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You Need to Know! the Virginia Principal - March, 2020

Hey Jim,



The LEAD The Principals Ambassador Program was implemented last year which called upon the services of our retired Emeritus member principals to pay a courtesy visit to [new elementary school principals](#). The purpose of these visits is to let new principals know that there is a network of colleagues in the field to support them. The Ambassadors left a small gift and information documents regarding the current goals of VAESP, its mission, vision, and achievements. Mentoring, **#VAESPchat** and **#PrincipALS** were emphasized in all the visits.

This year, a total of seventy-nine principals were visited by nine Principal Ambassadors. Through the efforts of the ambassadors, VAESP has gained thirty-one new members. Additionally, after learning about our mentoring program from the principal ambassadors, five of the new principals requested the services of our trained and certified mentors through our Virginia Elementary Mentor Program (VEMP).

VAESP would like to thank these volunteers for their time, travel, encouragement, and motivation to speak with new elementary principals about the importance of networking, staying in touch with colleagues, benefits of VAESP membership and above all, the understanding that there is an association that will support them in their years as a principal. We are proud of our Principal Ambassadors: Debbie Shelton, Brenda Lewis, Jeanine Tate, Carol Riley, Judy Baldwin, Donna Fagerholm, Nancy Moga, Tim Gilley and Jim Raines.

Debbie Shelton, VAESP Board Emeritus Retired Representative



COVID-19 NAESP is monitoring the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and is disseminating information and resources to school communities as needed. As always, follow the guidance provided by your local school division. The information provided here is for your deeper

understanding of the issues at hand.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued this [interim guidance for school leaders](#) to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 among students and staff. The information provided features two sections:

1. [Guidance for schools which do not have COVID-19 identified in their community](#)
2. [Guidance for schools with identified cases of COVID-19 in their community](#)

In addition to reviewing the guidance for school leaders, You may wish to review the following resources:

- [General information about COVID-19](#)
- [A legal guide to preparing for COVID-19 in your school community](#)

Download this useful [graphic](#) for your use as needed.



Calendar Check (Save the Dates)

Want to stay informed? Watch for the spring Zone Meetings that are geographically close to you on a date that is convenient and join the

conversations. Check your Zone by clicking [HERE](#).

March 5, 2020 Central Zone Meeting - [Photos](#)

March 12, 2020 Southern Zone Meeting - Richlands Dairy Farm, 116 Cox Rd, Blackstone, VA

April 7, 2020 Eastern Zone Meeting - Hampton Oaks ES, 107 Northampton Blvd Stafford

April 22, 2020 Capital Zone Meeting - Richmond area

June 28 - 30, 2020 VAESP Annual Conference, at the NEW Marriott Delta Hotel and Conference Center, Virginia Beach. Registration and Reservations at www.vaesp.org

July 12 - 14, [2020 NAESP Pre K-8 Principals Conference](#) - Louisville, KY



You PD'D?

Welcome to your latest edition of *The Main Idea*.

It is the Professional Book Summary by esteemed writer, Jenn David-Lang. This month she brings you this new book summary,

[Powerful Teaching](#) In essence, this book takes the “science of learning” and makes it

easy for every educator to understand. I like that the authors translate this science into simple, research-based strategies that any K-12 teacher of any subject can use to boost student learning and retention.

Plus some additional great resources for ***Powerful Teaching***

(Click on the underlined words below)

- The summary of the book
- Professional learning ideas and handouts you can use to introduce the pedagogical strategies to teachers
- A PPT you can use for a faculty workshop on science of learning strategies

To view previous book summaries Log In and use password, **BOOKLYN**. Enjoy!



Community Chatter

IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY, PLEASE COMPLETE THE VAESP SATISFACTION SURVEY BY CLICKING [HERE](#).

The buzz is on about the upcoming **VAESP Annual Conference, June 28-30, 2020** at the [Delta Virginia Beach Bayfront Suites Hotel](#), 2800 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach.

Registration Hotel reservations are available at www.vaesp.org. Don't be disappointed by waiting too long to reserve your room as these all suites, luxury accommodations will go quickly. Conference keynote speakers include, Author of *Speak Freely*, **Doug Crandall**, NAESP Center for Innovative Leadership Fellow, **Dr. Andy Jacks**, **Master Sargent Leray Smedley**, Legal expert, **Kathleen Mehfoud**, and State Commonwealth Attorney, **Stephanie Morales**. Additional speakers from the Virginia Department of Education as well as school based presenters will make your time at the beach both relaxing and educational. **REGISTER TODAY!**



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