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You Need to Know! the Virginia Principal - September, 2019

Greetings!



The LEAD On behalf of the VAESP Board of Directors, I am excited to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to the 2019-2020 school year as begin my tenure as the President of the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals. In case you don't know me, my name is Andrew Buchheit and I am the very proud principal of T. Clay Wood ES in Prince William County. First, let me say a huge **THANK YOU** to all our educational leaders for your dedication, commitment, and service to your students, staff, and schools.

In your role as a principal, assistant principal, aspiring administrator, or other educational leader at a school or in a school division you make a positive difference in many lives, families, and futures. School leaders directly influence the culture of the school in many ways, such as, by keeping the focus on the whole student, maintaining quality and equitable instruction, supporting and growing teachers, fostering a positive social emotional climate, developing, and nurturing home partnerships and family engagement, and affecting stakeholder attitudes and expectations. School leaders have a direct impact on teacher behavior, satisfaction, and motivation through their vision, communication, expectations, relationships, and professional development and therefore also positively influence student achievement and success at their schools.

Research identified school leadership as the second most critical factor to student success right after an effective classroom teacher (which the principal hires and supports) and concluded that the school principal is the most influential factor determining the effectiveness of a school. Schools have only been turned around by an effective school leader. In fact, researchers have noted that low achieving schools have only been transformed into higher achieving schools through effective leadership practices. The one common and critical characteristic of schools which have been described as effective is the school principal.

As the VAESP Board of Directors, we will advocate, lead, and support all PK-8 Virginia principals and future principals to ensure excellence and equity in education for all of Virginia's students. Our Vision

for VAESP is to be: A Voice for Principals. #VAPrincipALS.

- **Professional Network:** Access to a professional network of education leaders throughout Virginia and the world.
- **Advocacy:** Your legislative voice in Richmond ensuring public education receives appropriate resources and funding.
- **Leadership:** Collaboration with NAESP and celebration and recognition of principals as the instructional leader in the school.
- **Support:** Professional Development, annual conferences and workshops, mentorships, liability insurance, and legal coverage.

I encourage you to attend our annual conference and workshops throughout the school year, join in our weekly Twitter Chat - #VAESPChat – every Sunday evening at 8:00pm EST beginning again in September, and promote VAESP membership to your colleagues and other administrators in your building and school division. The more active members in organizations such as VAESP; the stronger our voice when advocating for our students, schools, and staff at the local, state, and national levels. You can join VAESP/NAESP directly on line at <https://www.vaesp.net/>



The #VAESPchat will begin again starting **Sunday, September 8, 2019**. Become part of the conversation with your colleagues from across the state and the nation in this interactive professional learning opportunity. #VAESPchat If you have not already done so, check out the VAESP website at WWW.VAESP.org. It has a great new look and live streaming of VAESP Twitter on the main page. Great ideas, connections and a load of information from across the country. When Tweeting your great idea, tag @theVAESP and see your tweet on the website.



Calendar Check (Save the Dates)

Be involved! Gather with your friends.

July 1 - Membership Renewal now. Get a friend to join with you at VAESP

September 8, 2019 - #VAESPchat begins Sunday at 8:00 pm

October 2, 2019 - VAESP **FREE** Literacy Workshop, "*The Inspiring Whys, Whats, Whens And Hows Behind Reader's and Writer's Workshop for Today's Classrooms*" featuring **Adria Klein, Ph.D. & Patty McGee, M.Ed** at the University of Mary Washington-Stafford Campus, 121 University Blvd (On Route 17), Fredericksburg, VA, 9:30 - 2:00. Check www.vaesp.org for additional information, registration and details. This **FREE** opportunity for your literacy team is made possible by Corporate Partner, O'Brien Associates.

October 3, 2019 - Valley Zone mtg, 5:00 pm Ramsey Center, Buena Vista, VA sponsored by iStation.

October 10, 2019 - Southern Zone mtg, 5:00 pm Brian's Steak House, 625 E Atlantic St, South Hill, VA sponsored by Grand Canyon University.

October 23, 2019 - Northern Zone mtg, 6:00 pm Liberty Elementary School in Loudoun County sponsored by Grand Canyon University

December 10, 2019 - Assistant Principal/Aspiring Administrator Workshop from 9:00 - 4:00 at

Fredericksburg Hospitality House, 2801 Plank Road, Fredericksburg, VA. Registration, agenda and additional information available on www.vaesp.org, September 9, 2019.

June 28 - 30, 2020 VAESP Annual Conference, at the NEW Marriott Delta Hotel and Conference Center, Virginia Beach. Registration and Reservations open in December 2019.

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Community Chatter

Did you know that when you join VAESP, you automatically join our National Association, [NAESP](#). VAESP has a Joint state agreement with NAESP which automatically connects the two associations. For questions on membership in either organizaation, you can email either [Jim Baldwin](#) or [Eric Kelly](#) for specific inquiries.



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