

Adults need to teach children right
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To the editor:

Re: Neil Crone's June 20 column, 'Parents must own up to responsibilities'.

It seems that many of our political, educational and media leaders and those of us who should be role models setting positive examples for kids have buried common sense.

Congratulations to Pickering councillors Bill McLean and Jennifer O'Connell for leading the charge when I wrote Pickering Council regarding crosswalk safety. I hope that unmarked police cars will, when school begins in September, randomly patrol school zones and charge irresponsible adults (parents?) who put children, seniors and other adults in harm's way by unlawful, dangerous driving habits. Are these irresponsible drivers contributing to children becoming irresponsible drivers also? Nothing is more important than common sense when it comes to the lives of the innocent.

Shame on our educators who seem to feel that making children accountable for not turning in properly done school work is not necessary. Failure can be a positive life lesson sometimes. Reducing the value of school credits hurts those students who do care and work hard. Parents who demonstrate to their kids that going to school on Thursdays before a long weekend isn't important should be given detentions. Teachers who don't teach a scheduled lesson because only a few students cared enough to show up for class should join the parents in the detention. Is common sense and leadership obsolete in school administrators and parents?

Parents are the key to children learning the real and positive values of life: love of self, neighbour, those in need (in Canada and globally) and OUR country.

Come on parents, grandparents, teachers, politicians and business folks. For the sake of our children and our country, let's unite and bring common sense back to life.

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