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**VOICE:** Very formal, business-like, sympathetic, and offering to help.

School principals often find themselves in the challenging position of writing to parents about a wide range of issues, including disciplinary problems, misconduct, and behavioral concerns of their children.

**TASK:** You are the principal of a large metropolitan high school with 4,000 students in ninth to twelfth grades. You are dealing with the misbehavior of one particular student who repeatedly violates both the dress code and behavior guidelines.

You begin your letter by saying something like “Dear Mr. and Mrs.

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import random
```

```
def select_random_last_name():
    last_names = [
        "Włodarczyk", "Kaczmarek", "Piotrowski", "Krawczyk", "Grabowski",
        "Wojciechowski", "Nowak", "Szczepański", "Wiśniewska", "Tomaszewski",
        "Jankowski", "Baranowski", "Szymańska", "Jabłoński", "Lewandowski",
    ]

    selected_name = random.choice(last_names)
    return f"Dear Mr. and Mrs. {selected_name}"
```

```
print(select_random_last_name())
```

I hope this letter finds you well. As the Principal of

```
import random
```

```
def select_random_name():
    names = [
        "Aaron Burr", "John André", "William Quantrill", "Belle Starr", "Nathan
        Bedford Forrest",
        "John Surratt", "John Brown", "James Wilkinson", "Henry Wirz", "Daniel
        Shays",
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"William Blount", "James A. Westcott", "John C. Breckinridge", "Albert
Pike", "Robert Rogers",
    "John Singleton Mosby", "Lewis Powell", "Stand Watie", "Edmund Ruffin",
"John Hunt Morgan",
    "Benedict Arnold", "Thomas Conway", "Charles Lee", "Banastre Tarleton",
"Simon Girty",
    "John Parker", "William Dawes", "Patrick Ferguson", "Isaac Hayne", "Peggy
Shippen",
    "John Burgoyne", "Francis Marion", "George Rogers Clark", "Henry
Laurens"
]
```

```
selected_name = random.choice(names)
return f'As the Principal of {selected_name}'
```

```
print(select_random_name())
```

High School, it is my responsibility to ensure a safe and respectful learning environment for all our students. So, it is with a sense of concern that I write to you regarding your son,

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import random
```

```
def select_random_name():
    names = [
        "Nahla", "Sybilla", "Zoja", "Coby", "Ludmila",
        "Kamil", "Ania", "Eryk", "Maja", "Igor",
        "Nadia", "Tomasz", "Helena", "Beauregard", "Oliwia"
    ]

    selected_name = random.choice(names)
    return selected_name
```

```
print(select_random_name())
```

Recently,

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import random
```

```
def select_and_repeat_first_name():
    names = [
        "Nahla", "Sybilla", "Zoja", "Coby", "Ludmila",
        "Kamil", "Ania", "Eryk", "Maja", "Igor",
        "Nadia", "Tomasz", "Helena", "Beauregard", "Oliwia"
    ]
```

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    selected_name = random.choice(names)
    first_name = selected_name.split()[0] # Splits the name and takes the first
part
    return f'{first_name}'

print(select_first_name())
```

was found violating our school dress code by

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import random
```

```
def select_two_random_offenses():
    offenses = [
        "wearing their shoes on the wrong feet",
        "showing up in a tuxedo or formal gown on a casual dress day",
        "wearing a fake mustache or beard",
        "going to school shirtless but wearing a tie",
        "wearing gang-related clothing",
        "displaying his unusually placed body piercings",
        "applying excessive makeup and face paint",
        "sporting extreme hairstyles",
        "wearing hoodies and masks",
        "choosing inappropriate footwear",
        "overusing excessive jewelry",
        "wearing a chef's hat and apron",
        "sporting excessive sagging clothing",
        "wearing short skirts and shorts",
        "exposing visible undergarments",
        "displaying inflammatory symbols",
        "overusing excessive accessories",
        "dressing in provocative clothing",
        "sporting torn or ripped clothing"
    ]

    # Shuffle the list of offenses
    random.shuffle(offenses)

    # Select two offenses from the shuffled list
    selected_offenses = offenses[:2]
    return selected_offenses

print(select_two_random_offenses())
```

as well as engaging in behaviors that go against our school's rules and ethos. Unfortunately, this incident marks the third time this semester that he has

been involved in such actions, often influencing his peers to follow his lead. For example, he has

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```
def select_two_random_items():
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    items = [  
        "locking all the doors to the faculty restrooms",  
        "setting off stink bombs in the home economics classrooms",  
        "water balloon "bowling" in the hallways",  
        "instigating mashed potato fights in the cafeteria",  
        "blocking entrances or exits with furniture",  
        "hiding snakes and other reptiles in students' lockers",  
        "locking fellow students inside their lockers",  
        "hiding cell phones throughout our campus classrooms, then repeatedly  
calling them",  
        "tripping other students on their way to classes",  
        "creating and distributing counterfeit hall passes",  
        "hacking into the school's PA system",  
        "organizing spontaneous water balloon fights in study halls",  
        "fabricating and selling fake high school diplomas",  
        "making theatrical entrances into classrooms",  
        "pretending to be a substitute teacher and giving incorrect instructions to  
students",  
        "coming up with imaginative excuses for being late to class"  
    ]
```

```
    selected_items = random.sample(items, 2)
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    return selected_items
```

