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Editor-in-chief's note



Like many others, I've been feeling a bit over whelmed with the use of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI) in education. As the founder of a decade old education-technology company focused on innovation through learning, I review quite a lot of education technology tools and platforms to ensure we provide our customers with the right fix. After this continuous exercise over the years, I believe effective ed tech must solve a problem rather than ask "how can I use this technology?" Education technology companies would be well-served to understand the challenges schools are facing at large and we constantly strive for this. For example, digital solutions are needed to address the shortage of skilled teachers, help children develop social and emotional skills and to equip parents to engage effectively with their children's education. The idea that good teachers are an essential ingredient to good education is not up for debate. That is precisely why technology needs to value add in critical areas and the understanding of balance is key here.

While we are at the topic of balance, summer holidays just went by. Balancing technology at home would have been a challenge. The simple solution to the screen time war is creating structure for kids during the week and specially on weekends. Kids tend to erroneously assume after or no school, no schedule. We can tweak that mindset without becoming a tyrant.

Let's get this year going with practising BALANCE.

Thanks, J

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THE THINK GLOBAL SCHOOL,

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THINK Global School is the world. The first traveling high school, offering students a chance to live and learn in four new countries each year, becoming global citizens in the process.

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Founded in in 2010, its mission has been to create & the next generation of change makers.

They draw from their collective wisdom: Wisdom gained from forging friendships Wisdom gained from conquering fears Wisdom gained from treating each moment like it was their last— and offer their experiences as advice to all prospective students who dream of following in their footsteps.

For the students of TGS, education doesn't stop at the close of the school day.

The team makes sure that they provide essential elements of their living and learning program that occurs outside the academic setting. THINK Global School combines challenging academics with place-based learning to create a high school environment unlike any other. Lessons in the classroom are supplemented by immersive field trips, providing our students with the opportunity to get hands-on with the unique cultures and environments of the host countries.

Every school year at TGS consists of three terms, each of which is held in a different country and host school. As an example, the locations for the 2015-16 school year are Canada, Morocco, and Peru. Their selective enrolment at THINK Global School also helps keep classes small and diverse with a current student population consisting of 44 kids from over 25 different countries of citizenship.

Change maker Curriculum

Learning at THINK Global School is centred around the school internally developed Changemaker Curriculum, which educates students through a blend of place- and project-based learning. There are no formal classes at





THINK Global School, instead students participate in one multidisciplinary teacher-led module each term that draws heavily from social, environmental, historical, and cultural themes and create several personal projects of their own.

For the teacher-led modules, students are either partnered up or work in groups to replicate what employees experience in the workforce.

Students work with educators at the start of the term to produce a summative assessment that lays out the direction of their project, and then work towards producing that outcome during their eight weeks in country.

All teacher-led modules and projects are tied to THINK Learning School custom learning targets, which guide all learning at THINK Global School. The learning targets are a collection of expected outcomes and offer a varied approach to THINK Global School multidisciplinary place- and project-based curriculum.

Students can focus on the learning targets and subjects that interest them the most, achieving applicable real-world skills in the process that will translate beyond high school

At the end of each term, each student shares what they learned during a project-based learning showcase. Students present their module findings in front of their peers, educators, and members of the local community, often including members who have taken part in educating students during their time in country.

Life at TGS:

TGS doesn't operate like a traditional high school. Though its headquarters are in New York City, the independent school doesn't

have a physical campus. Instead, classes take place exclusively in foreign countries - three per year, to be exact - in order to give kids a world-class education that actually uses the whole world as a classroom. By the time the students from THINK Global School, they've visited more countries than most people will see in their entire lifetimes. Each term is an opportunity for our students to explore the issues that are important to the people who call their host country as their home.

Their catalog of experiences creates a student body with a deep appreciation for the planet diversity and an awareness of inequality and systemic problems in countries throughout the world.

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How to choose the best apps for your kids.

