A Touch of Humor

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“I’m sure that some of you are anxious for summer break.”

Just Call Me “Princi-mom”

One of our teachers told me about a conversation her class had after I stopped by the classroom at the beginning of the school year. She asked her 4-year-old children, “Do you remember who that is?”

They said, “She is Mrs. Cole.” Then the teacher asked, “And what does Mrs. Cole do at our school?” Some children responded, “She is a teacher.” Others said, “She works in the office.” Then one little girl raised her hand and said, “She’s the princi-mom!”

Kristi Cole, Principal
Humboldt Park School
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

What Flavor Is It?

We recently had a Spirit Day the day of the Ohio State national football championship game. Confident that our Buckeyes would win, we played the fight song over the PA and had a wonderful time anticipating the victory.

The morning after our embarrassing loss, I announced on the PA system that the cafeteria would be serving “humble pie” for all of us Ohio State fans. My fourth-grade teacher reported lots of smiles and “Alrights!” from her class. They thought they were actually going to be eating pie for dessert!

Laura Kagy, Principal
Green Springs School
Green Springs, Ohio

Misplaced Respect

One day I was in my office with a student, trying to impress upon him that life would be a great deal better for everyone if he would listen to me. In doing so, I said, “Jonathan, honestly, I know what I am talking about. I really am very smart, you know.”

He pointed to the nameplate on my desk that reads “Steven Foreman, Principal” and quickly spouted back, “I know! Your name is on like every book in our school!”

He thought I was not only the principal, but that I had written every Scott Foresman book in the school!

Steven Foreman, Principal
Westview Elementary School
Zanesville, Ohio

A Fudged Forgery

Last year I had to write one of my kids a “yellow slip” for behavior. I sent it home with him for his parents to sign. When he brought it back the next day he had printed his dad’s name on it in pencil. I told him that he was not allowed to write his dad’s name and he quickly replied, “Well, I don’t know how to write in cursive!”

Tara Kopp, Special Services Teacher
Owensville Elementary 3–5 Center
Owensville, Missouri

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall

One of my Title 1 teachers, a beautiful lady inside and out, was talking with one of the third-grade girls about Halloween costumes. After the little girl told the teacher what she would be, the teacher said that she planned to be Snow White. The girl looked up at her and innocently said, “But I thought Snow White was supposed to be beautiful.”

Russell D. Leek, Principal
Arcadia Valley Elementary School
Ironton, Missouri

“The Principal would like a new computer lab.”

“Dad, Can you help me with my state-of-the-art math homework?”