

ASK A PRINCIPAL

“Trick or Treat?”

Since it's fall, many of us have trick-or-treating on our minds. Last year, we asked principals and assistant principals on Facebook, “**What's the craziest 'trick' or sweetest 'treat' you've experienced as a principal?**” Here are some of the great responses we received:

“The sweetest trick was when the shop teacher and the art teacher made me a magnificent birthday cake that looked real! It provided plenty of laughs throughout the day as I invited others to cut a piece.”

Lisa Dallas
Principal, Adna Elementary, Adna SD

“As an administrative intern [last] year, I have gotten a 'hard' time from my teaching colleagues. So far this year I have received numerous Darth Vader related items as 'gifts.' When I subbed for our current principal, I walked into our building to Darth Vader's 'Imperial March' blasting through the intercom. I guess I'm going to the 'dark side.' This week I bought myself a new t-shirt. If you can't beat 'em, join 'em. :)”



Danielle Cearns
First Grade Teacher/Instructional Facilitator, Edison Elementary, Centralia SD

“It was my birthday, and one year I showed up and started noticing a lot of staff wearing pink (my favorite color). Then I looked outside where the kids are lining up to come in and there were soooo many of them wearing pink! When I opened the door to say good morning and high five them, they all starting pinning pink flowers to me. It was the best birthday I have ever had!”



Dawn Harris
Principal, York Elementary, Evergreen PS

“Well, I had a student bring a large snake to school in his backpack a few years ago. That was quite surprising, since we didn't discover it until the end of the day. :)”

Shari Walsh
Assistant Principal, Fairhaven Middle, Bellingham PS

“The sweetest treat was being offered a principal job. And the craziest trick was when the seniors came back after graduation to leave my office looking like this...”

Moleena Greiner Harris
Assistant Principal, Mountainside Middle, Mead SD



“Watching the ASB officers lead other students in icebreakers at the fair. They jumped in and facilitated lots of get to know each other activities. Such a treat to watch students leading students!”

Jayne Evans
High School Principal, Washington Virtual Academies (WAVA), K12, Inc.



“There was a day a few years ago, about 30 minutes after students arrived, that the power went out. We tried to make the day as normal as we could. We had cold cereal for lunch and did some fun things to make it feel like a special day.”

Jeff Byrnes
Principal, Mountain Meadow Elementary, White River SD