

**ACTIVITIES**

**— FOR —**

**EVERYONE**

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## "We Miss You"

1. Growing Together: Mail seeds to each student in a specific grade with planting/watering instructions. Once students return to school in person, they can bring their newly sprouted plant to place in a class-specific garden. That garden can then be maintained until the end of their time on campus! Just because we're apart doesn't mean we can't grow together.
2. Wrapped in Community: Mail each member of your senior class a square piece of fabric. Students can decorate their piece to best express their personality and identity on campus. Finally, instruct students to mail their fabric piece back to your school. The pieces can then be formed into a giant class quilt to be hung up!
3. My Personal Spot: Collaborate with your art department to create "senior parking spaces" in students' driveways. The more we can do to make students feel welcomed, the better!
4. Artistic Arrival: With the help of your staff, organize a drive-through event at your school. As students and parents arrive on campus, use window markers to write compliments and "we miss you!" messages for students to enjoy.
5. Projecting Kindness: Have a projector on campus? Have an outdoor wall that faces a nearby street? PERFECT! Create a slideshow spotlighting and complimenting students for their hard work. At the end of each week, project the slideshow and encourage families to drive by!

## "We're Stronger Together"

1. The Exchange: Mail 20-30 handwritten notes of kindness to students during distance learning. In addition to the note itself, include a blank piece of paper and a pre-stamped envelope addressed to your school. Students can read their note and pay it forward to someone else! Once the return letter arrives at school, educators can read the note, include another blank piece of paper/envelope, and send it to another student! Keep the pattern going as long as possible!
2. Morning Goodness: Collaborate with a nearby elementary school to organize a positive message exchange! Have both your leaders and elementary students record an audio message to encourage one another. Finally, share the messages you receive before school each day!
3. Pass-It-On: Begin by spotlighting a club or organization using your program's social media account. Immediately after, direct message that group asking for them to spotlight another organization! This is a phenomenal way to recognize every group at your school!
4. Leadership Pen Pals: Missing collaboration with other leadership groups? Partner with a nearby student council and create a "pen pal" system between students. Leaders can share notes about upcoming events, collaborate on service projects, and even practice goal setting.
5. Can We Take Your Order?: Organize a Zoom call for new transfer students. While on the call, put up a "menu" of free spirit gear items. Take students' orders and send them their items!

## "School Spirit Isn't Canceled!"

1. The Drink: Work with a local coffee or tea shop to create a custom drink just for your school! Name the drink after your mascot, add school colors, and even create special branding for the cup! Finally, create hand-written notes to be issued with receipts!
2. Mascot Mobile: Once per week, have your mascot safely surprise a student working hard from home! As the surprise is taking place, record each moment and post it as an ongoing Instagram series!
3. We are Live!: Using Youtube Premier, release videos of exciting athletic games from last year. Use the live chat feature to give your students a safe place to reminisce!
4. On-Demand Spirit!: Use the app "Calendly" to offer limited hot chocolate deliveries for lucky students! When their selected time arrives, your school's mascot will appear to safely deliver some warm goodness!
5. Competition Is Back!: Organize campus-specific tournaments in some of your students' favorite video games. To be safe, be sure to create private servers for students to interact on. Finally, challenge a nearby rival to do the same. Once each school has its "champions" hold a rivalry week for each school to compete in! The final game can be streamed live with announcers, Zoom-based spirit sections, and even halftime performances!

## "Our Community Is Strong!"

1. Elementary Portraits: Partner with a local elementary school to create pieces of hand-drawn art for all of your seniors! You'll be stunned at how loved and appreciated such a simple activity makes your students feel!
2. Retirement Home Messages: Partner with a local retirement home to exchange uplifting video messages! Each time your leaders receive a message, post it on your program's Instagram account for your students to see!
3. Hidden Mascots: Print out small pictures of your campus mascot or logo. Partnering with local businesses, hide the pictures around your community for students to see. Each time students tag your account with the image, move the mascot/logo to a different location! This simple engagement strategy can evolve throughout the entire semester.
4. Self-Care Pets: Are finals and/or testing quickly approaching? Have your student leaders organize Instagram live streams of their adorable pets! This simple and adorable activity is a great way to provide a safe virtual place for students to study!
5. The Walk: Partner with nearby businesses to create a one-way walking path near your campus. In each business window, use washable paint to spread kind and encouraging messages to your students. Finally, print and tape QR codes next to the messages. The QR codes should redirect students to a custom Spotify playlist with calming music! This self-care walk is perfect for stressful portions of the school year!
6. Space For All: Allow students to submit online art creations for a full school mural! After all art has been collected, use Canva or Adobe Spark to compile your submissions into a masterpiece!