Education in the XXI century. Happy school: the experience of UAE

The development of education was a national priority for the United Arab Emirates. In this country believe that happy children, happy parents and happy teachers is a successful nation.

From September this year Ukrainian first-graders will earn a New Ukrainian school. At the heart of its concepts are not only technical innovations for improving the educational environment, but also a new psychological approach to the relationship "teacher-student". The essence of the new paradigm is that the teacher should be not just a source of knowledge, but also a development partner. After all, experience shows that society's welfare best practices is not just intellectual education of children, but also work with their personalities to prepare them for the demands of the modern world. However, today, Ukraine is still plans. Responsibility, how to practice efficiently to realize all the educational innovations in life rests with the teachers and parents. How to prepare for the changes that had already started? And that you can borrow from the world of practice?

In this regard, interesting for research and borrowing practices of Apple international school in Dubai, as it aims to raising a happy, sociable and confident people. Even more: UAE aims by 2021 to be in the top 5 of the happiest countries in the world in the international ranking of happiness. In this country believe that happy children, happy parents and happy teachers is a successful nation!

I wonder what courses the teachers there as such does not exist. But there are schools that regularly hire coaches to work with their teachers. That is, schools only set standards, it creates space for relationships and provided material for inspiration.

The Director of the school Pranjali Dutta, shared with the Ukrainians their recipes for creating a happy school, held in Kyiv a seminar on the theme "Education of the XXI century. Happy school". The basis of the pedagogical expertise of Pranjali; learning the skills of the XXI century, innovations in education, development of critical thinking skills and the ability to ask questions, situational and transformational leadership, transdisciplinarity.

Some methods of the Apple schools:

- The introduction of hours of well-being and meditation in the classroom;
- The establishment of the school hall "the couch of a friend", where there is always a place for every little or adult student who is experiencing grief and requires encouragement;
- Parent meeting, conducted by children, and once a semester collect parents to tell them what they have learned during this time;
- Week of ideas under the motto "every idea is worthy";
- IT week, during which no one, including the school's administration, can not use paper media;
- Theme days, like "Monday Question", "helpful Tuesday", "team environment", "thrilling Thursday" and "thoughtful Thursday";
- The program of professional practices for students of all classes, for example, work in the library or the bakery.

The success of the state is a two way process. He, on the one hand, is a wise leadership, a clear vision of the direction of movement, providing resources and opportunities to effect change, and on the other a clear indicators of effectiveness of implementation of innovations. The vision outlined by the leadership runs the whole country, and the education system in particular.