

## **The Janitor's Name**

A while ago, there was a kind and clever teacher who wanted to inspire his students and teach them certain values. One day, he gave his class a pop quiz which counted as part of their grade. At the end of the quiz, after all of the other questions, was one last one that none of the students were expecting: "*What is the Janitor's name?*"

Many of the students thought this was a joke. Almost all of them had seen the janitor cleaning the halls or their classroom, and passed by him every day. They knew he was probably in his 50's, a little scruffy, and always pleasant and kind to them, always saying hello and asking them how they were doing. Rarely, did any of them actually stop and talk to him, and not one of them knew his name.

As the class ended and the students were leaving, one of them asked if the last question would really count towards their grade.

"Absolutely", the teacher said. "In your lives, you will meet many people. Some will play major roles. Some will do things for you that you may not even notice. But all are significant and have value. They all deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say Hello."

The following day, all of the students stopped to talk to the janitor, and everyone then knew his name.