Knowledge is a Consequence of Experience

by Mary Parr-Sánchez and Rachel Padilla

In 1920, Swiss Psychologist Jean Piaget began developing a theory describing the stages that children pass through in the development of knowledge and formal thought process. As he put it, “knowledge is a consequence of experience.” Before Piaget’s theory of cognitive development, children were often thought of as little adults. In contrast, Piaget suggested that the way children think is fundamentally different from the way that adults think, acting much like little scientists as they perform experiments, make observations, and learn about the world. His theory contributed greatly to our understanding of how children learn, develop, and grow. He is also credited as a pioneer of the constructivist theory, which suggests that people actively construct their knowledge of the world based on the interactions between their ideas and their experiences. As an educator and a lifelong student of education, Piaget’s work greatly impacted me...

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The Time to Act is Now!

According to the Learning Policy Institute almost 20% of teachers leave the profession because of low pay. This coupled with ever-rising healthcare costs, less planning time and class sizes bursting at the seams is driving educators out of the profession and hurting our students.

NEA-NM members across the state have made it very clear to legislators. In this upcoming legislative session it’s imperative that we address public school educator wages, benefits and working conditions in order to deliver the quality and equitable learning environment that all New Mexican children deserve. Our kids can’t wait. We can’t wait. The time to act is NOW!

Join your fellow NEA-NM members and become an advocate for our students. Stay informed by reading our 2022 NEA-NM Legislative Goals and targets (look for them in our next newsletter) and get involved as we organize and demand that our legislators vote in favor of pro-public education policy reforms. Mark your calendar and sign-up for our annual Legislative Training and Lobby Day in Santa Fe on January 23-24, 2022. Meet our NEA President and formidable public school advocate, Becky Pringle, as she delivers the keynote speech for Lobby Day.

Take Action!
2022 Elections

The NEA-New Mexico Elections Committee calls for nominations for offices to be elected in the 2022 All-Member Election. All online nomination forms must be received by the NEA-NM President by 5 PM, MT, Tuesday, October 20, 2021. The actual number of retired delegates and cluster delegates to be elected will be determined by the membership figures in each category as they exist on January 15, 2022. Student delegates to be elected will be determined by the membership figures in each category as they exist on March 15, 2022.

If you want to be nominated or want to nominate someone, visit the NEA-NM website, www.nea-nm.org, and click on the “NEA-New Mexico Call for Nominations” picture to access the complete 2022 NEA-NM Elections information: The Elections Calendar, Call for Nominations, and online nomination form.

GRIT: Geared to Reinforce Inspiring Teachers

NEA-NM is proud to announce the Early Career Educator Conference taking place this upcoming school year. Educators will have the chance to learn from expert teachers and professionals across the state in a virtual setting on Saturday, September 25th or Saturday, November 13th. In the spring, early career educators will get together in-person to continue the learning and discussion in a networking-based state-wide event. This event will include presentations on the following topics:

- Classroom Management
- Education Justice
- Building relationships with all stakeholders
- Communication with community members
- Culturally relevant and responsive teaching
- Self-care and work-life balance
- Increasing and maintaining student engagement

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- History photos of New Mexico
- New Mexico's Colonial Past
- September 22: Autumn begins