The buses are gone. So are the teachers. The hallways are eerily quiet. So starts the principal's summer. It's supposed to be a time to rest, relax, reflect, and re-energize. But it's also a time to review test scores, compile class lists, count desks, oversee maintenance crews, or simply get through your inbox.

While the summer is full of things to complete on an overloaded checklist, it's the one time of year when you can schedule a few days of professional development with little disruption from a busy school calendar. That's why NAESP has developed three opportunities for you to get out of the building and participate in some personal-growth experiences:

- **NAESP’s Principal Mentoring Workshop in Miami, June 28–30.** Join retired and veteran principals who have chosen to give back to their profession by mentoring the next generation of school leaders. This workshop focuses on research-based mentoring skills.

- **International Center for Leading Learning Communities Leadership Institute in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, July 3–8.** This exciting workshop will provide you with knowledge on how to create a climate of excellence in your school while maintaining a balance in your personal life.

- **NAESP Summer Institute in Newport, Rhode Island, July 9–12.** As a participant in this three-day workshop, you will learn how to build a collaborative learning culture, foster a positive community relationship, and facilitate change.

If you're not able to get away this summer, but still want to work on your personal professional development, visit the NAESP Web site at [www.naesp.org](http://www.naesp.org). There you can research archived issues of *Principal* magazine or explore the Principals Help Line, where you can ask questions of your colleagues and receive strong, practical, professional advice on a variety of issues.

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**Self-Improvement for the Summer**

**What Successful Principals Do: 169 Tips for Principals**

*by Franzy Fleck*

Learn how to run a successful school from an experienced educator. Divided into three sections, based on the school year, this book provides principals with useful strategies and advice on how to implement them.

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**The Journey to Greatness and How to Get There!**

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The author shows you how lifelong learning and a commitment to self-improvement can help you on the journey to greatness. Learn how venues such as communication, caring, character, and peace can make a difference. Inspirational messages and vital lessons make this a “must-read!”

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**Improving Test Scores: A Practical Approach for Teachers and Administrators**

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How did your school do on the most recent standardized tests? Is there room for improvement? This book provides solid, reliable strategies to help students of all grade levels improve test scores. It focuses on the best way to cover material that students will be tested on without compromising daily instruction.

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