

#EYLIBRARY 30 DAY CPD CHALLENGE

Every kid needs a champion
The Headlines

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JAMES COMER SAYS THAT NO SIGNIFICANT LEARNING CAN OCCUR WITHOUT A SIGNIFICANT RELATIONSHIP. GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SAYS ALL LEARNING IS UNDERSTANDING RELATIONSHIPS. EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY A TEACHER OR AN ADULT. FOR YEARS, I HAVE WATCHED PEOPLE TEACH. I HAVE LOOKED AT THE BEST AND I'VE LOOKED AT SOME OF THE WORST.

STEPHEN COVEY HAD THE RIGHT IDEA. HE SAID YOU OUGHT TO JUST THROW IN A FEW SIMPLE THINGS, LIKE SEEKING FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, AS OPPOSED TO BEING UNDERSTOOD. SIMPLE THINGS, LIKE APOLOGIZING. YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT THAT? TELL A KID YOU'RE SORRY, THEY'RE IN SHOCK.

"I AM SOMEBODY. I WAS SOMEBODY WHEN I CAME. I'LL BE A BETTER SOMEBODY WHEN I LEAVE. I AM POWERFUL, AND I AM STRONG. I DESERVE THE EDUCATION THAT I GET HERE. I HAVE THINGS TO DO, PEOPLE TO IMPRESS, AND PLACES TO GO."

TEACHING AND LEARNING SHOULD BRING JOY.

HOW POWERFUL WOULD OUR WORLD BE IF WE HAD KIDS WHO WERE NOT AFRAID TO TAKE RISKS, WHO WERE NOT AFRAID TO THINK, AND WHO HAD A CHAMPION? EVERY CHILD DESERVES A CHAMPION, AN ADULT WHO WILL NEVER GIVE UP ON THEM, WHO UNDERSTANDS THE POWER OF CONNECTION, AND INSISTS THAT THEY BECOME THE BEST THAT THEY CAN POSSIBLY BE.