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

Greetings!



The LEAD A Game-Changer! Little did I know, the first knock on a door would change me completely. Ever wonder what a visit to a child's home would do? What the reaction or the impact could be. Follow me on a journey of visits. For me and my Assistant Principal, **NAME**, it was a "*Road less Travelled*." Confetti, hugs, pencils and pure joy! I was hooked. Join me in this [story](#) and on this journey. Discover for yourself

what lies in store.

Ginny Gills, Principal of Cumberland Elementary School



Looking for a change in your environment? Looking for something new to challenge you? Did you know that VAESP posts job openings on its website www.vaesp.org. Visit it soon and visit it often as the jobs come and go quickly at this time of year. Look at the drop down menu for the latest listings!

While on the website, do not forget to register for the **VAESP Annual Conference** at the new **Delta Bay Suites Hotel and Conference Center, June 28-30, 2020**. Hotel Reservations information is there as well. Book your room early before they are all gone. They will go quickly!

The **#VAESPchat** is running well for 2020. Find out what everyone is talking about and become part of the conversation with your colleagues from across the state and the nation in this interactive professional learning opportunity every **Sunday at 8:00 p.m.** at **#VAESPchat** When Tweeting your great ideas, tag **@theVAESP** and see your tweet on the website WWW.VAESP.org.

Assistant Principals and Aspiring Administrators check out the amazing EdChat tailored for

you through NAESP. Check out last weeks chat at [#NAESPchat](#) which focused on how APs can gain instructional leadership experience. The discussion referenced the latest [Leading Lessons: Growing the Capacity of Assistant Principals](#) guide, produced in partnership with The Wallace Foundation.



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 Valley Zone Meeting - Charlottesville area

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

The [January Capital Zone Meeting](#) was sponsored by [TeacherFit](#)

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



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 offers you .

two new **BookBits**. If you want to start 2020 feeling inspired and exuding positive energy that will quickly spread to your staff - read **Jon Gordon's** work, [Energy Bus!](#) In addition to this BookBit, pick up one of Jenn's other favorites by him, *The Power of Positive Leadership*.

Her second BookBit is aimed at helping you to stop harmful habits in 2020! This book, [A Repair Kit for Grading](#), will help you reconsider some age-old grading habits that actually harm student learning. So, enjoy this month's professional reading and share with your staff through the discussion resources provided for you and your staff.

To view previous book summaries [Log In](#) and use password, **BOOKLYN**. Enjoy!



Community Chatter

January was the start of the General Assembly session in

Richmond. The [VAESP Board](#), along with other interested members, represented the Elementary and Middle School leadership perspective during the Board's annual visit to the Capital. There to [inform and educate](#) our legislators on the impact of bills, the Board focused on the [Legislative Priorities](#) of the Association and the associated bills within each category as they met with delegates and senators from across the Commonwealth.



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