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## Welcome to Chicago Chautari Times - 105th Edition



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### Substance of Parents and Societies Obligations

First knowledge as information on verities of things are important in our life. Next, acquiring skill in an area of interest is vital for earning ample income and make a living life and supporting family. We know, it is possible to acquire knowledge and skill through various means available in the society, for example education and training. A person spends time and efforts to acquire knowledge and skill, generally with support from parents. In many cases, parents dedicate all their interest for the sake of their children to achieve maximum success in these matters.

These are primary matters for a life to live, but these are not everything and certainly not the prime matters. Because living a proper life also requires good understanding of various social values and customs, which are the foundation and essential for keeping peace, harmony and progress in the society. These are the prime matters. Proper understanding of these prime matters and their uses through our actions and interactions is called wisdom. Thus, the skill, knowledge and wisdom collectively empowers a person to live a successful, happy and virtuous life and such life can spread wisdom to benefit lives of other in all kinds of time normal or abnormal.

A person can acquire both – the primary matters and prime matters that is the skill and the wisdom with own effort and from society. Any person with average or above intelligence can learn various possible skills for a living. They spend some time and effort to obtain desired skill and it does not need to elucidate it further.

Again, a persons' life is not simply the use of labor or skill. They also interact with people in the society in many ways. The sum total of the two activities - the labor or skill and the behavior or the interactions with people define a person and her/his character. Among many other, the knowledge of various social values, social customs, cultural importance, etc. are the ingredients to be able to live a disciplined life for own sake and then treat and interact with other. Wisdom is the desirable use of these values in all kinds of normal or abnormal times to live a virtuous life and contribute to benefit lives of other.

Among many other, one source to gain knowledge and develop wisdom is from the community or society where the person lives. By observing and knowing different ways people interact and behave, a person recognizes their value on what effect it can have and hence can derive what is good and what is bad or what is useful and what is not useful, and so on.

As a society or community is important source for young children to learn and derive knowledge and help use such knowledge wisely, responsible people in the society should establish an environment for such. As part of our culture here in the new land we have adopted to live, we wanted to create such environment anew as best as we possibly can. In that effort, Nepali American Center (NAC) organizes various events to benefit our young children.

We request all our members to show interest in these programs, volunteer and participate to make it successful. Their participation improves the program and help their own children to know the importance of these events to them. Our collective efforts only makes to possible to help our children learn important aspect of life and they can become wise person in future according to our culture and heritage.

- Dr. Bishnu Phuyal

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**Trouble**

So recently I have been doing good in school and while that does have it's advantages it also has its disadvantages. To explain this, I will give you a scenario. Imagine there are 2 people. Small Jim and Big Jim. Small Jim does okay in school and he got in big trouble today his punishment from his parents will be pretty bad since he got in trouble, but Big Jim does great in school and he gets the same punishment as Small Jim. Big Jim will receive an even worse punishment because he is expected to do good in school. I'm pretty much Big Jim. So whenever I get in trouble at school, my mom goes from happy to upset in like half a second. I am not kidding.

Our school gave us each a Chromebook this year to use for school and if you forget to charge it 3 times then you have to call home. Obviously, this just had to happen to me a few weeks ago. When that happened, I had to call home and my mom was upset, angry etc. So now I came home and I expected to get yelled at, but my mom is unusual when it comes to getting upset at me. She won't yell at me or whatever, she gave me 'the look' 3 or 4 times and did not talk to me for like 15 minutes. Then she called me to do a few things for her, and eventually she sat down with me in the family room and talked to me about what I did. What's really annoying about this part is that one mistake and I can get in even more trouble than necessary. One time when I got in trouble I kept saying ok to get through the conversation and she replies this.

"Why do you keep saying ok?!?!?!"

That made me panic because I really didn't know what to say. That experience made me learn to only nod my head and say ok a few times in the conversation.

The other thing about my punishments is that they are either very little or very big. Sometimes it's that I can't play video games today or I have to do this or that etc. But sometimes they can get big. One time my mom took my phone away for a few weeks because I believe I was using it too much. The point of this being is that sometime the punishment get a little big.

Back on topic I was sure to be careful about what I said as my mom was talking to me. After she stopped I thought she would send me away, but no.... she asked me what I was going to do to prevent his from happening again. At this point I knew I was done for. But then I realized the perfect answer.

I replied, "I will set 2 alarms to make sure I charge it."  
 Now I'm pretty sure this was the wrong answer because right after that she said she would give me no assistance whatsoever related to charging my Chromebook. Yay...

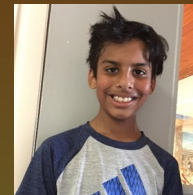
- **Alok Das**

**Best Wishes to our  
December Birthday Stars**

**Dec 1 - Isha Mishra**



**Dec 5 - Romit Jha**



**Dec 8 - Aanya Thapa**



**Dec 12 - Rushil Arjal**



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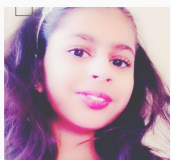
## Bye Bye 2017

The year 2017 is about to end! We had a lot of good and bad memories. I had a lot of good memories like done my Bartabandha and my grandparents and my relatives came over. I had a nice 4th grade teacher and now I have a 5th grade teacher. I also had started playing my alto saxophone. I made new friends. Also I met a lot of interesting and important people this year.

