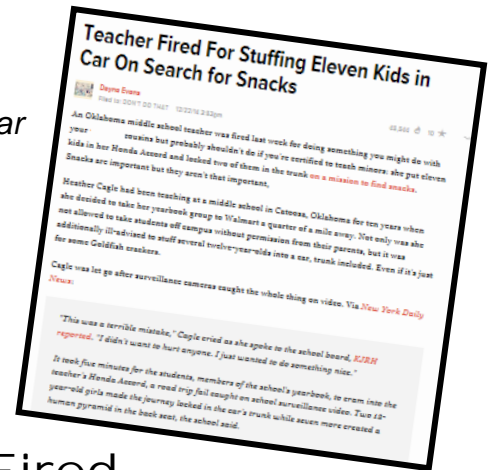


We all make mistakes! The secret of life is to try learn from the mistakes of *other people*. Here are the stories of a few slip-ups that have recently cost teachers their jobs. Hopefully, they will serve as guidance on what **NOT to do in (and out of) the classroom.**

The Headline: Teacher Fired for Stuffing 11 Kids in Car

The storyline: *An Oklahoma middle school teacher wanted to do something "sweet" for her students, so she fit eleven of them into her car for a snack run to Wal-Mart. The problem was that her car (a Honda Accord) wasn't that big, so she put two students in the front, seven in the back, and two in the trunk! The students certainly loved the adventure, but the parents weren't so amused.*



The Headline: Teacher Fired for Not-So-Nice Blog

The storyline: *A high school teacher in Pennsylvania went a little too far in a blog about her teaching experiences. She referred to her students as "rude", "loathsome", "frightfully dim", among other things. The blog was posted with her first name and last initial only, but her picture on the website made it easy to point the finger.*



The Headline: Vegan Teacher Fired for Facebook Post

The storyline: *An elementary school teacher lost his job when he used Facebook to post pictures of baby calves in crates. The images were meant to promote his vegan lifestyle. Unfortunately, the pictures shared information about the farmers, as well, and they felt threatened. It is another example of the gray area that exists between your personal and professional image.*

