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## ways to stop a classroom from talking harry potter is coming

Posted by Dana - 2008/05/13 18:51

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On Tue, 06 Nov 2001 05:36:46 GMT, LordS...@sbcglobalPANTS.net (Dana) wrote: My kids are in a high-tech experimental advanced school, but at home they turn off the TV and read classics. Started them young and that's the only good way. . . . surely you mean they read classics that according to some clerk at the bookstore doesn't contain any inappropriate material? I mean, you apparently don't read the books yourself. I can see you're trying to be a flamer here, but not doing a very good job of it when handed straight material to work with so I'll make it easy for you : Classics are generally held by society as a collective to be thought of and categorized as such. Little Women Black Beauty Island of the Blue Dolphins etc. are what I'm referring to. Perhaps your idea of a classic is an old Penthouse Forum you got your fantasy letter printed in?

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r u a fed up adult/parent who is fed up hearing about harry potter? all this hype and he will probably be rubbish. read the book waiting for the great arrival of the film or are you just gonna switch off.views wanted for research. What spell does Harry use to clean up after he's finished coming? Views wanted for research. && Mr. Hole

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<< Surely you do realize that a work of art being a classic does not automatically mean that it does not contain material deemed inappropriate by some? (Catcher in the Rye, anyone?) I very much doubt he realizes any such thing. And don't call him Shirley.

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And Todd opined ( if I am reading this right).. 1. Bitch slap the parents who think they know more about education This is often true and I know the hubby and the dad dreamed of doing that on occasion. 3. Bitch slap the Boomer parents just for being boomers. HEY!! You wanna step outside and say that to my aging boomer face? Not really... But as the problems we face today were actually born in the 70's and 80's, it really is the Baby Boom generation who has to take a lot of the heat for the screwed up system. Cheers, Todd Not that Gen X is turning out so hot either McNeeley . email: mcneeley at enteract dot com

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To get my daughter out of an experimental program that wasn't working for her would require that I switch her to a private school (which her teacher has done with her own child). At present I don't have the disposable income to pay for her seat in public school and also another seat in private school. So I do my best to augment her instruction at home. You know... What you are describing here is something I can't take issue with. In fact, it seems that in your case, you have a problem that can only be addressed by being involved. In your position, I'd suggest getting on the school board. But if you do, take the time to learn everything you can about education theory and methods, so that don't end up being one of those cranks who screw up school boards in the first place. You are an intelligent guy, and it sounds like the particular teacher you are talking about is straight up and honest with you, so you might look to him or her for guidance, but if your kid is being yo yo'd around in a confused system, you gotta put your foot down... Of course, all the general and sweeping stuff I said is still true :-) Cheers, Todd Frankly, you sound like a good parent McNeeley . email: mcneeley at enteract dot com

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Well, professional only means that you get paid to do it. I could never figure out what the teacher's association wants us parents to do. I don't know either... But I can guess... They want you (and I don't literally mean you in particular) to: Stop voting down levys. Stop electing Jesus freaks to the School Board. Stop trying to get teachers fired just because your kid didn't pass History and can't play football this semester. Stop creating a culture of fear by suing teachers over shit you know nothing about. Stop acting like you are the only person that ever had kids. Start coming in to the classroom and actually seeing what goes on there, and while you are there, pitch in and lend a few hours to help out. Start taking parent teacher conferences seriously. Stop making evolution illegal. Start paying attention to the homework your kid does. Stop being in denial if Johnny really can't read. Stop fighting with administration over failure. If the kid failed, he failed. He has to do it again. Stop thinking that standardized test scores actually reflect intelligence. Start supporting a teacher's right to assert discipline. The bullshit your kid does is negatively affecting all the other kids. Start telling your congressman that unless he actually is a teacher, that he should shut the hell up and pass the education bill. When it comes to light that kids are getting into high school not yet knowing how to read, the teacher's union cries and moans that it's because the parents don't get involved in their child's education. Then when we \*do\* get involved, they say What the hell are you doing?? What teachers get is politicians and knee-jerk parents who think they understand education coming in and shifting policy around all the time. I've had my own beefs with a few teachers. I've met a few I wouldn't trust to pump gas. But when you pay them so poorly, and expect them to buy their own classroom materials, and subject them to BS politics, and second guess their every move, the best and brightest get jobs in the corporate sector. What does this country expect from government employees making \$35K? Teachers don't like passing students who fail, but no one wants to foot the bill for more teachers and smaller classroom sizes, so when there's no room, Johnny moves up. Teachers don't complain about parents who participate. They complain about parents who interfere. The rights of parents to raise their own kids has never been in question. But frankly, most of them aren't qualified to teach the things you need to know to compete in the world, and ought to step aside and be grateful for the assist. Look, if you want to hear a rant about how bad schools are, I've got a few stored up. There are major problems in the schools. But the core of those problems are not teachers. They are politicians, administrators, and a small group of obnoxious parents who make life harder for the rest of the parents who just want the best for their kids. Someone needs to take control, law down some law, cough up some dough, and say this is how we are gonna run the show, now if you don't wanna be part of the solution, sit down, shut up, and stay the hell out of the way. When the richest nation of Earth can barely crack the top 20 best educated nations list, there is a problem... But it isn't teachers. Cheers, Todd Get in there and work with them McNeeley. THAT post should be in every newspaper in the country, bar NONE. Perhaps, if teachers pay were raised SUBSTANTIALLY, we could hire some more, and better teachers. 95% of teachers I have met ( and having put two kids through the Educational system, I have met a few) are capable, dedicated people. There are a few that I have met that should not be allowed on a public school campus, much less teach. Well said, Todd, well said.

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