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「いのちの大切さを考える健康教育」	Health Education to Consider the Preciousness of Life
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日本学校保健会の会報は年度毎に特集を組んでいますが、平成29年	The Japan Society of School Health Journal puts together a Special Issue
度は「いのちの大切さを考える健康教育」としました。「生命の尊さ」は、	each fiscal year, and in FY 2017 we decided this would be on Health
現在の教科外活動から2018年度以降「特別の教科」に移行する「道徳」	Education to Consider the Preciousness of Life. In anticipation of the transfer
で教えられることになっていますが、道徳のそれが始まる前に、健康教	to being taught as part of the Special Subject of Moral Education from FY
育という視点から特集を組むことになりました。	2018 onwards from its current status as an extracurricular activity, it was
「道徳」が「特別の教科」となるにあたっては、少年犯罪やいじめに	decided to have this focus on "The Sanctity of Life" from the perspective of
よる生徒の自殺などが背景になった訳ですが、最近も福島県からの避難	health education.
者に対する学校現場における「いじめ」が発覚するなど痛ましい事件が	Juvenile delinquency and the suicide of school children due to bullying
続いているのは残念です。	were among the background reasons to Moral Education becoming a Special
日本学校保健会では、2年毎に児童生徒の健康状態サーベイランス事	Subject. However, the additional and continual coming-to-light of
業報告書をまとめて発表していますが、平成26年度調査では、「自分に	heartbreaking incidents such as bullying of evacuees from Fukushima
は、自慢できることがあまりない」という質問に対し、「よくあてはまる」、	Prefecture in schools is also of troubling concern.
「あてはまる」と回答した小学5・6年生は27%でしたが、中学生では	Surveillance of Health in School Children and Adolescents Project
56.4%、高校生は60.7%でした。「自分は全くだめな人間だと思うことが	Report covering elementary, junior high, and high school students is
ある」という質問に、「よくあてはまる」、「あてはまる」とした小学5・	compiled and presented every two years at the Japan Society of School

Health. In the FY 2014 report for the survey item "I have few things I can

校になるにつれて自尊感情が低下していることがわかりました。

かけがえのない命を授かった自分は素晴らしい存在であると思って欲しいのですが、この結果は大変残念です。自尊感情が低下していると、他の人への感謝、優しさ、思いやりという感情が芽生えにくくなるとも考えられます。また自分を大切にできなくなり、問題行動に走る恐れもあります。自尊感情の低下には、競争社会や生活環境、貧困など様々な原因があると考えられます。そのひとつに病気もあります。「いじめ」などの原因を自尊感情の低下だけで説明するのは無理があると思いますが、通奏低音のように根底に流れているもののひとつではないでしょうか。様々なアプローチを通じて、児童生徒が自分自身に対してもっと自尊感情を高められる社会にして行くことが必要だと考えます。

ところで健康教育は、本来「心身の健康の保持増進を図るために必要な知識及び態度の習得に関する教育」ですが、健康課題に対して正しい知識の習得、理解に続いて、実際に健康行動を起こすこと(態度の変容)、とそれを維持すること(行動変容とその維持)が必要になります。態度の変容と行動変容を起こすためには、まず「正しい知識と理解」が不可欠です。「生命に対する畏敬の念」は「道徳」のみならず、「健康教育」という視点からも重要だと考えます。健康教育はそれ自体、幅広い内容を包含するものですが、本特集では学校の場面において「いのち」につながる特集を展開して行きたいと考えています。

boast" the percentage answering Very Applicable or Applicable among 5th and 6th year elementary school students was 27%, but this was 56.4% and 60.7% for junior high school and high school students respectively. For the survey item "Sometimes I feel I am good for nothing" the percentage answering Very Applicable or Applicable for 5th and 6th year elementary school students was 11.4% but this was 46.6% and 49.1% for junior high school and high school students respectively. This indicates that their sense of self-esteem worsens as students progress through junior high and high school.

While we would hope that school children could think of themselves as wondrous beings who have received the precious gift of life, this outcome is extremely disappointing. When one's sense of self-esteem has declined, it is likely to become more difficult to cultivate the emotions of gratitude, kindness and consideration for others. Also, when one does not attend to one's own wellbeing there is a risk that this will lead to problematic behavior. A competitive society, living environments and poverty can be thought of as being implicated in such declines in senses of self-esteem. Another factor is sickness. While I think there is a limit to the extent to which we can attribute bullying as a cause to explain declining self-esteem, I would strongly suspect it as constituting one of the constantly underlying base factors. The creation of a society which allows school children's sense of self-esteem to be heightened through various approaches can be thought of as an essential task.

Health education is: "Education on the acquisition of the knowledge and attitudes necessary for the maintenance and advancement of physical and mental health." However, after correct acquisition and understanding of

knowledge on health issues, it is then necessary to put actual healthy behaviors into action, change attitudes, and maintain such changes in behaviors and attitudes. In order to affect changes in attitudes and behavior "Accurate knowledge and understanding" is first indispensable. In "Reverence for life" the perspective of Health Education rather than Moral Education alone is important. While health education itself encompasses a wide scope of subject matter, I hope that we will succeed in this Special Issue in developing texts which tie directly into "Life" on the ground in schools themselves.