

# What You're Reading

## to Focus on Strengthening Your Leadership

Reading lists aren't just for kids. *Principal* magazine asked its professional learning network (PLN) what books they read over the summer. With a focus on professional and personal advancement, child and staff development, and strategy, your PLN has you covered as you stock up on books for the winter break.

### Focus on Leadership Strategy

*10 Success Factors for Literacy Intervention: Getting Results With MTSS in Elementary Schools*

by Susan L. Hall

*17,000 Classroom Visits Can't Be Wrong: Strategies that Engage Students, Promote Active Learning, and Boost Achievement*

by John V. Antonetti and James R. Garver

*Be Real: Educate From the Heart*

by Tara Martin

*Blended: Using Disruptive Innovation to Improve Schools*

by Michael B. Horn and Heather Staker

*Bold School: Old School Wisdom + New School Technologies = Blended Learning that Works*

by Weston Kieschnick

*Bright Ribbons: Weaving Culturally Responsive Teaching into the Elementary Classroom*

by Lotus Howard

*Culture Matters: How Values Shape Human Progress*

by Lawrence E. Harrison and Samuel P. Huntington

*Elements of Grading: A Guide to Effective Practice*

by Douglas Reeves

*From Values to Action: The Four Principles of Value-Based Leadership*

by Harry M. Jansen Kraemer Jr.

*Hacking Leadership: 10 Ways Great Leaders Inspire Learning that Teachers, Students, and Parents Love (Times 10 Publications, 2016)*

by Joe Sanfelippo and Tony Sinanis

*High Impact Instruction: A Framework for Great Teaching*

by Jim Knight

*The Innovator's Mindset: Empower Learning, Unleash Talent, and Lead a Culture of Creativity*

by George Couros

*It's Your Ship: Management Techniques From the Best Damn Ship in the Navy*

by D. Michael Abrashoff

*Leadership for Low-Performing Schools: A Step-by-Step Guide to the School Turnaround Process*

by Daniel L. Duke

*Leading With Questions: How Leaders Find the Right Solutions*

by Knowing What to Ask

*Lead Like a Pirate: Make School Amazing for Your Students and Staff*

by Shelley Burgess and Beth Houf

*Lead With Culture: What Really Matters in Our Schools*

by Jay Billy

*Marching Off the Map: Inspire Students to Navigate a Brand New World*

by Dr. Tim Elmore

*The New School Rules: 6 Vital Practices For Thriving and Responsive Schools*

by Anthony Kim and Alexis Gonzales-Black

*Power of Positive Leadership: How and Why Positive Leaders Transform Teams and Organizations and Change the World*

by John Gordon

*The Power of a Positive Team: Proven Principles and Practices that Make Great Teams Great*

by John Gordon

*The Principled Principal: 10 Principles for Leading Exceptional Schools*

by Jeffrey Zoul and Anthony McConnell

*School of Culture Rewired: How to Define, Assess, and Transform It*

by Steve Gruenert and Todd Whitaker

*Shattering the Perfect Teacher Myth: 6 Truths that Will Help You Thrive as an Educator*

by Aaron Hogan

*Sparks in the Dark: Lessons, Ideas, and Strategies to Illuminate the Reading and Writing Lives in All of US*

by Travis Crowder and Todd Nesloney

*Start. Right. Now.: Teach and Lead for Excellence*

by Todd Whitaker and Jeffrey Zoul

*Start With Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action*

by Simon Sinek

*The Successful Principal: Concrete Strategies and Essential Advice*

by Robert Cunard

*Switch: How to Change Things When Change Is Hard*

by Chip Heath and Dan Heath

*Teach Like a Pirate: Increase Student Engagement, Boost Your Creativity, and Transform Your Life as an Educator*

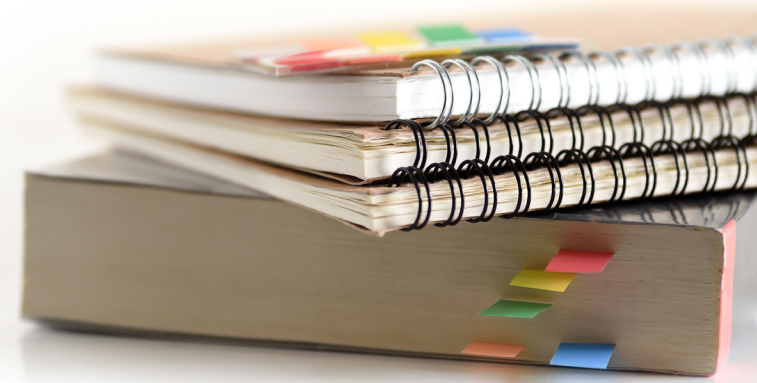
by Dave Burgess

*Transforming School Culture: How to Overcome Staff Division*

by Anthony Muhammad, Ph.D.