Education is *uniquely* created and requires unique parenting

Extricate what is truly educational. Consider whether the content of the app is from a reliable source and research-based. Look for content that builds on your child's passions. Kids are innately enthusiastic about things that speak to their interests. Is it dinosaurs? Outer space? Music? Games?

Ideally, the content on screen should empower kids to explore the world around them long after the screen is turned off. As you choose apps, think about which options can provide a natural transition to hands-on playtime or outdoor discovery.



1. A good app is the perfect blend of education and entertainment.

Educational apps creates a sense of balance of engagement with learning. When kids minds are occupied, they learn. The app should be new , challenging and create an opportunity to absorb a new skill and create a good principle of learning

2. Discover the digital world with your child.

Kids learn more, when parents join in the fun. This active participation, helps you to hold your child's attention from the digital harm. The relationship blossoms by not being bashful, create an ease to hold on your child's attention with control to screen and games etc..

3. Select games that are actively appropriate for your toddlers development

Check if the game is accurate for your child and what they can do?

All the apps will appeal to different children at different times. As a parent, examine yourself, is this a skill or storyline from this app , is suitable for my child following right now?

4. Fix time limits and encourage other forms of learning and play.

This is about setting the right "media diet" for your child. A balanced media diet is like a balanced food diet; variety is healthier. It's also good to think about the number of hours your child is spending in front of screens. One possible rule is that there is no TV until homework is done. The same rules apply to newer screens, unless the device is used for schoolwork, which is happening more and more these days.

5. Validate whether apps are trying to market to your child.

Apps labeled "lite" or "free" often attempt to make money by trying to sell virtual items while a child is playing a game, or link to another related app that requires payment to download.

Many such apps are tastefully done and sensitive to kid's needs, but some rely on frustration as a means of driving your child to nag parents to make a purchase. Signs of this would include apps that have dead-ends or members-only content.

6. Be mindful of age appropriateness and safety.

Do some research to understand how an app is making its money. Does it contain ads? Does it include in-app purchase? Does it require a subscription account for your child to access special content?

A little investigative work can save your child from disappointment. Like any electronic device you let your child use, pay attention to the fine print and privacy policy. Think about what it might be tracking, what data is being collected and whether it's marketing more products to your child.

7) Talk to your child , and discover more :

Apps are another opportunity to explore with your child – and younger children especially love playing with mom, dad or a grandparent. Consider apps that offer two-player modes – or ask your child if you can watch them play! Ask questions about your child's experience: "What did you do in that game? What was your favorite part? Did anything surprise you?" Prompt her to share her creations or game successes.

"Educational" doesn't mean "drill and kill." New children's apps are continuously released, with many claiming to be educational.

The interactive and playful nature of apps is often appealing and engaging for children. And, mobile apps offer a great opportunity for exposing young children to educational concepts before they start school. But, if these apps aren't designed to meet the unique developmental abilities of young children, then are they really educational, is a question we need to ask ourselves.



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5 Indian Authors that Your Child Must Read

AUTHORS WHO WILL CAPTURE AND INTENSIFY THE IMAGINATION OF YOUR BUSTLING TODDLER.

From helping in the language development to enhancing cognitive skills, cultivating the habit of reading books to your child has multiple benefits. The intimacy of reading to your kid is such a pleasurable experience to him that he will have a positive attitude towards reading as he grows up. Indian authors books are full of life and elevated your child's imaginative world

India is a land full of stories with abundance of characters. It calms your child, especially when he/she is fretful and restless. By reading stories written by Indian authors, the kids are exposed to various characterisations the story unfolds and the journey of each character and the stories of struggle. This kindles their thoughts and uplifts their mind with plenty of stories. Together

increases the communication between the parents and children. With television and internet compete very strongly with our good old leafy companions, but books are still going strong.