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print(select_two_random_items())
```

Our school board's typical approach to such repeated infractions has been subjecting the problem student to

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import random
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```
def select_three_random_items():
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    punishment_items = [  
        "stocks", "pillory", "the ducking stool", "whipping/flagellation", "branding",  
        "mutilation", "the rack", "iron maiden", "hanging, drawing and quartering",  
"public humiliation",  
        "the brank or scold's bridle", "pressing", "beheading", "burning at the  
stake",  
        "exile", "oubliette", "trial by ordeal", "the Spanish donkey", "the pear of  
anguish",
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    "boiling alive"  
]  
  
selected_items = random.sample(punishment_items, 3)  
return selected_items
```

```
print(select_three_random_items())
```

However, we at (name of High School) believe in adopting a more progressive and rehabilitative approach, especially considering the potential of every student to learn and grow from their experiences.

In light of this, we are exploring alternative methods that focus more on the positive development of the student rather than just punitive measures. These methods include

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import random
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```
def select_three_random_items():  
    disciplinary_actions = [  
        "writing, "I will not throw cafeteria meatloaf out the window" on a  
blackboard 3,000 times", "wearing a dunce cap", "standing in the corner",  
        "public apology to fellow students", "reading aloud in the cafeteria during  
lunchtime",  
        "sitting at an isolation desk in the hallway", "hand slapping", "detention",  
"participation in spelling bees",  
        "doubling homework", "standing in a corner while balancing books on  
their head",  
        "memorization of the Greek alphabet", "daily seat reassignment", "parental  
accompaniment to classes",  
        "Marine Corps exercise drills", "verbal reprimand in front of the monthly  
school assembly",  
        "requiring three hours early arrival to school", "lunching with younger  
students",  
        "public reading of rules in the cafeteria during lunchtime", "supervised  
restroom breaks by security staff",  
        "staying three hours after school", "police escort between classes",  
"cleaning duty",  
        "verbal warning in front of class", "relocation of their desk to the  
hallways",  
        "repeating a grade", "daily letters and telephone calls to parents"  
    ]  
  
    selected_items = random.sample(disciplinary_actions, 3)  
    return selected_items
```

```
print(select_three_random_items())
```

as well as more tried and true approaches like

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import random
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```
def select_three_random_practices():
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```
    medical_practices = [  
        "trepanation", "bloodletting", "leech therapy", "lobotomy", "animal-derived  
treatments",  
        "miasma theory practices", "four humors therapy", "mercury treatment",  
        "radiation therapy for non-cancerous diseases", "cocaine as a local  
anesthetic",  
        "hysteria treatment", "shock therapy for impotence", "urine therapy", "rest  
cure",  
        "radium water", "tobacco smoke enemas", "heroin for cough", "tapeworm  
diet",  
        "phrenology", "magnet therapy", "rotational therapy", "fever therapy", "gold  
therapy",  
        "gonad transplants", "insulin coma therapy", "orgone therapy", "animal  
magnetism",  
        "mustard plasters", "electric bath therapy", "ether frolics"  
    ]
```

```
    selected_practices = random.sample(medical_practices, 3)  
    return selected_practices
```

```
print(select_three_random_practices())
```

We believe these approaches may be more effective in guiding (Student's First Name) toward better decision-making and behavior.

I would like to invite you to meet me, as well as our

```
import random
```

```
def select_five_random_positions():
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```
    positions = [  
        "Chief of Police", "District Attorney", "City Councilman for the 17th  
District",  
        "U.S Army Recruiter", "Chief Homework Analyst", "Janitor",  
        "Director of Hallway Traffic", "Cafeteria Quality Controller",  
        "Director of Student Sarcasm Detection", "Math Department  
Cryptographer",  
        "Vice Principal of Social Media Affairs", "Chief Graffiti Interpretation  
Officer",
```

```
    "Chief Lost Homework Locator", "Director of Teenage Drama", "Senior  
Locker Whisperer",  
    "Chalkboard Maintenance Strategist", "Director of Mischief Management",  
    "Chief Prank Prevention Analyst", "Director of Detention Dynamics", "Hall  
Monitor Supervisor",  
    "Lunchroom Liaison Officer", "Professor of Advanced Penmanship",  
"Attendance Accuracy Auditor",  
    "Cafeteria Line Efficiency Expert"  
]
```

```
selected_positions = random.sample(positions, 5)  
return selected_positions
```

```
print(select_five_random_positions())
```

