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When GHANA READS kicked started OPEN LEARNING EXCHANGE (OLE) in Achiaman M/A primary school, Mr. Frank F. Aidoo was made to coach the school through this entire system of change. In fact he started his work on a good note when he came to introduce the OLE devices to the PTA. He stressed the importance of protecting the devices since they go a long way to serve quite a number of generations of Leaders. He employed the PTA and community members to serve as security to the school premises so that criminals will not come and still the devices. He also appealed to the PTA and all benevolent individuals to assist the school in providing funds to buy toners and papers as well as carrying out repairs when the need arises.

The PTA and SMC chairman were overwhelmed by the good faith OLE had in Achiaman School and community for bringing the technology that will lift the face of teaching and learning. The PTA chairman tried to quantify the items in monetary terms and was dumb founded at the figure he arrived at. The community and for that matter parents were very thankful and asked Mr Aidoo to send their profound thanks and gratitude to the managers of OLE and Ghana Reads.

From the beginning of the implementation of OLE, a lot of the teachers were terrified as to how to deal with the handling of the devices. Everything seemed difficult because of its technical ICT nature. Mr Aidoo seeing this came around all the time to take teachers through the use of the devices. Apart from that he continued encouraging each teacher to continue upgrading their ICT skills by constantly using the devices. Today majority of the teachers of Achiaman M/A Primary feel comfortable using the devices. His next target is to assist teachers in preparing slides for lessons to be delivered with the projector.
The idea came that it was important for the pupils of Achiaman M/A primary to confirm to the community that OLE has come to stay. With this a suggestion came that a clean-up campaign would be held when pupils with placards would march and converge at a point to clean-up.

The pupils were very happy when it was announced to them about the clean-up exercise. The pupils were fantastic during the clean-up exercise. All hands were on deck. At least the pupils learnt that it is important to keep the community clean since the community belongs to us. ABIGAIL BASAH of P.6 was adjudged the hard worker of the day. The pupils promised to keep an eye on the cleaned sight so that irresponsible person may not dump refuse there anymore.

Work was coming to a close. It was a successful day. Pupils feeling very fulfilled that they too have contributed to society by cleaning it up.

Getting ready to go back to school

A massive march back to campus

Mr. Theophilus Neequaye leads jama when we got to campus
A VISIT BY THE POLICE

On the …… a team of police men and woman visited Achiaman M/A primary school. They were from the Tesano Police divisional Command, on a nationwide community policing and security education. They educated on us on crime and crime prevention, domestic violence, child abuse and molestation and the role of community men and women in preventing crime. We were taught that the police do not all the time know where criminals are, but it is the duty of the community to expose those who disturb the peace of the community. The police also informed us that any form of treatment from any person that puts fear and discomfort in you is termed as abuse and molestation. Anyone who abuses and molests another person must be reported to the police. They added that abuse and molestation can be in the form of sexual, physical, verbal and emotional. It was further explained that, rape and defilement are criminal and the perpetrators must be arrested.

Anyone who touches girls and boys at body places that are sensitive (breasts, waist, private parts) is also committing a crime.

The police assured us that criminals need to be stopped from continuing with their criminal activities. It is the duty of the police to arrest suspected criminals and carry out investigation to confirm or to free any arrested suspect. When the police had finished with their talks, we were give time to ask questions. A colleague P6 pupil asked the police “why is the police so corrupt that they stand by the road to take bribe from drivers”? The police responded by saying that the police service if full of good service men and some few bad ones. Any police seen on the roads or anywhere taking bribe before performing their duties is a bad police.

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Another pupil asked if it was right for teachers and parents to use cane on them since the cane causes pain, fear and discomfort to them. The police answered by saying that in the schools, any teacher who uses cane by heart to hurt students is committing a crime and such a teacher should be stopped or punished. They also said that any parent who continuously beats a child to the extent of hurting him should be report to the police. The DOVSU unit of the police service will handle the matter. The said that anyone who wants to expose any criminal or any criminal activity but is afraid of being targeted should feel free to do so because the police will protect the identity of informants. One can come to the police station or call a toll free number 15888 to report or inform the police. In fact the visit by the police was very use to us. We learnt a lot of things which at first we were ignorant about. We now know that the Police service is a service with integrity.

