

button-making /2/ who's to blame?

Before long, the slogan-driven buttons deteriorated into more random ones, with students making buttons out of magazine clippings, stickers, and items found around the classroom. "Nobody _____ to do it," Chao said. "It's just so fun to **pull down the handle** and _____ the button drop out all made. Some kids were making them _____ they could hear the sound."

Orlowski said neither Chao nor any other student has been willing to "_____ out" all of the conspirators. Even students known to have been involved are claiming to have been in the bathroom during the incident. "From **the number of improper buttons** made--I've personally seen at least 50--this was not limited to the nine kids in detention," Orlowski said. "As far as I'm concerned, everyone wearing a button not related to the student-council elections is guilty. From the look of _____, that's almost everyone."

Though the students clearly acted improperly, some Harrison staffers are blaming Orlowski, suggesting that the incident resulted from her willingness to let the students **use school equipment unsupervised**. "I wasn't sure why Karen let those kids use the button maker in the first _____--it's not even pep week. But at the time, I didn't think it was my place to _____," school secretary Millie Barthes said. "Well, I'm just _____ the machine came back in one piece."

The button-making machine is kept in the main-office supply closet and is available for classroom checkout from Barthes. The school purchased the machine 14 years ago for \$79, a hefty sum that, according to Barthes, _____ indicates that **the machine is not a toy**. In May 1987, days after the school purchased the maker, Barthes made a sign that has remained _____ to its base ever since: "For classroom use only! Do not waste materials! They cost \$\$\$!"

According to school principal Dr. Richard Wagner, such incidents have unfortunately _____ it necessary to keep school equipment locked up. Wagner said that **every piece of restricted equipment** is the result of a _____ incident. "We have to lock up the balls and playground equipment so they don't end up on the roof," Wagner said. "Kids have to go to the _____ to get bathroom supplies or we risk another Jeremy Sachs. He's also _____ we can no longer use the honor system for extra milk in the lunchroom. Then _____ the photocopier. I'll never forget what happened with the photocopier."

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