in my office here at the school to discuss this matter at

```
import random
```

```
def random_obscure_time_formatted():  
    # Generate a random hour and minute  
    # Adjusted to early morning hours, typically 1 to 5 AM  
    hour = random.randint(1, 5)  
    minute = random.randint(0, 59)  
  
    # Set to AM for early morning hours  
    am_pm = "AM"  
  
    # Format the minute part  
    minute_part = f"{minute} minute" if minute == 1 else f"{minute:02d}"  
  
    # Format the time  
    time = f"{hour}:{minute_part} {am_pm}"  
    return time
```

```
print(random_obscure_time_formatted())  
on
```

```
import random
```

```
def select_random_holiday():  
    holidays = [  
        "Talk Like a Pirate Day, September 19th", "Leap Day, February 29th",  
        "World Sauntering Day, June 19th", "International Left-Handers Day,  
August 13th",  
        "Bald and Free Day, October 14th", "World Toilet Day, November 19th",
```

"National Nothing Day, January 16th", "Lost Sock Memorial Day, May 9th",  
 "World Sleep Day, the Friday before the Spring Vernal Equinox in March",  
 "Static Electricity Day, January 9th", "World Thinking Day, February 22nd",  
 "National Kazoo Day, January 28th", "Bad Poetry Day, August 18th",  
 "Squirrel Appreciation Day, January 21st", "World Penguin Day, April 25th",  
 "National High Five Day, the Third Thursday in April", "Talk Like Shakespeare Day, April 23rd",  
 "World Turtle Day, May 23rd", "Hug Your Cat Day, June 4th",  
 "International Kissing Day, July 6th", "International Rock Day, July 13th",  
 "Ask a Stupid Question Day. September 28th", "Mad Hatter Day, October 6th",  
 "Festival of Sleep Day, January 3rd", "Public Sleeping Day, February 28th",  
 "Awkward Moments Day, March 18th", "No Pants Day, the First Friday in May",  
 "Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day, the Last Monday of January", "Old Stuff Day, March 2nd",  
 "National Baked Bean Month in July", "International Cat Day, August 8th",  
 "Wonderful Weirdos Day, September 9th", "Name Your Car Day, October 2nd",  
 "Sandwich Day, November 3rd", "Faux Fur Friday, the First Friday of December",  
 "Fruitcake Toss Day, the First Saturday of January", "Dress in Blue Day, the First Friday of March"

```

selected_holiday = random.choice(holidays)
return selected_holiday

```

```
print(select_random_holiday())
```

to explore how we can collaboratively work towards adjusting (Student's First Name)'s behavior for his benefit and the benefit of the school community. Your insights as his parents are invaluable, and together, I am confident that we can formulate a plan to help (Student's First Name) end this school year on a positive note.

Please confirm your availability on the suggested date and time with my secretary so we can schedule this important meeting. Your cooperation and involvement are crucial to this process, and I look forward to working with you toward the betterment of (Student's First Name)'s educational journey.



Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I am hopeful that together we can guide (Student's First Name) towards a path of positive growth and success.

Sincerely,

```
import random
```

```
def select_random_name():
```

```
    names = [
```

```
        "Nahla Lewandowski", "Sybilla Kaczmarek", "Zoja Piotrowski",
```

```
        "Coby Krawczyk", "Ludmila Grabowski", "Kamil Wojciechowski",
```

```
        "Ania Nowak", "Eryk Szczepański", "Maja Wiśniewska", "Igor
```

```
Tomaszewski",
```

```
        "Nadia Jankowski", "Tomasz Baranowski", "Helena Szymańska",
```

```
        "Filip Jabłoński", "Oliwia Włodarczyk"
```

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    ]
```

```
    selected_name = random.choice(names)
```

```
    return selected_name
```

```
print(select_random_name())
```

Principal

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import random
```

```
def select_random_name():
```

```
    names = [
```

```
        "Aaron Burr", "John André", "William Quantrill", "Belle Starr", "Nathan  
Bedford Forrest",
```

```
        "John Surratt", "John Brown", "James Wilkinson", "Henry Wirz", "Daniel  
Shays",
```

```
        "William Blount", "James A. Westcott", "John C. Breckinridge", "Albert  
Pike", "Robert Rogers",
```

```
        "John Singleton Mosby", "Lewis Powell", "Stand Watie", "Edmund Ruffin",  
"John Hunt Morgan",
```

```
        "Benedict Arnold", "Thomas Conway", "Charles Lee", "Banastre Tarleton",  
"Simon Girty",
```

```
        "John Parker", "William Dawes", "Patrick Ferguson", "Isaac Hayne", "Peggy  
Shippen",
```

```
        "John Burgoyne", "Francis Marion", "George Rogers Clark", "Henry  
Laurens"
```

```
    ]
```

```
    selected_name = random.choice(names)
```

```
return f'As the Principal of {selected_name}'
```

```
print(select_random_name())
```

High School