

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Fall is here and hopefully, your school year is off to a great start! You may have noticed that *The Pennsylvania Administrator* may look a bit different. We are in the process of adding some new features and giving your professional journal a much-needed revamp! We hope the changes are to your liking!

On a different note, we hope you are taking full advantage of your new, online community, "*The Principals Exchange*" (or "*The Exchange*"). If you have not yet checked it out, please visit: <https://exchange.papincipals.org/> and log in using the same information that you use to log in to our website. (Page 12) Remember, the PA Principals Association is here for you to provide legal advice and support, professional development opportunities and various other tools and resources you need to be an effective school leader.

We are introducing two new features in this issue: **Letter to the Editor** (see opposite) and **It happened to me... The benefit of legal protection** (Page 11)

If you want to submit an article for the Winter 2024 issue, please submit it to me at [sherit@papincipals.org](mailto:sherit@papincipals.org) no later than Friday, Dec. 18, 2023. (Page 44) Our next theme edition will be the Spring 2024 issue. Check [www.papincipals.org](http://www.papincipals.org) and your inbox for further details.

*Enjoy this issue!*

**Sheri L. Thompson, Editor**



## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I just received my copy of Spring "Administrator" and found it very enlightening. Although I have retired after a rewarding 52-year career in education, I still enjoy seeing current professional's approaches to issues we dealt with over my tenure.

I have a daughter who is an elementary teacher in Saratoga Springs, New York, and I always share the journal with her, who in turn often shares it with her colleagues and principal. I currently live in Adirondack Park in Upstate New York and unofficially consult with a 450-student, Pre-K-12 school district. I believe they will find the articles about student handbooks and structured literacy very helpful. I particularly like the "Scarborough's Reading Rope" piece. I wish we had that when I first started in education in 1968. I believe I would have been a much better teacher and principal.

I served with pride on the then PAESP board as a conference chair, regional representative and officer in the late 80s/early 90s and feel it helped form who I became and who I am, both professionally and personally. I ordered the Fred Rogers' book mentioned in one article, even though I am no longer an "official educator." Once a teacher, always a teacher.

Keep up the good work.

—Fred Brown  
Emeritus Member  
94-95 NAESP President

## Dates to Remember

### JULY

**15-17 UNITED - The National Conference on School Leadership (NAESP & NASSP)**  
Nashville, Tennessee

### AUGUST

**4-6 SUMMIT24 - For PA Educational Leaders (PA Principals Association)**  
Pittsburgh Marriott North & Ehrman Crest Elementary and Middle School  
Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania

## **Attention Retired or Newly Retired PA Principals Members!**

If you have recently retired or will be retiring soon, you are eligible to receive one year of free membership in the PA Principals Association before paying for a retired membership (visit <https://www.papincipals.org/member-services/join-renew-pa-principals-association-membership/>).

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