Here are top 5 Indian authors you should introduce to your children:



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Anant Pai or Uncle Pai

The storyteller of Amar Chitra katha who brought India's stories to Indians. He is a must-have as part of your child's reading list. He is the man who created timeless and comical characters such as Suppandi, Tantri the Mantri, Kalia the crow and Shikari Sambu. He retold traditional Indian folk tales, mythological stories and biographies of timeless and comical characters such as historical characters as Suppandi, Tantri the Mantri, Kalia the crow and Shikari Sambu and Tinkle, a children's collection. You get an opportunity to share a piece of your childhood with your kid by filling the bookshelves with Amar Chitra Katha and Tinkle comics. If there is one author who retold Indian mythology in a way that would appeal to kids, it has to be Uncle Pai.

R.K.Narayan

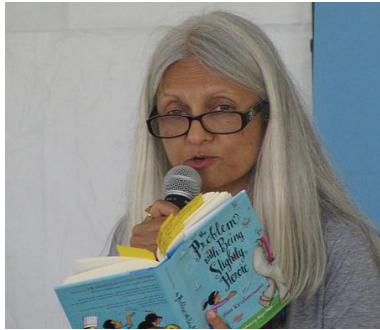
Most of his stories were set in the fictional South Indian town of Malgudi. His works captured the essence of ordinary life. The quirky people in the small town of Malgudi never fail to amuse us Malgudi Days is a collection of short stories on what happens in the fictional world of Malgudi.

Though , Malgudi isn't a fictional town because it came alive in R.K.Narayan's writing. He is the creator of the endearing character, Swami who speaks to young minds and adults alike. Although children don't go about plucking mangoes like Swami and his friends, Narayan's work will introduce your kiddo to the carefree life of a rural young boy growing up in South India.



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His stories are a reflection of his growing years at the residence of his grandmother. That is the reason his stories includes old value systems - about grandmothers being central to families and banyan trees to a marketplace.



Uma Krishnaswami

Uma Krishnaswami is the author of over a dozen books for children, from picture books readers to young readers. Krishnaswami is a relatively popular world over for her illustrated books for young adults. She is recognized as a major voice in the expanding of international and multicultural young adult fiction and children's literature.

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Sudha Murty: Writer next door

Sudha Murty blends real-life instances with literary imagination to weave beautiful stories for kids to enjoy. Kids love to explore new things and places. Who doesn't love a touch of exaggeration and fantasy in the story they read? Kids, of course, do!

Sudha Murty brings to fore her knowledge about the temples and the cultures of India in in her books for kids. Her stories define the trinity of Hindu Gods to children in a language they will understand. And of course, the proficient author has penned these facts and tales in a manner that makes it all intriguing and interesting to the little



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Ruskin Bond

Ruskin Bond will remain an eternal favourite for Indian children. He has authored over 500 short stories, essays and novels, more than 50 books for children. He is known especially for his works of children's literature and he has often revealed that his lonely childhood has a lot to do with this theme. Most of his works are influenced by life in the hill stations at the foothills of the Himalayas, where he spent his childhood. That's the reason kids finds his descriptions of life in the mountains enchanting. Many of his short stories are familiar reads for school children. He is an eminent contemporary Indian writer of British descent. He prolifically authored inspiring children's books.

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India Post Payments Bank: The postman is your new banker

Indian govt has announced the launch of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) which will offer doorstep banking to customers (esp in rural areas) at a nominal rate. It will enable money transfer, transfer of government benefits, bill payments and other services such as investment and insurance. IPPB will also facilitate digital transactions, and help deliver the benefits of schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, which provide assistance to farmers.

