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“Good morning. A couple of years ago I was very lucky to come here, to a workshop called understanding boys. And it was led by Dr. Michael Thompson who wrote the book raising cane. And I came because as a principal I had a lot of boys in my office and they weren't quite sure why they were my office half the time. And I had to figure out how to calm down my teachers and calm down the boys and, help them not end up in my office all the time. The book is a great read and helped me very much to understand boys, men, my husband, my son. So, my Pearl of wisdom is get to know the boys. They have a very different brain than we do ladies. And it's not wrong. It's fascinating. It's really different. And the book will, I know you'd be surprised, especially in the primary school, I think women have to be really careful with how they support little boys and their violent drawings. And all this stuff that's actually completely normal for them. So have a good read and know the boys in your school of all ages.”