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Lake Forest Schools Watch

[Upcoming “Lunch and Learn” with Chala Holland at LF’s First Presbyterian Church](#)

“Lunch and Learn”, a program sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest is hosting LFHS principal Chala Holland on October 23, 2015 at noon. It’s unknown whether *both* adults and children, or *children only* will be allowed to participate and “suppress her narrative”.

From the First Pres newsletter: “Dr. Holland will talk about how title and position often impede our ability to reach all students in the most effective ways.”

Huh?

I had to read this several times before I got it: Yes, the “ability to reach all students” could be impeded if someone introduced her “title and position” as, for example, “Voldemort, He Who Must Not Be Named”. I mean, the students would run. Run away. A definite impediment to effectively reaching them, to be sure. This makes complete sense.

According to Dr. Holland: “When we allow our students to be our teachers, we can unlock the keys to their success, growth and development and, in turn, can unlock our own [.]”

Now I may be wrong, but it occurs to me that if we follow Dr. Holland’s advice and “we allow” students to teach the teachers, the students who, by definition, seek knowledge (because they LACK it) would learn nothing teaching their teachers and their teachers would learn nothing being taught by the students precisely because the students have nothing (but ignorance) to offer their teachers: hence, the difference between “student” and “teacher”. That difference may be, perhaps (and I really am totally guessing here), completely lost on Dr. Holland.

But Dr. Holland says this paradigm—students teaching teachers-- is also fundamental to *teachers’ “success, growth and development”!* If that's true, then LFHS students need a union and a paycheck.

Finally, I was always under the impression that keys themselves weren’t “locked” or “unlocked” but in fact operated on things other than, well, other keys. So I don’t understand how Dr. Holland plans to “unlock the keys”. But I guess in Hogwarts and LFHS all things are magically and mysteriously possible. Magic “unlocks locked keys”, the ignorant teach the learned (who then magically succeed, grow and develop), and nonsense parades the community as deep insight.

And no one learns nothin’, except perhaps, that the emperor has no clothes.
