

What They Didn't Teach You in College



A Guide to Successful Transition
into Your Music Education
Career

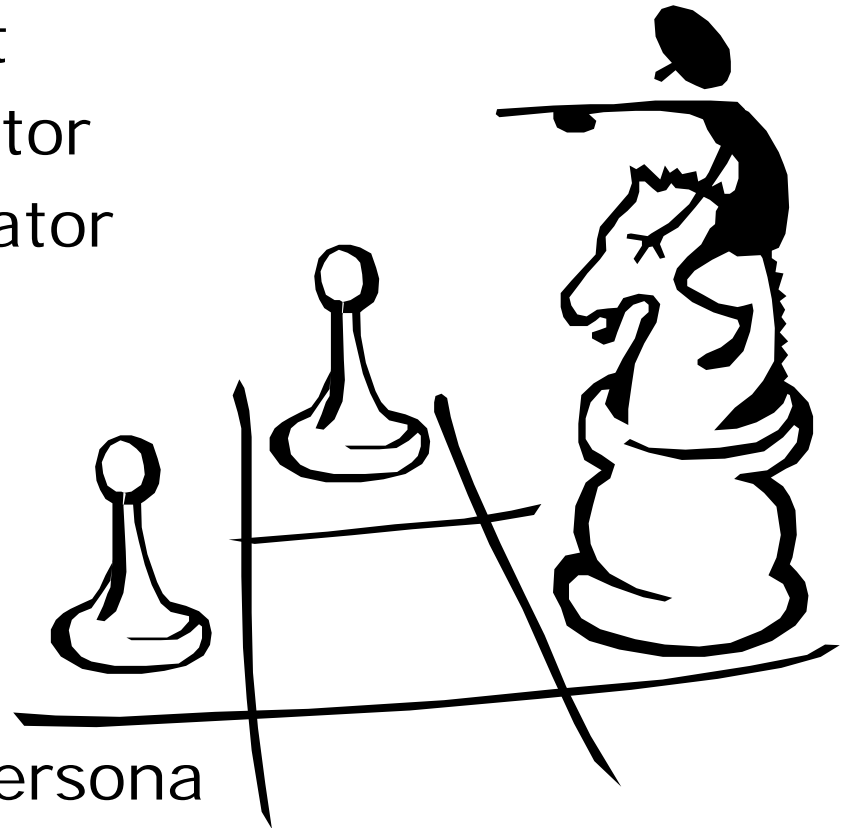
Top Ten Most Difficult Things About Being a Music Educator



- ❑ 10. Learning enough jokes to make my class sessions fun!
- ❑ 09. Auditioning to get *IN* to music school!
- ❑ 08. Curtailing my social calendar to fit my new job expectations...;-)
- ❑ 07. Finding a real lesson plan that I understand how to use!
- ❑ 06. Getting a job in a city that I have heard of before I applied!
- ❑ 05. Knowing more about the instruments than my students know!
- ❑ 04. Completing my student teaching and still wanting to be a teacher!
- ❑ 03. Not crying when I get my first paycheck and seeing how little is deposited into my checking account ☹️
- ❑ 02. Realizing how long it will take to pay back my student loans on the above salary!
- ❑ 01. Transitioning from “Student” to “Teacher” and finding there are a lot of things my professors did not have time to teach me!

Points to Consider

- ❑ Weapons Against Burnout
- ❑ Teaching your Administrator
- ❑ First role of a Music Educator
- ❑ Who Do You Work For?
- ❑ Booster Clubs
- ❑ Marching Band
- ❑ Networks
- ❑ Resourcing
- ❑ Creating Your Teaching Persona
- ❑ Final Thoughts



Weapons Against Burnout



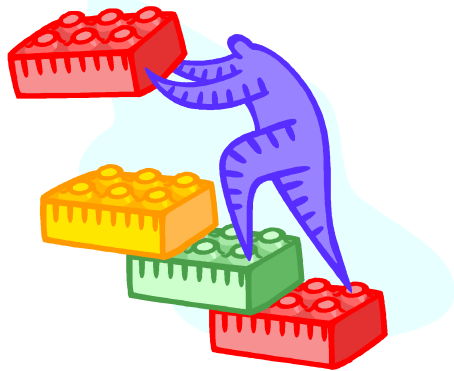
- ❑ Patience
- ❑ Colleagues
- ❑ Healthy Lifestyle
- ❑ Understand the Expectations
- ❑ Smile intentionally, say "yes" as often as possible
- ❑ Don't let others control your emotions

Teaching Your Administrators

- ❑ Ask questions, Don't Make Statements
- ❑ Being Right is Not Enough, Do the Right Thing
- ❑ Involve Them In Every Decision
- ❑ Understand their expectations; communicate yours
- ❑ "an inch is a cinch...a yard's too hard!"