Facebook launches Digital Literacy Library in 6 Indian languages with lessons on digital safety

Facebook hopes to train 3 lakh Indians in digital safety with lessons in Bengali, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam. Here are the steps it's taking to combat child abuse and trafficking

Education in 2019: Digital delivery will take centre stage

India's higher education sector will emerge as the single-largest provider of global talent by 2030, with one in four graduates being from India. This implies that 2019 will witness an accelerated shift towards blended concept-based learning—moving away from the traditional rote learning. More emphasis would be on the application of knowledge and the development of core skills, to prepare students for eventually joining the workforce. This goes beyond textbooks and involves group discussions, problem-solving and research-based assignments. The allocation for school education under Union Budget 2018-19 increased by 14% and focused on strengthening existing initiatives and refining quality.

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Digital platforms revolutionising 75,000 crore Indian private coaching industry

Inadequate teaching in schools and colleges and mounting ambitions have led to a mushrooming of private tutoring centres. Traditionally, students have no choice – they had to re-locate to a coaching hub to better prepare. But with the advent of digital, that is not really the case anymore.

Seeing the success of online tutoring, traditional coaching classes are also adapting themselves to reach out to remote areas in India

Government To Provide Handbook On Cyber Safety To School Children

The booklet explains various kinds of cyber-crimes like identity theft, job fraud, email spoofing and how children can overcome them. The Union Home Ministry has come out with a booklet on cyber safety for teenagers that tries to address their increased use of smartphones, gadgets, online gaming, social media and fake news. The 38-page booklet, titled “A Handbook for Students on Cyber Safety”, also deals with the problems of cyber bullying, cyber grooming and email fraud.

It advises teenagers against accepting friend requests from unknown people on social media.

4 school students killed themselves in India every day

A National Crime Records Bureau report shows a total of 8,934 students committed suicide in 2015, up from 8,068 the year before. As per NCRB, 2,543 students – 1,360 below the age of 18 years (school students) and 1,183 in the 18-30 age bracket (pursuing higher education) – committed suicide in 2015 due to mounting pressure to do well in examinations. Exam failure, however, saw among the lowest figures for cause of suicide – 2 per cent, the same as unemployment. It was significantly lower than other factors such as family problems (27 per cent), or poverty, physical abuse and professional issues (26 per cent)

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China is going to introduce a set of 10 AI textbooks next year

They start at elementary school. 'Catch em young' is a phrase often conversed, but seldom used. China wants to change that. When the world is still focussed on computer literacy for all school students, China is going to be at least ten steps ahead now.

Andhra Pradesh to set up India's first Intelligent Global Hub for digital pedagogies.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has announced that India's first Intelligent Global Hub for digital pedagogies will be set up in the Vishakhapatnam (aka Vizag) with the knowledge partnership of UNESCO MGIEP. The Intelligent Global Hub for Digital Pedagogies (IGHDP) or i-hub which will consist of a research centre for learning design university, 4-D school, global certification bureau startup incubator and skill development institute will be setup in Vizag by 2019 .

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Why Have So Many South Asian-Americans Won the Spelling Bee?

COMPETITIVE SECRETS OF THESE CHAMPS

The winners are usually the children of South Asians for whom spelling bees are a prestige activity. It's much more a socio-economic factor than a gene. It's just like sports. Like soccer or baseball. Or music. "Practice makes them perfect." The children see the winners and think, 'They did it. I can do it, too.'



Who exactly are we talking about when we talk about top spellers in South Asian cultures?

Primarily India, Pakistan and Bangladesh are the countries that appear to have a lot of spellers. And when you look at South Asians in the South Asian spelling bee, it's a range across those three countries. Occasionally from Sri Lanka as well. But once you get down to the finals or the championship level, it tends to be more spellers just from India. So

Indian-Americans. Usually they are second generation. They were born in the United States to parents who are first generation Indian immigrants. Is there a chance the string of wins by South Asian-Americans is a coincidence?

I we think can safely say it's not a coincidence. I we hesitate to call it dominance, only because it sounds like something premeditated or strategized. These kids come from families where their parents are

really well educated, many of them, and their parents really emphasize education and certain types of extracurricular activities. Combined with that, they seem to have a real love of words and language and their parents foster that.

