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Setting Priorities
One day a kindergarten teacher brought one of her students into my office, explaining that for the past couple of days the student had done nothing but bother other students and play around without finishing any work.

I asked the student if she enjoyed school, and she responded, “yes.” I then asked her if she came to school to learn, and she responded, “no.” Shocked by her response, I asked her what she came to school for, and she told me, “day care.”

Sarah Finke, Assistant Principal
East Picacho Elementary School
Las Cruces, New Mexico

Bossy Leader in Training
On a consistent basis, my 5-year-old daughter is told that she has to be the student instead of the teacher. With this in mind, my daughter once became frustrated with her friend while playing school.

The next time that the two played together, my daughter took the matter into her own hands, telling her friend, “You can be the teacher; I’ll be the principal.”

Sylvia M. Henderson, Principal
Ross Elementary School
Milford, Delaware

I Am Not the Principal’s Sister
At the beginning of the school year, my principal and I introduced ourselves and explained our jobs to various classes. At our international night celebration for English-language learners, I realized that our message had gone somewhat astray. The mother of a kindergartner approached me at the end of the evening to tell me that she had solved a school-home mystery. Apparently, her daughter came home many evenings telling her mother about what the “sister to the principal” had done or said.

While my principal and I have grown very close this year, we are not in fact related.

DeAun Blumberg, Assistant Principal
Bridgeway Elementary School
Bridgeton, Missouri

It Came to Me in a Dream
As the assistant principal in charge of discipline at a junior high school, I see and hear funny things every day. Recently a student was sent to my office because he had been sleeping in class. I began questioning the young man about his sleeping habits—What time do you go to bed? What time do you get up in the morning?

After answering a few of my questions he stopped me and asked why I wanted to know all of this information. I explained that he had been sent to my office for sleeping in class, and I was concerned that he wasn’t getting enough sleep.

He quickly responded, “Oh, sir, I was not sleeping in class. My eyes were just closed so that I could envision the lecture.”

Kenny Mason, Assistant Principal
Guymon Junior High School
Guymon, Oklahoma

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