# WHY KIDS MISBEHAVE!

"There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give...children ...one of these is roots, the other, wings.

(Hodding Carter)



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# **Introduction:**

FIRE EXTINGUISHER VS. SMOKE DETECTOR

NOTES:



#### **BELONGING:**



RESIGNATION REVENGE POWER PLAYS ATTENTION-SEEKING

**BOREDOM:** 

The first step towards boredom is \_\_\_\_\_

#### **BELIEFS:**

"As water reflects a face, so a man's heart reflects the man." (Proverbs 27:19)

"I believe in you" "I trust you" "I know you can handle this" "You are listened to" "You are cared for" "You are important to me" (Barbara Coloroso)

#### **PROACTIVE DISCIPLINE:**

• **Ban the Bribes:** When we resort to external motivators like prizes, candy and gimmicks to reward student behavior we create temporary fixes that fail in the long run. Win their behavior with rewards, you have to keep them with more rewards. It's a never ending, vicious cycle.

• **Encouragement**: Substantive praise and commendation wins a student's affection and attention. Substantive praise focuses on WHAT was done well, not that it was done WELL. For example, don't say "Good job, Johnny!" but "Johnny, I thought your answer really showed great insight and depth of creativity."

• **Preparation:** If you don't prepare, you will repair. Ninety-percent of misbehavior happens when teachers are not ready. We create our own problems. Be prepared to teach!

• **Natural Consequences:** When misbehavior happens, try to invoke natural consequences that match the deed. If a student accidentally spills glue, have him clean it up. Teach responsibility.

• Feed The Need (or the inner GROWLS): Every person hungers for grace (unconditional acceptance), relationship (connection/ community), ownership (control/contribution), worth (value/voice), laughter and security.

• **Create a Positive Classroom Setting:** Reduce the rows. Spend time with students outside of class. Watch for personal biases against students. Use creative attention-getters. Avoid predictability. Remember, attention spans match the student's age (up to 10 minutes). When you exhaust, you no longer educate.

# FOUR PARENTING STYLES



## AUTHORITARIAN

"I'm the bass!" "Because I sold so" "If you're going to live in my house, you need to follow my rules." "I don't care what you think." "Looks like you need to learn from the Board of Education! "Sit in that corner until you can behave."

LOW AFFIRMATION FOR CHILD

#### UNINVOLVED

"Do what you want, I don't care." "Twe got better things to do than to be your parent." "I wish I had never had kids." "I'm out of here and I don't know when I'll be back." "Hey, life is rough and then you die. Deal with it." "Do you really think I care about your problems?"

# AUTHORITATIVE

"I know you can handle this problem, but I'm here for you." "Around here we have guidelines and standards." "Okay, I understand, there's room for flexibility." "What do you think should be the consequence?" "You matter to me and I care about you." "Because you broke the rule, there will be a consequence."

HIGH AFFIRMATION FOR CHILD

### PERMISSIVE

"You can do it anyway you like." "You make the rules for both of us." "You're the boss!" "Come on, don't cry. Here have some candy." "Rules were made to be broken." "You and me are like best friends."

LOW ENGAGEMENT WITH CHILD



#### MY PARENTING STYLE:

MY SPOUSE'S:

MY PARENTS':



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