*When: The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing*

by Daniel Pink



## Focus on Students

*A Beautiful Question: The Power of Inquiry to Spark Breakthrough Ideas*  
by Warren Berger

*Culturize: Every Student. Every Day. Whatever It Takes.*  
by Jimmy Casas

*Hacking Early Learning: 10 Building Blocks to Success*  
by Jessica Cabeen

*Help for Billy: A Beyond Consequences Approach to Helping Challenging Children in the Classroom*  
by Heather T. Forbes, LCSW

*Kids Deserve It!: Pushing Boundaries and Challenging Conventional Thinking*  
by Todd Nesloney and Adam Welcome

*Lost at School: Why Our Kids With Behavioral Challenges Are Falling Through the Cracks*  
by Ross W. Greene

*Mathematical Mindsets: Unleashing Students' Potential Through Creative Math, Inspiring Messages, and Innovative Teaching*  
by Jo Boaler and Carol Dweck

*Shake Up Learning: Practical Ideas to Move Learning From Static to Dynamic*  
by Kasey Bell

*Stop the Stress in Schools: Mental Health Strategies to Teachers Can Use to Build a Kinder Gentler Classroom*  
by Joey Mandel

*Talk to Me: Find the Right Words to Inspire, Encourage, and Get Things Done*  
by Kim Bearden

*Troublemakers: Lessons in Freedom from Young Children at School*  
by Carla Shala

### Don't see Your Favorite Book Listed here?

Let us know about it on Twitter. Tag [@NAESP](#) and use [#PrincipalsBookshelf](#) to share your go-to books for professional learning, child and staff development, and leadership strategies.

## Focus on You

*Above the Line: Lessons in Leadership From a Championship Program*  
by Urban Meyer and Wayne Coffey

*Balance Like a Pirate: Going Beyond Work-Life Balance to Ignite Passion and Thrive as an Educator*  
by Jessica Cabeen, Jessica Johnson, and Sarah Johnson

*Be the One For Kids: You Have the Power to Change the Life of a Child*  
by Ryan Sheehy

*Chop Wood Carry Water: How to Fall in Love With the Process of Becoming Great*  
by Joshua Medcalf

*Culture Code: The Secret of Highly Successful Groups*  
by Daniel Coyle

*Energy Bus: 10 Rules to Fuel Your Life, Work, and Team With Positive Energy*  
by John Gordon

*Fire in the Ashes: 25 Years Among the Poorest Children in America*  
by Johnathan Kozol

*The Four O'Clock Faculty: A Rogue Guide to Revolutionizing Professional Development*  
by Rick Czyz

*The Glass Castle: A Memoir*  
by Jeannette Walls

*The Hate U Give*  
by Angie Thomas

*How Not to Get Shot: And Other Advice From White People*  
by D.L. Hughley

*How Women Rise: Break the 12 Habits Holding You Back from Your Next Raise, Promotion, or Job*  
by Salley Helgesen and Marshall Goldsmith

*I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*  
by Austin Channing Brown

*The Intelligent, Responsive Leader*  
by Steven Katz, Lisa Ain Dack, and John Malloy

*Measure What Matters: How Google, Bono, and the Gates Foundation Rock the World With OKRs*  
by John Doerr

*Move Your Bus: An Extraordinary New Approach to Accelerating Success in Work and Life*  
by Ron Clark

*The Power of Different: The Link Between Disorder and Genius*  
by Gail Saltz

*The Power of Moments: Why Certain Experiences Have Extraordinary Impact*  
by Chip Heath and Dan Heath

*The Wild Card: 7 Steps to an Educator's Creative Breakthrough*  
by Hope King