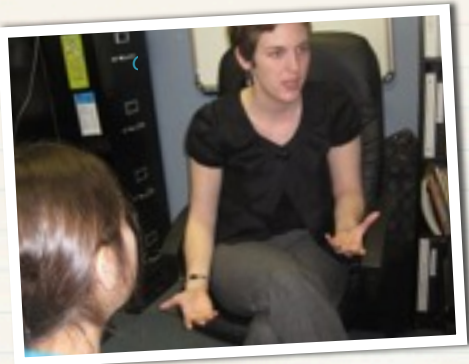


# Ms. Lycknell on Janney's Future



(PRINCIPAL from p.1)

## ***I was obedient.***

Q: Did you ever get in trouble?

**A: Yes. A bit less in elementary school. More in high school. But... only little things like talking with friends when I wasn't supposed to and passing notes.**

Q: Where did you go to high school?

**A: An all-girls boarding school in McLean, Virginia, called Madeira High School.**

Q: Did you want to be a principal?

**A: No. I wanted to be a lawyer.**

Q: Where did you go to college?

**A: Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois**

Q: What did you get a degree in?

**A: I got a degree in political science and history.**

Q: What was your first job?

**A: I was an emergency room worker in the Washington hospital system.**

Q: Were you a principal in other schools before you came to Janney?

**A: I was an assistant principal in Eliot-Hine Middle School (in Northeast DC).**

Q: What were your goals when you came here?

**A: My goals were to learn a lot, start really good conversations on how to make learning better, and to build a more inclusive community.**

Q: What do you mean by "more inclusive community?"

**A: Everyone should feel they belong, both as a student and a person.**

Q: Did you achieve any of the goals you had for this year?

**A: None will ever fully be achieved, but we are taking steps in the right direction..**

Q: What steps have you taken – and plan to take – to "make learning better."

**A: We encourage teachers to talk about their teaching, and we're looking at what individual students need.**

Q: What has been accomplished with Jamboree?

**A: Everyone starts the day with a routine, students have a better voice in the school, and we have a way to celebrate.**

Q: Have there been any surprises since you have started this job?

**A: How challenging the job really is...I'm one of those people who thinks nothing is ever perfect. There is always a place to build on.**

Q: Do you want all the teachers to return to school next year?

**A: Yes. I would love to have all the teachers return. We have an amazing, amazing staff and the more we work together the better we get.**

Q: What do you like to do when you're not working on education problems?

**A: I really love to cook, read fiction and love to travel.**

Q: Tell us about your parents and your current family.

**A: My mom and dad visit a lot and we have lots of fun together. My partner and I spend a lot of time gardening, cooking and hanging out with our dog, who looks like a Muppet.**

Q: What couldn't you live without?

**A: Lip gloss and my iPhone.**

## PRINCIPAL FAVORITES

**Book:** *White Teeth*

**Kids Book:** *The Giver*

**Film:** *Shawshank Redemption*

**Sport:** *Basketball*

**Car:** *Triumph convertible*

**Travel:** *Malaysia*

**Team:** *Philadelphia Eagles*

**TV Show:** *30 Rock*

**Color:** *Blue with purple tint*

**Restaurant:** *Komi*

**Food:** *Mom's macaroni and cheese*

**Drink:** *Coca Cola*

## Ask Noodle...

Dear Noodle,

My problem is that whenever I try to play sports with the boys, they never pass me the ball. Sometimes they don't even let me play. They say stuff like "you're a girl" or "you're too delicate" or "you're going to get hurt." Yeah, right, I've heard that before. They just don't want me to play. Everyone tells me I should go play with the other girls, but I want to play sports and the boys are always using the courts. Do you have any advice?

Sincerely, Rejected

Dear Rejected,

That's a tough situation you're in. It was great of you to try to talk to the boys, but sometimes people don't really listen to other people. Janney's principal says "everyone should be treated equally." She says she's "working to enforce that rule." If I were you, I would write a petition asking that girls play equally with boys – and get all the girls to sign it.

Keep trying, Noodle