Tutor or Torture?

I was walking by a student who was working on a new skills-based computer program. I asked him how he liked the program.

“You know, I like everything about this except the torturizing part,” he said.

I think he meant “tutorial,” but I’m not sure.

Deborah Taylor, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent
Sapulpa Public Schools
Sapulpa, Oklahoma

Bus Etiquette

When my son began kindergarten, riding the bus was a new experience for him. Being a principal, I realized that bus drivers had specific expectations concerning children’s behavior. So, after a week or so, I quizzed my son about his bus ride.

“Are you listening to the bus driver?”

“I sit down every time she tells me to, Dad!” he said.

Bill White, Principal
Granville Elementary School
Granville, Ohio

Identity Crisis

When the buses arrived on the first day of school, we discovered one little boy who wasn’t supposed to be in our school. When we asked his name, he replied “C.J.”

“Well, C.J., what school do you go to?” No reply.

“What is your last name, C.J.?” No reply.

There was no identification or address in his backpack. Finally, I asked him what his mother called him when she was angry.

“Christopher Jordan Dallas Bullvoir!” C.J. replied.

Jackie Meyer, Principal
Summerwind Elementary School
Boise, Idaho

That’s Some Baby!

The day my seven-pound, one-ounce baby daughter was born, the students were very excited. This excitement carried over into the announcements, where our fifth-grade announcing misread the birth weight and proudly announced to the school that my wife gave birth to a “71-pound baby girl.”

Glenn Geye, Jr., Principal
Windber Area Elementary School
Windber, Pennsylvania

Large and In Charge

Because we have an extremely large elementary school—1,225 students—I have three assistant principals, with each one being the primary administrator for two grades. Recently one of our students wanted to introduce me to his mom. He said, “Mom, this is Dr. Morris. She is our (obviously struggling for my correct title) biggest principal.”

Linda Morris, Principal
Cornelius Elementary School
Cornelius, North Carolina

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