From the President . . .

Lori Smail, Principal, Winthrop Middle School and President of the MPA

Each day is new, exciting, daunting and exhausting for Building Administrators. This is the time of year when it is cold and dark and the days seem longer than they really are.

We need to remember one of the most important parts of our job, and that is the relationships we build with our students, staff, families, and communities. Research has shown that the teacher-student relationship has a significant impact on student achievement. But the relationships that the Principal and Building Administrators have also has a profound impact on student achievement and the entire school community.

Having a relationship with our school community is essential to success and survival. The Principal, Building Administrator, has a unique opportunity to model passion for the work we do and the school as a whole, while setting a tone of fun and excitement through leadership. Laughter, for instance, can become an integral part of the school environment. Similarly, humor can be used regularly so that it becomes a constant presence in the school setting. Expressing your enthusiasm for your job, the people with whom you interact, and the students whose learning you are responsible for will cultivate this condition. Modeling fun and excitement may also increase the principal’s personal love of work and school.

The same is true for us right? We do better when we know people care! Reach out to your colleagues, remember we are not alone. Relationships, relationships, relationships!

We are less than two months away from the joint NASSP-NAESP 2023 Capitol Hill Day on Wednesday, March 29 and NAESP State Rep Mike Davis and I have begun outreach to congressional offices to set up meetings for with our members of congress.

Each year this is an incredible opportunity to advocate for schools and the principalship with our elected officials in Washington, DC. This year’s Maine delegation will include Holly Blair from the MPA office, Lori Smail, Principal of Winthrop Middle School and MPA President, Mary Nadeau, Principal of Nokomis Regional High School and MPA President-Elect along with Mike and me.

In the weeks leading up to our trip, please feel free to reach out to any of us with anything you’d like us to bring up or any stories about either the rewards or challenges that come with leading a school in 2023. These stories will greatly aid us in connecting with our members of congress and their staffs.

FREE: Job Vacancies Posting on the MPA Professional Webpage

The MPA is listing job postings for administrative positions (principal, assistant principal, dean of students, CTE directors, etc.) on the www.mpaprof.org website AT NO COST TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS! The only thing we will need is the title of the position, your district name, the date the application closes if you have one, and the link that will take potential applicants to YOUR site. Please email your job opening to Tammy at tmcnear@mpa.cc.
MPA and MADSEC Administrative Assistant and Secretaries’ Conference

“I SEE YOU!”

Keynote Speaker: Julie Lee

Tuesday, April 4, 2023
Hilton Garden Inn, Bangor

Wednesday, April 5, 2023
Doubletree, South Portland

Click HERE for More Information and to Register.

2023 Maine NHS Annual State Convention and Banquet

“If You See Something, Say Something”

Banquet: Monday, March 13, 2023
5:15—10:00 p.m.

Convention: Tuesday, March 14, 2023
8:00 a.m.—2:40 p.m.

More Information on the 2023 NHS Banquet and Convention
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NHS 2023 Shirt Order Form
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MPA Spring Conference

“Lead from Where You Are”

with Dr. Joe Sanfelippo

April 26-28, 2023
Samoset Resort

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ED 596: Innovative Leadership Course

October 23, 2023 through December 15, 2023

The MPA and Thomas College has once again partnered to offer a 3-credit graduate course for any educator that can be used toward a Graduate Degree or for recertification, at a reduced cost!!

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