

From the Editor -

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The goal of the *Journal of Research for Educational Leaders* is the timely dissemination of interdisciplinary research findings and their practical implications as they identify and/or affect best practice in K-12 schools. The *Journal* is focused on the improvement of America's schools, student learning, and educational leadership, knowledge and skills. Each issue contains articles on current research and informed opinion in a variety of disciplines and their practical applications important to educational leaders.

About the Journal of Research for Educational Leaders

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While the members of the Editorial Board and The University of Iowa are pleased to offer the *Journal of Research for Educational Leaders* to the education community, we are quite dependent upon you, the reader in the following areas:

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Sincerely,

Gerald L. Portman, Managing Editor

What Do You Make?

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life.

One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, "What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?" He reminded the other dinner guests that it's true what they say about teachers: "Those who can do. Those who can't teach." To corroborate, he said to another guest, "You're a teacher, Susan. Be honest. What do you make?"

Susan, who had a reputation of honesty and frankness replied, "You want to know what I make?"

"I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could. I can make a C+ feel like a Congressional Medal of Honor and an A- feel like a slap in the face if the student did not do his or her very best."

"I can make kids sit through 40 minutes of study hall in absolute silence. I can make parents tremble in fear when I call home."

"You want to know what I make? I make kids wonder. I make them question. I make them criticize. I make them apologize and mean it."

"I make them write. I make them read, read, read. I make them spell definitely beautiful, definitely beautiful, definitely beautiful over and over and over again, until they will never misspell either one of those words again."

"I make them show all their work in math and hide it all on their final drafts in English. I make them understand that if you have the brains, then follow your heart, and if someone ever tries to judge you by what you make, you pay them no attention."

"You want to know what I make? I make a difference."

~Author Unknown~ Thanks to J.K.T.
