

ASK A PRINCIPAL

In April, during National Assistant Principals Week, we asked our members, **“What makes your assistant principal so awesome?”**

Here are some of the great responses we received:

“ The largest high school in the state doesn’t stop my four assistant principals (Casey Ogan, Janis Maracic, Freda Colborg Evans, and Charla Kochel Cole) from hiding 3,000 eggs across our campus to surprise our students. And they included our teachers in a great egg race of their own. The work is hard for everyone and they haven’t forgotten to create an environment where high schoolers can enjoy their youth and teachers can get in on some fun too. Just one example of creating a culture to support learning. #GameChangers”



Diane Fox
Principal, South Kitsap High, South Kitsap SD

“ Scott Petersen, My AP, commutes three hours each day to engage in the work because he believes in our mission at Orting High School. He starts off every day with a positive greeting to the students, a weather report, and a corny joke of the day. He’s an amazing leader and partner in the trenches! I couldn’t ask for a better assistant principal. #Orting”

Cliff Fries
Principal, Orting High, Orting SD

“ [Duke Truong] greets students each morning, checks in on staff, responds immediately to HIB investigations and works hard to establish a relationship with all parties in the process and understands how to coach and support instruction and SO much more!!!”

Nicole Hepworth
Principal, Woodridge Elementary, Bellevue SD

“ My incredible team of Kelly Kight, Stacey Shagool Ward, Lisa Henderson, Andrew Ware Lewis, Jonn Covell, and Jacob Dowell are instrumental in making Ferris High School a place where staff and students thrive. They build positive relationships with students, staff and community. They challenge the status quo. They deeply love kids. They deeply understand the “why” they have chosen to make a difference in the lives of our students.”



Ken Schutz
Principal, Joel E Ferris High, Spokane PS

“ The Aki Kurose All Star Team, which consists of Ronald Howard, Dan Reeve and Caine Lowery, are so loyal, relationship, student and staff growth focused. They work tirelessly to foster a climate focused on restorative practices and high expectation teaching. Daily they strive to use student voice to ensure a rigorous, high engagement and opportunity gap closing community for our babies! I love my team.”



Mia Williams
Principal, Aki Kurose Middle, Seattle PS

“ Angela DeShields is positive, forward thinking, always ready to take on a new challenge, cares deeply for our students, staff, and families, and is the best partner. So thankful for her!”

Stephanie Hollinger
Principal, Evergreen Forest Elementary, North Thurston PS