AWSP is Looking for Framework Feedback Districts

AWSP is looking for districts from all nine ESDs who are willing to “test drive” and review the initial AWSP Leadership Framework 3.0 by Feb. 1, 2020 and provide feedback that will inform the final version. The final version will be implemented statewide during the 2020-21 school year. If you are interested in becoming a Framework Feedback district, contact Jack Arend at jack@awsp.org by Nov. 1. Framework Feedback districts will receive a complimentary print copy of the Framework 3.0 draft for each administrator. Read more in our article on page 12.

AWSP’s New School Leader Paradigm Publication is Available for Purchase

“School Leader Paradigm: Becoming While Doing,” a product of AWSP, the Illinois Principal Association, and other associations in the nationwide School Leader Collaborative, is now available for purchase! The book describes our national problem of practice, our theory of action, the paradigm itself, the cycle of inquiry, and more. You’ll also find three helpful appendices. The book incorporates the National Association of Secondary School

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Congratulations, Mia! You rock!

The Main Idea: Current Education Book Summaries

We’ve got a great new resource for you busy principals and assistant principals out there. It’s called “The Main Idea,” and it’s a great book review service by Jenn David-Lang. Jenn chooses books that help school leaders develop a strong repertoire of effective ideas and practices to help teachers improve student performance. More than a book review, each month you’ll get an in-depth summary and resources to help you implement the new ideas with your staff. Learn more at www.awsp.org/mainidea.

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2020 Washington State Teacher of the Year: Amy Campbell

Amy Campbell was named the 2020 Washington State Teacher of the Year in September, as announced by OSPI. Amy has been teaching at Helen Baller Elementary in Camas School District for 12 years. After earning her Masters in Teaching, Amy realized her deep passion for supporting students with unique learning needs and returned to school for an endorsement in special education. In her position as a teacher of students with significant learning challenges, she collaborates with staff, parents, and community to develop individualized plans that focus on each student’s unique skills, abilities, and interests to help them find their place among their peers in the school community. Amy does not live in a world of deficits. She lives and teaches a world of possibilities, potential, and opportunities. Congrats, Amy!

It’s National Principals Month!

Principals, October is your month, and it’s not too late to get in on the fun. Each week this month, AWSP is posting a question on Facebook asking our members about their experiences as a school administrator.

Record a video of yourself answering the question or post your answer as a comment, and we’ll choose four entries each week to win a $25 Amazon gift card. Your answer may be featured in an upcoming issue of Principal Matters or “Washington Principal” magazine.

The national principals associations have several resources to help celebrate this special month. Learn more at www.awsp.org/principalsmonth.

We think you are pretty awesome. We hope you think so, too!

NAESP Builds New Playground for Adams Elementary

In July, principals from all across the nation gathered in Spokane for the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) Conference. (Maybe you were one of them!) One hundred of those educators also gave back to the community by partnering with Landscape Structures to gift a brand-new playground to Adams Elementary on the South Hill. It was a day their students and staff had eagerly been awaiting. Way to go, principals!