The police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence.
— Sir Robert Peel, British Prime Minister (1788-1850)

The duties which a police officer owes to the state are of a most exacting nature. No one is compelled to choose the profession of a police officer, but having chosen it, everyone is obliged to live up to the standard of its requirements. To join in that high enterprise means the surrender of much individual freedom.
— Calvin Coolidge, 30th American president (1872-1933)
The chairman, the headmistress, PTA and SMC executives, fellow teachers, parents, guardians, pupils, ladies and gentlemen, I am thankful for having this opportunity to stand before you to talk about parenting that promotes quality education. It is very interesting to see our own children come here to dramatize what they go through in school and at home in pursuit of quality education. Most of the time we lay the blame on teachers as those who give quality education. A lot of us say that since the child is not able to pass exams, then it is the fault of the teacher. We are all interested in better teachers, but WHAT ABOUT BETTER PARENTS?

A better parent is the one who provides his child’s educational needs and makes sure the child is using them. When you buy any educational resource for your ward, you must make time to check from time to time to see how the resources are being used. A better parent is also that parent who shows interest in his child’s education. When the child comes back from school, the better parent asks, what have you learnt today at school? Teach me what you learnt at school. A better parent is interested in his child’s homework book. Even though you may not be able to read or write, you can supervise your child to do his homework. Because children are children, most of the time they return the homework book to school with soup and stew stains on it. Some have their younger ones draw lines in the book. In some cases the books get torn. When some of these things happen, most teachers find it very insulting. 

Mr. Chairman, it is important to note that a better parent also makes sure that he or she has enough time for the child. In most cases we use our businesses as excuses. You have a mother and a father leave the house very early and come back very late. Their children do not see them until Sundays. In such cases the children are left alone to do what they like. They develop bad habits and characters because there was no one in the house to tell them do this or don’t do that. The boys join bad groups and the girls get molested by bad men in society. The development of good morals and habits is very important to quality education. An educated person with bad morals is as dangerous as any aggressive mad person. It is therefore important Mr. Chairman that we as better parents try to create time off our busy schedules to train our children in the right direction. Let us spend quality time with them. Let us play with them; we get to know them better. The Holy Bible entreats us to train up our children in the way they should go so that when they grow, they will not depart from it. Let us visit the schools and find out how these young ones are doing. Let us come and look through their class exercise books. It makes them feel very important. Let us come to the school, feel free to demand quality service from the teachers. Let us also learn to congratulate and appreciate any progress of the teacher in the academic life of these children. These little things are very effective and go a long way to bring us the good results we desired.

Mr. Chairman, I wish to state passionately that we as parents, no matter how much we disagree with the teacher, let us not insult the teacher in the face of the child. The child gets negative psychological effects which hinders his learning experience under such teacher (insulted teacher).

Mr. Chairman, at this time I will like to say that a good teacher is very important in delivering quality education. Likewise the efforts of a better parent help uplift the work of any teacher. GOD BLESS YOU.
On the 4th of December 2013, Achiaman M/A primary organized a community education program on the theme “PARENTING THAT PROMOTES QUALITY EDUCATION”. The program is meant to sensitize parents on how to cater for their children to promote quality education. Prior to the program teachers were tasked to train pupils for various activities.

Mr Theophilus Neequaye and Mr Desire Vendenku trained the cadet, whiles Mr. Jacob Addico and Madam Ivy Oglidzah trained the drama group. Mr. Jacob Larbi Amoah and Mr. Benedict Tawiah trained the choir. Each training session went well and now the pupils are confident to perform.

The drama was based on a story about three families. Two families showed irresponsible parenting styles towards their children’s education while on of the families was up to the task.

There was the Kulikuli family, the Blema family and Enionyam family. Mr kulikuli though not educated provided opportunities to his child to excel in school. He sits by his child to do his homework even though. Amega Blema on the other side is very educated. But he failed to support his child’s education because of the unstable relationship that exists between him and his wife. They showed no respect for each other and their child carried this behavior to school ......it made him trail. The other family is business people. They do not have time to stay at home. They provide all the educational needs of their child but they failed to make sure the child uses those resources. At last they resulted to insulting teachers, accusing them of not teaching well.
Adolescents must comport themselves. As young people reach their adolescent stage, problems may come so they must know that they are in their adolescent stage and must manage all the problems they face. Outlined points below will help adolescents to manage their problems there by helping build the nation.

