Illinois Principals Association – Principal for a Day

Sample Activities

- Invite the legislator to perform activities such as:
  - Shadow you during your day-to-day activities and duties
  - Read the school announcements and lead the school in the Pledge of Allegiance
  - Host a student "Town Hall Meeting"
  - Serve on a panel of elected officials (city council, school board, mayor, etc.)
  - Read a book to students
  - Serve students at lunch
  - Teach students about the role of a legislator, how a bill becomes a law, or other governmental functions
  - Meet with a group of teachers and/or parents
  - Attend an after-school activity (band concert, science fair, tutoring, Girls on the Run, etc.)
  - Attend an all-school assembly
  - Perform supervisory duties during lunch, recess
  - Host a mock “Town Hall Meeting” with students

- Have students create a welcome poster for the visiting legislator.

- Inclusion of the local Parent Teacher Association or Parent Teacher Organization to demonstrate the partnership between the school, the principal/administrator, and parents.

- Be sure to submit photographs and correspondences to Alison Maley (alison@ilprincipals.org) at IPA for inclusion on the IPA Facebook page and local media releases.