What kind of extracurricular activities are we talking about?

The parents spend a lot of their time and resources taking [their kids] to participate in what some of them

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describe as brain sports. So rather than going to travel baseball or travel soccer, they're traveling this academic competition loop. Part of why you're seeing their success on the rise is they're in constant preparation mode for these various academic competitions. And there are several competitions that are exclusively for children of South Asian parentage. So they have more opportunities to do what they're doing.

These kids come from families where their parents are really well educated, many of them, and their parents really emphasize education and certain types of extracurricular activities. Combined with that, they seem to have a real love of words and language and their parents foster that. All of them are very successful in their own ways spelling bees have a community element, pointing out that Indian-American kids meet friends after seeing them again and again at events and other spelling competitions over the years. In Texas, Indian-Americans have even set up tutoring centers, software and study materials for young spellers where many champion spellers are based. The parents are coaches, the siblings assist as coaches and do what they can to support the speller.

Most of these spellers know multiple languages: English and their mother tongues, and the parents share those languages. Because of that, they're usually interested in other languages. When spellers age out of the competition, they put their drive and hard work into other areas.

By inspiring the next generation of spellers and it's going to continue and continue, and that's so much of when you see success. During the preparatory process, how hard a child works is a very individual factor. Since, they are born in to families who are immigrants from India, who are the parents and grandparents of

today's spellers, are typically well-educated professionals and driven to succeed. The parents spend a lot of their time and resources taking their kids to participate in what some of them describe as brain sports.

The parents are definitely facilitators to this process but they can't actually produce champions. They can only enable their children to excel in this activity if they're predisposed and dedicated to doing it themselves. Their parents have invested a tremendous amount of time and energy helping them. There's a lot of prestige in this community to winning something like a spelling bee or winning a geography bee or a math bee. And that is valued as much if not more than winning some sort of physical sport ... These are very important bragging rights among South Asian-American communities. There's some real status linked to it, that the kids feel too. The kids are really excited about the prospect of being on ESPN. They want to be on television.

There's a lot of prestige in this community to winning something like a spelling bee or winning a geography bee or a math bee. And that is valued as much if not more than winning some sort of physical sport. These are very important bragging rights among South Asian-American communities. There's some real status linked to it, that the kids feel too. The kids are really excited about the prospect of being on ESPN. They want to be on television.

They lay a path, give hand-in-hand for the coming generations.

This created a sense of confidence, ease and comfort in the minds of the upcoming spellers. When a champion empowers another champion, there is no looking back for failures.

Culmination of hard work, advice

and trained from the winners, encouragement from family and friends, the spellers are closer to their dream to become the winner.

Among the elite classes in India, both economically and socially elite, there's a real emphasis on education and the use of education for social mobility. It's not so different from other places in the world, but it's certainly quite prevalent there. So I think that value is one that gets very magnified when you look at what Indian-American populations actually emigrated. It's mostly professionals who immigrated post-1965. They are doctors or engineers or scientists, etcetera. So they are absolutely going to place a higher value on that than, say, other types of accomplishment. It doesn't mean they downplay other types of accomplishments, but there's an understood value of education that these contests jibe with very well.

Ultimately, there's no one reason for the prolonged spelling supremacy by Indian-Americans, and each individual speller deserves credit for their accomplishments. But understanding the context of the community only makes this streak even more remarkable.

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Tête-à-tête with Fr. Regi Mani

1. What are 3 characteristics that make a great principal?

A great principal should have an all-encompassing leadership quality. He/she must be available to staff, students and parents round the clock and must be efficient enough to plan things well in advance and delegate responsibilities wherever necessary.

2. How do you empower teachers to be leaders?

One can empower the teachers to be leaders by offering them responsibility and giving them the space to imagine, innovate and improve. Only a good leader can create more leaders by transforming their existing potential into reality.

