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A Message to Moms and Those Who "Mom"

As this issue covers the month we celebrate Mother's Day, I would like to pay special tribute to the wonderful and devoted mothers of our precious school children. It goes without saying as mothers, we play a vital role in the success and development of our children's lives. I know that all of our daily, behind the scenes efforts of continually loving, nurturing and leading our children is not always recognized. As has been said, "...some of the greatest work we will ever do will be within the walls of our own homes."



I am one of eight children and our home, while far from perfect, was blessed with the most loving, kind and calm mother. Despite the noise level, my mom was always calm. So calm in fact that I feel like I was raised by an angel. One thing that made a lasting impression on me was that she always made me feel like I was the most important person in the world to her. She also taught me valuable life lessons of integrity and honesty. I am so grateful for the teaching moments my mom took time for that helped to make me into the person I am.

When I think about and assess my own "success" as a mother, I remind myself how my mom made me feel and I try to treat my daughter the same way. I am grateful for so much of what my mother taught me but most of all that she has been such a wonderful role model to me in shaping how I "mom."

So, on this Mother's Day, as I express my gratitude to my own mother, I will remember all the moms I know, and everyone else who has stepped into this most influential role.

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