

Assistant Principal Podcast Five for Friday Template

Hello colleagues and welcome to the Assistant Principal Podcast. I'm your host Frederick Buskey. The goal of this podcast is to help improve the life and leadership of assistant principals. Today's episode of Five for Friday recaps the strategic leadership emails for the week of November 28-December 2, 2022.

Imagine setting a leadership intention at the beginning of each day. That's what many readers of the daily email do. For some, it has become a ritual: Pour a cup of coffee, open your email, read the Strategic Leader Daily, and set one intention to be aware of or execute for the day. The daily email is a powerful leadership practice so if you aren't already a subscriber, I hope you'll consider joining the list. It's just one more way to include me on your leadership journey, and that would bring me joy. You can find a link on my homepage at <https://www.frederickbuskey.com/>

Recap...

Be a Better Leader in 5 Minutes a Day!

We decided to put together this guide now for three reasons:

- To give you more tools to enhance your leadership
- To provide a way to achieve small wins each day
- To increase our impact by increasing our following

Download your guide **here** and receive:

- Five practices, each of which takes five minutes or less to implement
- A handy printable poster to put up in your workspace as a daily reminder
- Eight follow up emails to remind you every few days to focus on a specific practice

Monday:

Be a better leader in 5 minutes a day.

Today's intention: Be aware of how setting this daily intention influences your leadership throughout the day.

Tuesday: **Leaders don't have to be alone.**

Sometimes being a leader is like being in a fishbowl.

If you feel that loneliness, here are some things you can try:

- Keep in touch with your mentor. If you don't have one, find one.
- Invest in building your leadership team.
- Create an informal network of other leaders within (or outside of) your organization and maintain frequent contact with each other.



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- Find a free community on social media that you can plug into.
- Join a hosted paid community that will cater to your needs.

Today's intention: Think about the people who you can trust and who help you feel less isolated. Reach out to one or more of them today. Text, email, call, whatever is easiest. Just let them know you appreciate them and ask for some time if you need it. I guarantee you will feel more connected!

Wednesday **Making progress towards leadership goals depends on executing daily strategies.**

Last fall, this fall, next fall.

- What were you doing last fall?
- Where have you been this fall?
- Where will you be next fall?

Are you investing five minutes a day to be a better leader?

Today's intention: Be mindful of the journey. Think about where you have been and where you are going. Identify one or two key practices to execute every day.

Thursday **A simple change in perspective can create dramatically different outcomes.**

Assessor v. designer

Thinking Like an Assessor	Thinking Like an Activity Designer
What would be sufficient and revealing evidence of understanding?	What would be interesting and engaging activities on this topic?
What performance tasks must anchor the unit and focus the instructional work?	What resources and materials are available on this topic?
How will I be able to distinguish between those who really understand and those who don't (though they may seem to)?	What will students be doing in and out of class? What assignments will be given?
Against what criteria will I distinguish work?	How will I give students a grade (and justify it to their parents)?
What misunderstandings are likely? How will I check for those?	Did the activities work? Why or why not?

Intentionality is one shift in perspective. From urgent to purposeful is the result.

It is all about the little things!



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Friday **Important issues are usually complex, so invest time uncovering the problem before treating the symptom.**

In the past seven days I have had interactions with school leaders around these things:

- A struggling teacher who seems resistant to change
- A car line in which it is talking too long for students to get dropped off
- A school where there are too many discipline issues, both major and minor

Acting before discovering the problem is like throwing spaghetti at the wall to see if it will stick. All you wind up with is a bigger mess.

Takeaway

It's about the small things.

- Pause
- Ask why
- Approach work with a clear intention

This wraps up this week's Five for Friday rendition of The Assistant Principal Podcast. If you enjoyed today's show, please subscribe and rate this podcast. Rating the podcast really does help other people to find it.

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I'm Frederick Buskey and I hope you'll join me next time for the Assistant Principal Podcast.