3. How has technology had a positive impact on the operations of your school?

Teaching and learning are standalone pillars – we still believe that great teachers transform children. While technology as a tool has helped us in a big way in seamless communication between parents and students.

4. What is your advice for new age parents?

My advice to the new age parents is, to teach your children to be

responsible users of the modern means of communication and learning, especially the internet, mobile phones and the social media.

5. What is your approach to student discipline and safety?

My approach to issues of student discipline and safety is Don Bosco's system of education: "THE PREVENTIVE SYSTEM" based on REASON, GOD and LOVING KINDNESS. Prevent and avoid occasions of indiscipline by the friendly and loving accompaniment of the teachers, parents and elders.

6. What is the school's philosophy about how children learn best?

I personally believe that a happy and welcoming ambience is essential in school for the students to learn effectively. Students should love the school, their teachers and the subjects and this will make the whole learning process joyful and full of fun.

7. What would be an ideal home environment for a child to learn and grow healthily?

The ideal home environment for a child is one where the parents live together in love and understanding where mutual trust and fidelity is exhibited. Child rearing requires time

together. A balanced approach to work and family will enable them to spend quality time together with the family and child.

8. Who is your role model and inspiration?

Don Bosco with his 'PREVENTIVE SYSTEM OF EDUCATION' is my role model and inspiration. Don Bosco through his life set examples of the constant and loving presence of the educator.

9. How important is English language communication in this day and age?

English language and effective communication skills are essential for exchange of ideas as well as to prepare oneself to face the world of business and competition. In a world that is fast turning into a global village, common means of communication is essential.

10. Who was your favourite teacher while growing up and why do you remember him/her so dearly?

Stephen sir was my favourite teacher in school because I loved sports and he identified the sports man in me and encouraged me to take part in all activities. I loved him and respected him because he loved what I love.

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Technology makes life easier in every possible way. Whether it's being able to communicate and collaborate remotely or make purchases through online payment gateways, every industry today is seeing a level of digital disruption. This disruption presents new opportunities for organisations to streamline and automate their processes. The

education industry is no different. A visitor management system for schools is one critical aspect of a robust violence prevention program. School safety is at the forefront of every parent and educator's mind. The best-prepared schools address campus safety in several different ways. Anti-bullying campaigns, physical barriers to entry, and

community outreach programs are just a few examples of recent campus safety initiatives.

While no school administrator can predict the future, every principal can prepare their campus for the unexpected. One effective option is a visitor management system. Alarming, thousands of schools

across the country still use paper sign-in sheets to record visitors' entry and exit times. This tracking method does nothing to enhance campus security. An integrated visitor management system is a far better option.

There is a stark difference between a traditional guest log and a Visitor Management solution. Not only does a Visitor Management solution look more professional and aesthetically pleasing but with consistent future-proof development, it is also infinitely more productive and efficient.

What is a Visitor Management System for Schools?

Electronic visitor management systems enable schools to monitor everyone who enters their campus. Each person's government-issued ID goes into a database. This can give the school important information about all the people on the premises.

School administrators are always looking for solutions to campus-wide problems. A school can reduce truancy, mitigate campus incidents and promote student success with the right tools. Modern visitor management systems help schools achieve these goals and much more. Here are what we believe to be the seven most important benefits of visitor management systems for schools:

1. A school can identify and record all campus visitors' entry and exit with a visitor management system designed for schools. Implementing a visitor management system that issues visitor badges will help schools keep track of who comes in and out of the building.

2. Schools that implement visitor management systems provide peace of mind to parents, students, staff, and visitors.

3. A visitor management system serves as another layer of deterrence over the security guard at schools against those who intend to foul play on campus.

Installing a visitor management system makes it clear right at the front door that entering this campus will not be easy.

4. Practically every school asks parents for a list of trusted adults authorized to pick up their child from school. But busy front office personnel don't always have the time to look up every adult who comes to get a student. A visitor management system makes it easy for schools to ensure that students are only released to authorized adults.

