

"I'm going to get on my education soapbox for a moment. If you're not currently working in the world of education there's no way that you can understand what is going on in schools right now. You may hear it, but you cannot truly understand."

Yesterday, while I watched our secretary and assistant principal try to figure out how to get every class covered and every kid in a room, somewhere, this thought crossed my mind- probably 95% of parents drop their kid off, no matter the age, and don't even think about what's going on in there to make it all work right now. They have no idea that teachers are giving up their conference periods to watch other teacher's classes because they are out sick and there are VERY FEW subs. The librarian, teacher aids, anyone who is available may be put in a classroom because there is no one else. They have no idea that when there is no way to get a class covered, another teacher volunteers to take on a whole other class of kids in their room, while they are still trying to teach their subject area to their current class. Teachers are still teaching their content and preparing their kids for the STAAR test even though things are crazy right now. They may teach biology, but they may have a class of theater kids in their room while trying to do so. The school nurses are inundated with kids and calls. This isn't just what my campus looks like, this is what every campus looks like right now.

Teachers are exhausted and wiped out. The education world is tired. It's just the truth. But we all keep showing up and pulling together to make our school keep going and take care of our kids. Teachers are freaking rockstars. The administrators at your kid's school are too.

Things will calm down at some point, but we are going on three interrupted school years with this mess that we never thought we would still be in. Send your child's teacher an email, or a note, or a gift card, or a bottle of fermented grape juice 🍷. They deserve it."

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