

STRENGTHENING TEACHER'S CAPACITY AND CHILDREN'S CHARACTER THROUGH SCHOOL SPORTS FESTIVAL

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ABSTRACT

All parties should do the character of elementary school students jointly. One of them, it can be done through fun sports activities. Excellent character needs to develop in the form of physical activity packages that are cultivated in a school sports festival. This activity is also a solution to develop the psychomotor, affective, and cognitive aspects of students simultaneously. Therefore, this community service activity aims to strengthen the character of elementary school students through school sports festival activity. The participants are 142 students of Soka Elementary School in Pundong, Bantul. In addition, the principal, six classroom teachers, and one physical education teacher also participated. This activity consists of training and festivals conducting by lecture, demonstration, and practice/simulation methods. The evaluation of this activity based on its implementation and results. The training activities have been carried out for one day at Soka elementary School while the festival was held for also one day in the Mblali field, Seloharjo, Pundong, Bantul. The attendance of participants, both teachers and students was 100%. The teachers and students look happy and excited during the training and festival activities. In addition, the students also saw a variety of good behaviors that could develop into good character, such as discipline, majesty, honoring victory, acknowledging defeat, hard work, and fair competition. Therefore, festival activities expected to hold at least annually or biannually as long as they follow the academic calendar at the end of the semester in school. The routine and sustainability of the school sports festival will help students to develop a variety of good characters.

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