



Improving life and leadership of assistant principals

Five for Friday Show Notes

Teaser:

Today we will begin with the end. There are many big and complex problems we need to solve, but the process will be slow and require great effort.

In contrast, there are small quality-of-life improvements we can make that are simple and yield immediate results.

We looked at three this week:

- Get rid of things that aren't essential
- Produce a minimally viable version as quickly and simply as possible
- Let your colleagues know how glad you are that they are here today!

Insert intro

Today's episode of Five for Friday recaps the strategic leadership emails for the week of May 1-5, 2023.

Celebrating The Journey – the five-week adventure from urgent to strategic. It was so much fun and the group of six assistant principals investing in their own growth with wonderful results. Through five stages of The Journey we met briefly for a Sunday evening preview of the week's core concepts and strategies and the weekly challenge. Then on Thursday afternoons we met to debrief the weekly challenge and lock in growth together. One AP was so committed she hid in her closet for one session to avoid being interrupted by her family!

The Journey will return in February 2024, but I will be running a different adventure in August and September to help assistant principals accelerate the growth of their early career teachers in a very methodical and intentional way. This adventure will include specific weekly goals and daily action steps, with the content, strategies, and tools needed to execute with fidelity. SO many times our ECTs choose to stay or leave based on their relationships with their administrators. This program will help you help them choose to stay. Keep listening to the podcast and subscribe to the daily email to keep up to date with this opportunity!

One more thing before diving in:

- Situation where a pod guest did not show up.



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- Young me would have done x
- Now me did Y
- All we really have is human connection. Every interaction we have a chance to uplift another person. Be kind, be gracious, be present. Without people, there is no purpose.

Monday:

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Takeaway

Question of the week:

That is this week's Five for Friday rendition of The Assistant Principal Podcast.

Thank you for including me on your leadership journey.

I look forward to seeing you again next Tuesday when we feature my interview with Dr. Jacquie Jacobs, a tremendous mentor who has helped me to be both a better leader, and a better person, and Dr. Kevin O'Gorman, a good friend and the superintendent of Edgefield county schools in South Carolina. Jacquie and Kevin provide us with a step-by-step breakdown of a process for identifying, prioritizing, and taking action on problems. This is a no-nonsense approach to getting honest, critical, yet constructive feedback.

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I'm Frederick Buskey and thank you again for joining me on this episode of the Assistant Principal Podcast. Remember to subscribe so you don't miss a single episode. Cheers!

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