A Touch of Humor

America’s Next Top Principal
One day, my secretary ran into a group of kindergarten girls and one of them said, “I know you; you are the principal.” My secretary replied, “I do most of the work, but I’m not the principal.” The student then asked, “Do you know who the principal is?”

Another kindergartner piped up, “He’s Mr. Handsome!”

The third girl quickly responded: “His name isn’t Mr. Handsome. His name is Mr. Hansen, with an ‘n.’ He isn’t handsome. Have you seen him?”

E. Clark Hansen, Principal
Valley View Elementary
Pleasant Grove, Utah

Illusions of Grandeur
Late one evening as I sat at my desk mulling over data, a third grader dropped by my office for a visit. She plopped herself in the chair beside my desk and looked at the piles of paper; then she stated definitively, “When I grow up I want to do what you do!”

Amazed by the comment (considering the piles of paper strewn all over my office), I asked her what she found so intriguing about my job. She replied, “I want to be queen, too!”

Janet Steinert, Assistant Principal
The Whitefield School
Whitefield, New Hampshire

Expanded Job Description
One morning, as I arrived at my kindergarten classroom, I found this note from the custodian prominently displayed on my desk: “Ms. Hunter, you’re going to have to teach these boys to aim better!”

I replied, “You requisition the equipment and I’ll do the teaching.”

Patricia Hunter, Principal
Maple Elementary
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“This doesn’t look good. His tail’s not wagging.”

“You can be replaced by teaching software, you know!”

“You watch out for her. She lets you do all the talking.”