

WOW! That's Why I Became a Principal

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Pursuing a career in school administration may not be as appealing these days as it once seemed, if you believe all the negative images or controversy over issues related to our public schools. Many influences such as changing demographics, the economy and limited resources, accountability demands and the constant change of political-driven initiatives impact not only public perception but the daily operations of our schools. Yet, despite constant changes and public scrutiny of our educational system, educators rise to the challenge of providing all children a quality program for learning and personal growth.

Effective principals take the criticisms and changes in stride as they focus on providing the best services pos-

sible for all students. Some days are harder than others to maintain the enthusiasm and stamina needed to be a school leader, but more often than not, something occurs that triggers the heart and mind, reminding us "why I became a principal."

We are seeking short, humorous or uplifting stories that relate to some telling aspect of a school administrator's work life for our new feature, "Wow! That's Why I Became a Principal." Let's share our stories to encourage, cheer and support each other...lest we forget why we followed this career path.

Articles should be no more than 350-400 words (less if you include a photo and a brief caption) and should be e-mailed to Sheri Thompson at sherit@paessp.org.

If time is your obstacle, consider contacting Sheri to set up a phone interview to 'tell your story.' Then, we will format the article for you. **The deadline for submitting an article for the February 2013 issue is December 7, 2012.**