“Our job is to make sure that there is no child left behind.”

Wardrobe Malfunction

One day, I saw a student hopping on one foot as he went to his next class. It seemed like odd behavior, and the following day I received this note from his parent:

You probably noticed yesterday that Jack hopped on one foot on his way back from music class. This is why:

When walking to music class, Jack felt something funny in his pant leg. So he reached up and found that there was an extra pair of boxer shorts in his pant leg. He shoved the boxers back into his pant leg, but when it was time to leave he realized that the only way to keep the boxers from dropping out while he was walking was to wrap his other foot around the back of his calf and hop on one foot. So he hopped all the way back to the classroom and then went back to his backpack, pulled the boxers out of his pant leg, and tucked them into his backpack.

He told me that he tried to make it look like he was hopping just for the fun of it, and not to keep his boxer shorts from falling out of his pants.

Karla Cross, Principal
St. Anastasia School
Hutchinson, Minnesota

The Principal Smell

One day while in a first-grade classroom, I walked by the desk of a young girl. She looked up at me and said,

“Mr. Finger, you smell good.” Not knowing exactly how to respond I replied, “Thank you.”

Then from the other side of the room, a young boy called out, “That’s because he’s the principal.”

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Our World

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- Earthquakes are the biggest cause of shaken baby syndrome;
- Africa’s population is growing at an annual rate of 2 billion per cent;
- He could smell the apple blossoms coming from the orchids behind the house;
- She lived a long life and had many great experiences even after she died;
- Not only could the earth be harmed, but so could the world;
- NASA is causing the breakup of the Milky Way; and
- Unalienable rights are those given to us at birth by aliens.

Dave Demiglio, Principal
Elma Middle School
Elma, Washington

Biblical Delusions

One day I entered my office and found a nervous-looking second grader seated at my table. Before I could begin the conversation about why he had been referred to my office, he quickly introduced himself, “I am Samuel.”

“I know that,” I replied. “I see that by the name on your referral.”

He immediately broke in, “Yes, my name is Samuel and it is in the Bible.” He looked like he thought that his name was going to influence me, so I replied, “Well, Samuel, my name is in the Bible also.” His eyes grew wide. I continued, “Yes, my name is Mary—you know, Mary the mother of Jesus.” His eyes grew even wider when he said, “You’re the mother of Jesus?” I quickly dispelled this claim, for fear of reading in the local paper, “Principal claims she is the mother of Jesus.”

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