**PERSONAL BEHAVIOUR:** Adolescents should have confidence and work together in groups, so that they can all learn together. If they work together as group or team, it will help the nation to move forward. Also, adolescents must participating communal labor. When they are in teams, they must be truthful and faithful to themselves and trust worth each other or themselves. They must love themselves like brothers and sisters. If adolescents are teams and people propose sex to any of them, they must all have confidence and say a big NO to sex especially the girls so that they can concentrate on their studies. That will help them to have relationship between them. There are most adolescents who think about sex, so they have sex, but as for some, if they feel like having sex, it is sometimes difficult but they control themselves and help to move it from their mind. And also, adolescent must learn and work in teams or groups, so that they can all participate in good decision-making. And develop positive attitude or good attitude. Group or team work can also help adolescent to know each other. If adolescents do all these things it will help build the nation.

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**SCHOOLING OR EDUCATION:** Adolescent must study hard and go to school. If adolescents do that, they will become a good citizen. Adolescent girls must be careful because whiles they want to have a bright future, boys may also worry them. If they follow boys, it can easily block the chance of becoming a good citizen and also your education. That will not improve your education. Adolescent must not steal things that does not belongs to them especially government properties. They must all concentrate on their education and do everything that can't make your education low or comes down. Adolescent must also respect elderly person and even their colleagues. Adolescent must not follow bad peer groups they can give them peer pressure and they cannot achieve their aspirations. Instead of becoming something in future, you can take drugs that are not good for you. And especially the girls if you have unprotected sex, it may result to teenage pregnancy leading to early childbirth. Some adolescent who become pregnant will abort it. And that will cause a problem for you adolescents and also the government. All adolescents should listen to their parents and elderly person. They can give them advices and adolescents should obey because that can do something in future. If adolescents do all this thing it will help the nation to move forward.
Drug abuse is the use of certain drugs without the recommendation or prescription from a medical doctor. Also drug abuse include taking of drugs that are not to be used for the body. Drugs which are mostly abused include marijuana/“wee”, narcotics and cocaine among others. Drugs like cocaine and narcotics are taken through the nose whiles marijuana or wee is taken through the mouth and many more. Many people abuse drug because of peer pressure and circumstances of life. Sometimes, people abuse drugs because when they are feeling pains in their bodies they don’t go to the hospital to check what is wrong, but they will rather go to the drugs store to buy certain drugs to take. If this happen they become use to the drugs, so even if they are not sick they will go and take the drugs. If these take place it means that they are abusing the drug.

Drugs are very dangerous and harmful to the human body, they can lead to mental problem and can lead to death. It can also cause a lot of sickness to the body, sickness like cardiovascular diseases [heart sickness] and many more. Drugs abuse can also make people poor in this case if the people abusing the drugs are parent they won’t be able to take care of their children and if the children are girls they can end up being prostitute for money to take care of themselves. And also because the abusing the drugs cannot think critically they dress any how even if their nails are grown they don’t have time to them down. Also if their dresses are torn they don’t care to sew it or buy another one. Drug also affects the nation by making it poor and not developing. Because the people are weak and they cannot do any work to pay their taxes so the government will not have a lot of money to build hospitals, road and to pay government workers and many other thing, this will make the nation poor. Rather the government spends money on drug users to cure them. And also because the people are weak and cannot help to clean the community that makes some community dirty that will make the country not to develop.

And you teenagers don’t join bad friend to abuse drug because if you join bad friend and you abuse drug and you go to school when the teacher is teaching because you cannot think critically whatever the teacher will teach you will not get it. If this happen you will not achieve your aspiration of life. So you as a teenagers should not abuse drugs so that, you will be able to achieve your aspiration of life.