5. Teachers and students practice evacuation drills several times each school year. Staff can quickly identify any children who are missing from their classes during and after an emergency. But what about people who are visiting the campus during the emergency? An electronic visitor management system for schools enables administrators to access entry and exit records remotely following a campus evacuation.

Ease of use

With the popularity of smartphones and portable tablets, today users can easily navigate and utilize touch screen devices. Using a touch screen visitor management solution provides an improved user experience and limits the requirements for staff to process contractors and visitors. Furthermore, this helps to overcome human error which is often encountered with traditional, paper processes. Errors which can lead to inaccurate visitor data being held which can have serious consequences in emergency situations and fire evacuations.

Embracing Paperless

Traditional visitor management processes find it difficult to create efficient reception environments. With an over-reliance on paper-based reporting, traditional methods require multiple hours of administrative labour and large quantities of paper to ensure data is stored, filed and secured safely.

With modern Visitor Management solutions, the reliance on paper is eliminated as visitor details are stored, filed and easily accessed. Should there be a situation where data has to be purged after their site visit, receptionists or administrators can simply search for the guests name or reference number or a timeline to pull out the information.

Top 5 benefits of visitor management solution for schools

1. Improve productivity - visitors and groups can be pre-registered prior to their visit. This helps e.g. the Principal, to view the waiting queue for his attention and plan his activities accordingly independent of any assistant.
2. Improve data accuracy - scan visitors driver's license or business card to quickly and accurately auto-populate visitor data
3. Enhance school image - Professional visitor badges and streamlined visitor processing
4. Improve visitor service - visitor pre-registration allows visitors to be processed quickly eliminating long lines
5. Control emergency response - evacuation reports at the push

of a button lets you know all non-employees on your premises in case of evacuation

If you are in search for a campus security solution that is holistic and cost-effective to help reduce school threats and address the important issues surrounding school safety, visitor management is one of the first steps. Data from students, faculty, and stakeholder are leveraged to manage school access, attendance, and behavior management through the platform tools to increase safety and promote the campus climate that schools are looking for.



STRENGTHENING COMMUNICATION

From checking the child's attendance, tracking the school bus, comparing the kid's performance in various assignments, to paying fees and other charges, mobile apps are making life easy for parents and teachers. Keeping track of what's happening at school and the next big events on the horizon can be a challenge for parents. If you also must juggle your own work schedule and busy home life, as most of us do nowadays, anything that makes the day go a little bit easier is a welcome bonus. Teacher/School-parent communication is, ideally, a two-way street.



It is best thought of in terms of purpose:

1. Why do teachers and parents need to talk?
2. How can learning experiences be designed that require that interaction?
3. What systems can be put in place to respond when the communication—for whatever reason—doesn't happen?

Communicate

These days, parents often find it difficult to find a mutual convenient time to interact with teachers about their child's performance. A teacher may not be able to offer personalized feedback about the student during the general parent-teacher's meetings. Thus, online communication, especially, school communication app plays an important role bridging this gap. Both get the opportunity to raise concerns or appreciations about the student's performance and other issues according to

their convenience. Plus, there is no stress involved for the parents or teachers due to the informal way of communication. According to the study conducted by the US-based National Association of Secondary School Principals, 68 percent of the parents prefer informal communication when it comes to interacting with teachers or school authorities. So, it's an international phenomenon.