Primary Roles



- ❑ First job every day is to recruit
- ❑ Can't Teach an Empty Chair
- ❑ Create a positive Environment
- ❑ Safety and Well-being

Know Who You Work For

- ❑ Administration
- ❑ School Board
- ❑ Parents
- ❑ Students



Booster Clubs

- ❑ Mission Statement
- ❑ Detailed Job Descriptions
- ❑ By-Laws
- ❑ Listen to Them
- ❑ Primary Functions:
Funding & Volunteers



Marching Band

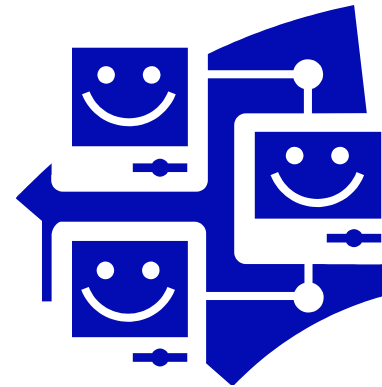


- ❑ Team Building
- ❑ Public Relations
- ❑ Excitement
- ❑ Gross Motor Skills
- ❑ Healthy Lifestyle
- ❑ What is ***NOT*** listed



Networks

- ❑ People Matter
- ❑ Professional Colleagues
- ❑ Community Leaders
- ❑ Funding Sources & Leads



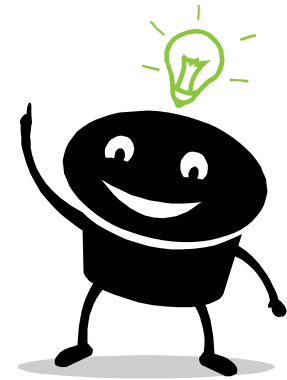
Resourcing & Fund Raising

- ❑ Have an Educational Goal
- ❑ Be creative.
- ❑ Maximize Profits
- ❑ Don't Handle the Money!\$\$\$
- ❑ Engage the Business Community
- ❑ Organize, Organize, Organize
- ❑ Grants, programs, “fire-sales”



Teaching Persona

- ❑ Must be authentic
- ❑ Tied to your mission and objectives
- ❑ Positive, fun-filled lessons fuels longevity through personal creativity
- ❑ Transition from “student” to “teacher”



Things to Remember...



- ❑ **Do Less, and Do It Better**
- ❑ You'll get in less trouble when asking questions than making statements!
- ❑ 3 P's: Patience, Passion, Perseverance.
- ❑ The verb is 'play'!
- ❑ What do you teach?
- ❑ You never go wrong with "pretty".
- ❑ **...you catch more flies with sugar than with vinegar.**
- ❑ It is easier to change yourself, than to change others.
- ❑ Ubuntu

Ubuntu

- The word 'Ubuntu' comes from one of the Bantu dialects of Africa. It is a traditional African philosophy that gives an understanding of us as human beings in relation with the rest of the world. According to Ubuntu, there exists a common link between us all and it is through this tie, through our interaction with our fellow human beings, that we discover our own human qualities. The Zulus would say, "Umuntu Ngumuntu Ngabantu", which means that a person is a person through other persons. We affirm our humanity when we acknowledge that of others.

Ubuntu is the capacity in African culture to express compassion, reciprocity, dignity, harmony, and humanity in the interests of building and maintaining community. Ubuntu calls on us to believe and feel that: Your pain is my pain, my wealth is your wealth, and your salvation is my salvation. In essence, Ubuntu, an Nguni word from South Africa, addresses our interconnectedness, our common humanity, and the responsibility to each other that flows from our connection.



Q & A

