

The LAWS of the GRAPEVINE

Chapter 4

#### **GRAPEVINEFACT**

The most successful people take advantage of opportunities to build and sustain relationships

Good news travels at a slower rate because it requires more validation than bad news

"Bad news travels at the speed of light; good news travels like molasses."

—Tracy Morgan

Goal: Attention

# How do you get people to listen?

- 1. Listen First: The most effective way to get people's attention is to give them yours.
- 2. Be Concise & Concrete
- 3. Use Mystery & Surprise
- 4. Read the Feedback

For Maximum Effectiveness: Effective Frequency Repetition is useful and appropriate



"Effective Frequency" is used to describe the number of times a person must be exposed to a message before achieving the desired response

For Maximum Effectiveness: Consistency

#### Stay on Message

- Just Do It
- Melts in your mouth, not in your hands.
- 15 minutes could save...

In your pursuit of attention, don't get lost in the literalness of your message.

The feelings you can connect with have greater impact than logic or truth.

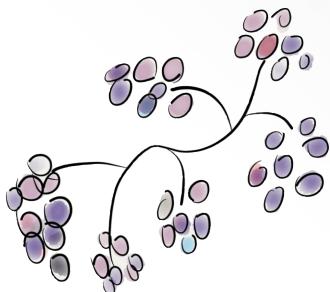
Metaphors are your ally.

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#### Communicating Culture & Goals

- Recruit & hire people who believe what you believe.
- Collaborative engage and coach them.
- Develop New behaviors and habits through the use of simple, concrete feedback tools.



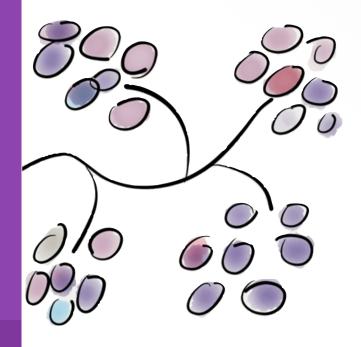


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#### **GRAPEVINEFACT**

Great leaders pay attention to their relationships with the same energy and care as they invest in their work



Surprise is the energy of the Grapevine

Surprise is the difference between what is expected and what is being shared.

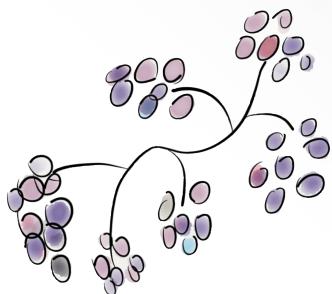
"Unexpected ideas are more likely to stick because surprise makes us pay attention...
That extra attention and thinking sears unexpected events into our memories."

—Chip & Dan Heath, <u>Made to Stick</u>

"The secret to humor is surprise."

-Aristotle

What is the purpose of your message? What do you really want them to hear? 2 What could be counterintuitive about it? 3 Can you leverage that surprise element? 4



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Chapter 6

# **UPCOMINGMESSAGES**



**EMPLOYEE TURNOVER** 



FAILURE TO MEET EXPECTATIONS



SOMEONE SAYS/DOES
SOMETHING FLAGRANT



**CRISIS RESPONSE** 



**RECENT BREAKTHROUGH** 



**NEW "WOW" FACTOR** 





# SANDWICHLETTER

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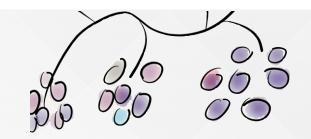
**AFFIRMATION** 

**NEWS** 

**REAFFIRMATION** 

**CLOSE** 

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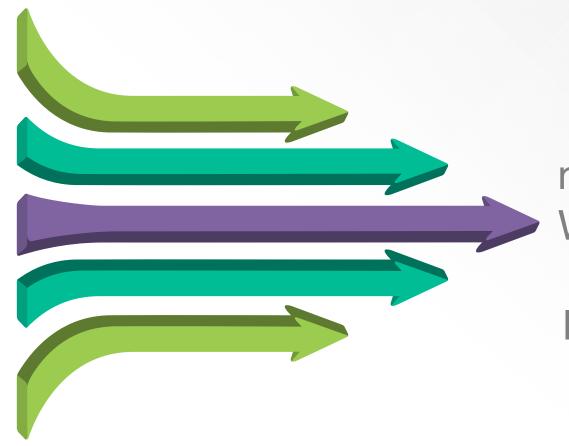


### **Delivering Personal Bad News**

- 1. Prepare: Privacy, connection, constraints, practice
- 2. Assess: Perceptions, data, open ended questions
- 3. Inform: Invitation, direct plain talk, pace
- 4. Neutralize: Empathy, connection, listen
- 5. Activate: Summarize, options, agreement

# The Capacity of the Grapevine is inversely proportionate to the energy level

If the Grapevine is hot, your message is naught. When the Grapevine is cool, your message will rule.



What other news is flowing? When do people tend to read/ listen the most?

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#### GRAPEVINEFACT

People who know how to manage their attention and who habitually build productive relationships tend to earn more money and receive higher marks.