

Today is the first day of American Education Week where American public education as well as private education is remembered. Our public schools have been the backbone of what has made America great since the United States of America became a nation. Public schools educate all who walk through our doors. Race, creed, religion, socio-economic status, color of one's skin, country of origin does not matter in public education. The only thing that matters is that every child is valued and every child is given the opportunity to become an educated American citizen. An educated American citizen is the engine that makes America run. An educated American citizen is the heart of America. An educated American citizen makes the best place to live and raise a family in the world. Public schools make this dream a possibility for all children who want to take advantage of what public schools have to offer. In the American's Creed it states: "the United States of America...established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes." This is at the heart of what the American public school is all about. "A Government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed." Public education makes sure these beliefs are fulfilled as we educate our children to become American citizens.

It is American Education Week, and if no one else has said it to you, allow me...THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO AS READING SCHOOL DISTRICT URBAN PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS. YOU ARE THE BEST. KEEP DOING WHAT YOU DO FOR OUR STUDENTS AND FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

Have a great week. You deserve all the kudos you receive.

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