The School Principal As Leader:

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A particularly noteworthy finding is the empirical link between school leadership and improved student achievement.
The principal remains the central source of leadership influence.
Five Key Practices of Effective Principals

• Shaping a vision of academic success for all students.
• Creating a climate hospitable to education.
• Cultivating leadership in others.
• Improving instruction.
• Managing people, data and processes to foster school improvement.
Shaping a vision of academic success for all students, one based on high standards.
Creating a climate hospitable to education in order that safety, a cooperative spirit and other foundations of fruitful interaction prevail.
Cultivating leadership in others so that teachers and other adults assume their parts in realizing the school vision.
Improving instruction to enable teachers to teach at their best and students to learn to their utmost.
Managing people, data and processes to foster school improvement.
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The Principal-Teacher Connection: A SCHOLAR’S VIEW

What do we know about the link between effective teaching and good principals?
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Is that connection generally known?
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Please talk about some of the features that distinguish high-performing schools from low-performing schools.
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How *do* principals and teachers work together to create a collaborative focus on learning?
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Is it your view that most schools are operating with this collaborative focus or does this remain the exception?
You seem to be saying that the collaborative learning environment is so important that schools must carve out time to focus on building capacity and structures to support that kind of an environment. How does this take place?
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What do teachers need to understand about what effective principals do?
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What advice would you give teachers to become part of the process of making their schools better places?

What about advice for school leaders?
Sample Resources

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