Tricks of the Trade provide you with perspectives to help you work effectively with youth, peers, and those you supervise.

Begin your lesson plan with the end in mind. ASK yourself, at the end of the lesson, what is it I want the youth to know? Then ASK yourself how you will know if they have learned what you want them to learn? Once done, you are now ready to design the lesson to achieve those results.

Being respectful for yourself, others, and property is key for life and also for working in an environment like a school where you share space. Discuss what respect looks like, sounds like, and feels like with youth and agree on how respect will be honored in your program.

Beware of silence when you walk up to a group. If it isn't your birthday in the next few days, rest assured they are not planning your surprise party.