boost the admissions in a great way.



We are in blog

we have started a blog in our school name. News and pictures about the big events in our school is posted .



YouTube Channel

We do conduct lot of events in our school. Every month there will be more than five events to enhance the knowledge of the kids outside the text books. Students are participating with great enthusiasm. We wanted the parents and general public to notice the talents of our kids in video format. So we started a YouTube Channel in the name GHS,NAGAMANGALAM. There we keep posting the video contents of the events conducted in schools. Children feel happy to show their talents to their parents in their own mobile device or TV.

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Celebration of Festivals

We used to celebrate the general festivals, Leaders Birth anniversaries and the govt nominated functions with great enthusiasm. We used to give the basic rudiments of the festivals for what it is celebrated. Be it in society or in school the festivals always bring the people closer and helps in a great way to bury the differences or hatreds.



Getting helps from Corporates from CSR funds

As ariyalur dt accommodates lot of cement factories, we always seek helps for fulfilling our small infrastructure needs. Birla cement factory which is 3km away from school is the only corporate we seek helps. They constructed us a seawage outlet way to let out the stagnating rain water. They frequently visit our school with doctors for awareness and provide sweets to students during national festivals.



Inclusive Education

We were the real fore runner of "Illam Thedi Kalvi" – School going towards students home. During Corana lockdown there is a big gap between the teachers and students Also Students and Education as well. To bridge the Gap we decided to send the teachers to meet the students in their home with basic precautionary measures. The went and saw their pathetic poverty condition. We arranged some helps. Teachers make the students sit and learn some basic ideas in the lessons also. After I posted this event in social media, many schools started following this.



Conclusion

These were few glimpses of what we actually do in our school. We are always very clear that mere teaching of the stuff in the text book is not complete education but the holistic development is. As said in our motto we give Education and Love to shape the Personality of the Students.

We never cared about result percentage or marks they get (though that also important), We actually care about to shape the students as good citizen and responsible young generation. As we concentrate on our main goal with great passion academic excellence automatically achieved.