IMAGE SOURCES:



New enhancement to the communication app

Every school wants students to remain under parental oversight and apps can help them deliver information about the kid's academic status right and other school announcement on the smartphone. An email, app notification, or a text message indicating the child's performance after each assignment can help parents remain aware of what's happening in the child's classroom. While this has been convenient, we have realized that it has been a roundabout method for parents to reach out

to the school. Hence, Neverskip's new enhancement in the Parent-Teacher communication app, allows for parents to leave a message to the Teacher/School to get clarifications whenever required. The school we realized appreciates parent's concerns and tend to act on the questions as early as possible

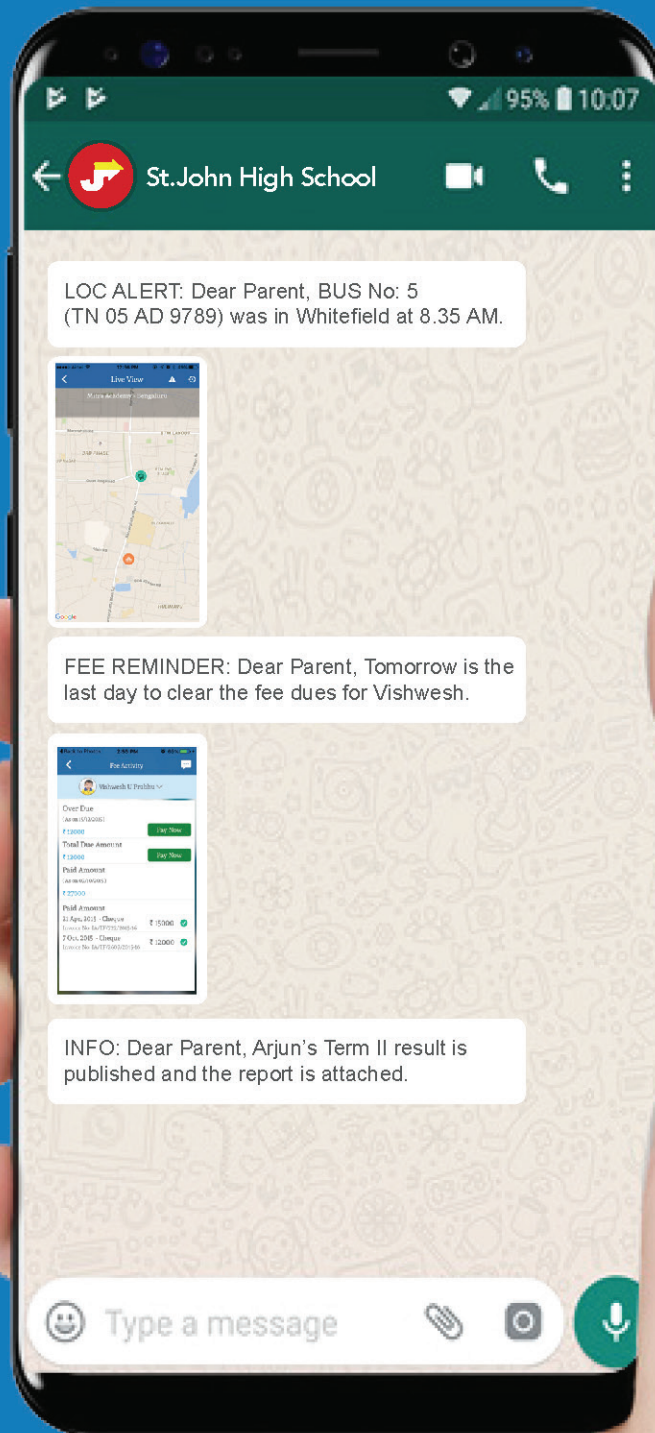
Mobile applications can be used for delivering critical information like reminders for holidays, enrollment time-frame for various competitions, the weekly schedule for multiple subjects, changes in the school policies, dispatch of student materials, and other school-related updates.

With advanced features in the teacher-parent communication app, parents can aid children with the necessary help and support so that they can perform better at school. They can also ask questions and get clarification for their doubts in a short span of time.

Nowadays, things are so much easier, and schools are discovering that it's cost effective and easy to do by partnering with technology pioneers like Neverskip. For parents, it's even more exciting because they are literally tapped into the lifeline of the school and use the app to help organise their day as well as keep an eye on what their kids are up to.

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