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you didn't want to be late due to fear or missing points, but rather because you didn't want to disappoint the coolest teacher you've ever encountered. He truly cared about us, and us him.

I became a teacher because of Señor Kuhl. He pulled me aside one day and told me that Spanish seemed natural to me and he was so proud of how well I was doing in his class, especially because he was fully aware of the struggles in the rest of my classes. I remember that moment and how it made me feel. Those were powerful words with a forever impact.

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I carried the lessons learned from Señor Kuhl with me into the classroom as a teacher, into the hallways as an assistant principal, into the building as a principal, and into my role in serving as your executive director. Smiles, high fives, belief in all kids, high expectations, authentic relationships, passion for education, and creating hope brought me into the profession and continue to drive me forward.

So, as you head into another year of principaling, don't ever underestimate the impact you have as the leader in your school. Your actions and interactions set the tone for an entire school community. I'm not asking you to just be cool — be like Señor Kuhl.

Just think: Who will be writing about you someday? ■



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