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TV Show: Abbott Elementary

“Sneaker Ball”

ACT ONE

1. Janine and Melissa want to do something special for their students after their test results place them at the top of the district. Janine comes up with the idea for a fancy sneaker ball for the kids.
2. Barbara is thrilled when new twin girl students, Michelle and Rochelle, are brought to her class.
3. An excited Janine tells Ava about the sneaker ball idea, but quickly learns there is limited money from the district to fund it. Upset about her students always being overlooked, Janine decides her own money and Gregory offers to chip in. The two share a moment.
4. As Mr. Johnson removes a broken desk from a classroom, he throws out his back in the process.
5. After an exam, Barbara notices a drastic difference between the twins test scores. Rochelle scores significantly lower. Barb decides she will work with Rochelle to improve her scores. Ava tells Barbara that the district called and Rochelle has to improve on the upcoming test or she will have to be split from her twin sister and be moved into special Ed. Barb can't imagine separating the two girls.
6. Janine, has only received a few rsvps from her class, and after checking it's the same for Melissa. Janine is shocked she thought this was something the kids would enjoy.
7. Mr. Johnson, with his back in a brace, gives Ava his retirement letter. He hurt his back moving a desk and he's done. She is stunned.
8. Ava tells Janine the sneaker ball is called off, due to lack of rsvps – only 5 students responded. The kids aren't interested in her corny party. This hits Janine hard.

ACT BREAK

ACT TWO

1. Janine tells Gregory she only wanted to do something fun for her students. Gregory consoles her, saying she has the biggest heart of anyone he knows. But she and Melissa

learn from an angry parent that her son only own one pair of shoes- that's all she can afford- so Janine can take her idea and shove it. Janine feels terrible that she hadn't thought about how her party could be a financial burden to parents.

2. Barbara ~~has to~~ tells Rochelle's parents she scored poorly again on the test and the district is separating from her sister into a Special Ed class. They are devastated.
3. Janine decides to cancel the ball. But the women quickly learn they aren't able to get their money back for the items they purchased, so the district demands they move forward with the party. Janine is mortified, the students who won't have sneakers will be embarrassed.
4. Other teachers try to tell Barbara that one twin may just do better than the other. Barbara refuses to accept it, she sees how seriously Rochelle takes her work. She's going to get to the root of it.
5. Janine cries to Gregory about it. He's been thinking about it and may have a solution.
6. Ava begs Mr. Johnson not to retire, even offering part time, but it doesn't work, and he mentions how the kids are starting to get on his nerves.
7. Barbara, Ava, Rochelle and her parents meet with the district. Barbara explains she gave Rochelle one last test, a kind of DIY eye test. Rochelle needs glasses. She gave her reading glasses and she passed the test. The district gives her a few questions, and she passes and is allowed back in Barbara's class. Rochelle and her sister hug.
8. Gregory is in the gym, where the ball is taking place with a friend of his from Nike. Nike is gifting the students a pair of sneakers each for the sneaker ball. Janine and Melissa are floored. They also learn the students are a part of a new Nike marketing campaign, "Outstanding Students Wear Nikes." The students scream with joy. Janine pulls Gregory behind the bleachers and kisses him.
9. Later, at the sneaker ball, several students take to the mic tell Mr. Johnson how much they love him. Mr. Johnson breaks down, he'll stay but he demands he make his own hours. Ava agrees... he says he'll be there all week, then takes off his brace and dances with the kids.

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