There are two sides to a coin, heads and tails. Sometime life can be a coin. You can flip to a bad side and a good side. There are a lot of bad memories that happened to my life in the 2017. I had my grandfather and grandmother but they left me and went back to Nepal this year. Plus my Bartabandha had ended and everyone went back to their home. I had lost relatives. The world had lots of so bad things happened to it. Like that flood that happened in Nepal and India. The hurricane that happened in Puerto Rico. In those two natural disasters lots of kind and sweet people died. There are more bad things that happened around the world in the year 2017. Like the terrorist attacks, gun violence, Syrian refugee. There were also a lot of nuclear tests in the world. Plus Korea might declare war.

We pray to God that 2018 will bring happy and good life all around the world. So there can be no more war and there is peace between all of the countries. I hope that 2018 will bring happy and healthy life. Good bye 2017 and hello 2018.

- **Aarogya Regmi**



## Video Games

What makes you antisocial, stops you from doing school work, and is violent? If you guessed video games you're correct! Students shouldn't be allowed to play video games; video games cause students to become antisocial, violent, and prevent them from doing their school work.

One reason why students shouldn't be able to play video games is that they make students antisocial. This is because when you are playing video games, you will be too busy playing the game to make friends or be social. Some say that you can make friends while playing video games. But, that statement is incorrect because they're not actually your friend(s). They only know your character, not your real self; this works both ways because students also don't know who they're playing with. They only know other characters; this cannot only be antisocial but dangerous.

In addition to danger, video games can be extremely violent. Video games show you violence is the way to react in most situations. They do this by allowing you to kill or hurt others in order to have self-benefit. This teaches students that violence is appropriate in many situations; and so, they may result in real life violence. This is not only dangerous but may be illegal (depending on what their actions are).

Lastly, video games keep students from completing their school work, or even starting their homework. Students will be too engrossed in video games to think about or worry about school and school/homework. Not only will this have a negative impact on the grades of these students, but will further impact their future in many different aspects.

In conclusion, students should not be allowed to play video games because they are violent, they keep students from school work, and they cause students to become antisocial. Students need to stop playing video games, and parents/guardians need to stop allowing them to play these games. - **Arya Rimal**

## Best Wishes to our December Birthday Stars

Dec 25 - Ojesbi Kunwar



Dec 29 - Saurya Subedi



Dec 31 - Riya Phuyal



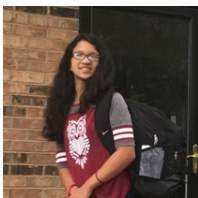
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## Global Etiquette

Globe is our common home. It is a living planet with social creatures. A lot of animals as well as other living beings live here in the Earth. Being a social creature, it's prominent for us to have adopted well manners.

Etiquette, a very strong word describes a person. Global etiquette is the behaviors that a global citizen should possess. In this world, we get to meet people having different characters, complexion, etc. from various parts of the world. During the meet, we must have some personal manner to deal with which makes us a better human being. Foremost, we should show the respect to whoever we meet. We must maintain a good balance between the talk we have. During the talk time, neither of the two parties should feel superior or inferior to the other one. Polite language is the most in next hand. A person is idolized with the language s/he uses. A negative statement can also be expressed positively. So, being positive and polite is etiquette of a global citizen. What I believe is getting to know yourself at first is very necessary. Before knowing about others, we initially know ourselves well and better. We must be able to explain the other one well about our culture, geography, history, politics and current affairs of our nation. Moreover, privacy should be kept in consideration. We shouldn't ask anyone a personal question which makes them feel uncomfortable to talk with us. Besides these, there is a lot more of manners that we should own to make ourselves, our nation and mother Earth a better place. - **Sanskriti Phuyal ( Kathmandu, Nepal)**



## The Splash

As we were by a pond in the forest I stopped mid walk and I knew what I had to ask him. "Hey Binay can we do a dare"  
"Yeah what kind" he asked me,

I said to him "If you can stomp in the ice without breaking we can go to the movies, Oh and also I'll do it with you." That there was a dead moment of silence I could hear snow falling off trees that can't hold the weight. It felt like I somehow destroyed are whole sibling hood on 2 sentences. He looked at the ice then me and again and again and then finally after an eternity he said "yes."

With that one word, I felt like a thousand pounds were lifted off my shoulders. We both had a lock on that ice as if our life depended on it. Then at that we walked super slow to the ice like in those movies when something scary is about to happen.

We stomped on that ice and that ice and we thought that ice was strong so we kept stomping. My brother's hair kept bouncing around up and down with his thick curly black hair. We laughed I thought that maybe the whole world can hear us as we laughed so loud.

Crack crick crack as we were stomping right under our feet there was ice breaking. We didn't hear the ice breaking so we just kept right on stomping away.

As my parents were watching us having fun stomping on the ice. The ice finally broke out of its shell and cracked wide open.

The blue water seemed like it was swallowing me and my brother up whole with all are snow boots and pants on with all are snow things on.

It was like if I opened my eyes I could see the whole world under this one sky glimmering down on me until there was nothing left.

Across my mind, I thought if I get out of here and not talk about this with everyone I'd be alright.

As I came out I could hear the water rushing down my hair all the drops falling back into the water. I stepped each step out in utter embarrassment and I almost cried but you know when you have mixed emotions this is what I felt embarrassment and funny all in the same time. - **Bishwo Maharjan**