When this happens, you will agree to anyone who comes around to suggest sex to you. HOW DOES THIS SITUATION THREATEN GHANA AS A NATION? We all do know that everything has consequences. So therefore teenage pregnancy has a lot of damaging effects on the nation Ghana. So let us see some of these effects. When young boys and girls for that matter teenagers; are not encouraged to desist from pre-marital sex, a lot more people will leave with infectious diseases which will make them unable to work productively for mother Ghana. They rather will depend on the resources of the nation to get treatment. Meanwhile we could have done something to stop this. Another implication of teenage pregnancy is increase in crime wave if the teenage boy who got a pregnant does not have money, he can easily be influenced by peers to go and steal or do something illegal to get money. He may not be able to engage in legitimate work because he is under age and may not be employed by a decent employer for a decent pay. When the teenage boy grows committing petty crimes here and there, he will also end up influencing young people to join him. When this happens, there will be a lot of loss of public property, resources and lives. You must note that criminals do not care killing others. Ghana as a nation will experience an increase in the number of poor people in the country if nothing is done with the teenage pregnancy issue. This can happen if the parents of the teenage girl do not accept their daughter with the pregnancy. Most of the time, the girls are thrown away from the home and that marks the beginning of a poor life. The teenage girl has to struggle and cater for herself and the boys. She may end up not able to send her child to school and the cycle continues. Teenage girls are going through all these but when they get pregnant, everyone blames them to say they are the spoilt girls. Meanwhile the situation is more than just blaming the girls involved. Parents, religious bodies, and the extended family must do a lot to teach and offer proper direction to both boys and girls in this regard; the very good country not to develop.
Mothers
Mothers Oo! Mothers
How kind you are
You carried me in your womb for nine months
You tired before giving birth to us
You also breastfed me
You pampered on daddy because of us
You also treated me in a good manner.
Mothers God richly bless you.
THANK YOU.
BY: Faustina Appiah

LIFE
Life is like an onion,
You have to peel it one at time.
It sometimes makes you cry.
Life is a mystery, unfold it.
Life is an adventure, dare it.
Life is an obstacle, overcome it.
Life is a game, play it.
Life is a goal, achieve it.
Life is an opportunity, take it.
Life can be joyful when leading the right way.

In the olden days, there lived a northerner. He always hears people saying they are going to the internet. Not knowing he doesn’t understand. So he one day went to the internet café and he didn’t know how say browsing at the café he said that, master when you BLAST how much does it cost, the man sat down and said, when you BLAST, it cost boooooom! And the northerner escaped away.

By: Alhassan Zenabu

HOW CRAB LOST HIS HEAD
A long time ago, crab was a very handsome man. He was tall. He had fine hair. He was very kind so had many friends. Crab’s friends knew that he was a kind man. So they asked him to do many things for them. Crab was able to do everything for them. One day, spider said my friend, I need your help can you please give me your head so that I can speak to the chief. So crab gave his head to spider. Spider went away and he did not bring crab’s head again.
That is why crab does not have head.

By: Sarah Adusei

PUPILS VIEWS ON OPEN LEARNING EXCHANGE (OLE) PROGRAM

My school now uses modern technological devices in teaching and learning. This is a dream come through. Felicia Owusu Nyarko

OLE is helping us very well in English Language. Bravo! OLE Ebenezer Akpaka

I thank the headmistress & teachers for welcoming OLE. I can now read better. Mukashifuatu

With OLE, learning is now interesting and fun. Evans Mensah Kakra

With OLE in my school, teaching and learning has become easier. Francis Abagna

Tablets and other devices from OLE are making studies better. Benedicta Asenyo

OLE POEM
Ole Ole mend my reading skill
Get it done
By the time I get to P6
Touch on phonics drill
Fluency as reading skill
Reading comprehension
Conversation and writing
Then my success is complete
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By Alimatu Seidu
Primary 6

HOW OLE IS HELPING US

OPEN LEARNING EXCHANGE In short OLE is a program that has been brought to our school to help us read and pronounce words. They brought us a lot of material that can help us in reading. Some of the materials are Tablets, Headphones and other materials. On the tablet we read stories and play games, some of the games make noise so we connect the headphones to the tablets and listen to it on the headphones so that it does not make noise. At least in a week we read one story on the tablet. The video books help my friends who cannot pronounce difficult words while reading. The video books provide visual and audio advantage when we read on the tablet.

To me OPEN LEARNING EXCHANGE is a very good program that if everyone is lucky to get it in his or her school will be very good for them and they can improve on their reading. It is very exciting to read stories on a tablet. THANK YOU OLE.

By FELICIA LAMPTEY
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