

ACTIVITIES

FOR

EVERYONE

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Our philosophy -

School culture is the baseline of emotional connection a population feels towards their school's identity.

In order to foster a high level of emotional connection, student council and ASB programs work to establish shared experiences through campus activities.

The better the experience, the more connected students feel.

An individual's likelihood of participating in shared experiences is directly linked to the trust he/she has in their culture.

Let's gain trust.

“Welcome home!”

Banner of Welcome

Every student deserves to feel loved and appreciated when they arrive on campus. Just before the start of the school year, create a large paper banner with the phrase “Welcome Home!” prominently displayed. Write every student and staff member’s name around the message for all to see!

Transfer Treasure Hunt

Transfer students can easily feel isolated and excluded when showing up to a new campus. Let’s change that! With the help of various clubs on campus, create a scavenger hunt for new transfer students to experience. This scavenger hunt should showcase prominent campus locations, include various organizations, and leave each participant with free spirit gear.

Bookend Buddies

Your new students deserve to be welcomed with open arms. At the beginning of the school year, deliver each incoming student a handwritten note from one of the prior year’s outgoing graduates. This activity can easily turn into a tradition your school does for decades to come!

Student-Staff Tour

First impressions are just as important to new staff members as they are to incoming students. Just before the start of the school year, have your leaders create and facilitate uplifting campus tours for each new faculty member. These tours can showcase campus traditions, important locations, and even facilitate introductions to other educators.

This Way To...

Let’s face it — asking questions the first week of school can be embarrassing for just about anyone. During the first week of school, create and place helpful markers around campus directing students to important locations. In addition, be sure to put helpful messages on each marker to encourage those who need it!

“You matter here!”

Surprise Spirit!

Want to create moments your entire school will talk about? Before school one day, gain secret access to one or more classrooms. Fill each space with kind notes, colorful decorations, and encouraging gifts. Finally, hide cameras in the classroom to catch the surprise in action!

Pro Tips!

School spirit doesn’t always need to be loud, expensive, or bold. Before school one week, create dozens of small notes with encouraging “pro tips” for self-care. When you’re finished, fold each note and hide them around campus for students to find!

Hype Master

Do you have any extroverted leaders who are phenomenal on the microphone? With the help of a portable sound system, set up your leaders near entrance doors to your school with a sign that reads “Your Personal Hype Person”. When asked, this hype person will shower students with encouragement and appreciation!

Ice Cream Surprise!

Do students in your special education program feel left out by traditional student activities? Let's change that! Select a day and plan a surprise ice cream social for these incredible students. After the event, meet as a leadership group and have a meaningful conversation about how we can be even more inclusive in the future.

“You are loved!”

Hidden Compassion

With 5 minutes left in your leadership class, have your students create small and intentional notes of kindness. When they're finished writing, ask your leaders to fold each note and write the phrase “Please don't open!” on the front. Finally, ask your students to hide these notes in plain sight! While the notes ask students not to open them, those who do will be met with warmth and encouragement!

Senior Exchange

During the home stretch of the school year, create a pen-pal exchange between your seniors on campus and local seniors in your community. These can be proud alumni, retirement home residents, or even local volunteers!

Coffee and Encouragement

Make personalized coffee cups for each bus driver that serves your school. One day during the week, have your leaders wait on the curb with coffee in hand. When your drivers drop off students for the day, they'll be surprised with some warmth and kindness!

Week of Shoutouts

Tired of morning announcements? It's time to switch things up! During an especially difficult section of the school year, change your morning announcements into morning shoutouts! The more positive we can make each shout out, the better!

A Trip Down Encouragement Lane

The second semester of the school year can be a difficult time for many students on campus. Behind the scenes, collect encouraging videos and shoutouts from your students' former elementary school teachers. When a difficult week arrives, post the videos on your program's social media accounts for all to see!

“We see you and value you!”

Community Wall

Clubs and organizations deserve a place to call their own. Find a large open wall on campus and split it into even sections. Allow each organization on campus to claim one section, painting it however they want to showcase their accomplishments. When the mural is finished, you'll be amazed at how incredible it looks!

Stories and Snacks!

Know of a staff member eager to spread positivity on campus? Ask them to read a children's book at lunch to interested students. Attendees can bring blankets, snacks, and reminisce with some childhood relaxation.

Cocoa, Coffee, and Cramming

Finals week can be one of the most stressful times of the school year. Just before the week arrives, organize a study session filled with drinks, snacks, and encouragement. For added help, ask teachers to step in and tutor during the event!

Additional Instructions

Have your leaders create various sets of “additional instructions” for upcoming tests. Rather than being academic instructions or rules, these lists can include self-care tips, words of affirmation, or even kind messages! Finally, have each set of instructions printed and stapled to the front of students’ exams.

Coffee House

Once per month, organize an open-mic style event for students to participate in. Rather than being reserved purely for singing or poetry, students can sign up to bring any talent they’d like to the stage! The more we’re able to empower students and their creativity, the better!

“You’re part of something special!”

Hype Video

Create a school-wide “hype video” showcasing as many groups and organizations on campus as possible! When the video is complete, post it on your program’s social media account for all to see and admire!

Team Visit!

Have an athletic team preparing for playoffs or an important game? Contact a local elementary school and organize a celebratory walk-through! You’ll be amazed at how excited both your athletes and local elementary students are at this simple show of support.

Week of Heroes

Your school has plenty of students and staff who are heroes for your campus community. During the second semester of the year, organize a week dedicated to celebrating as many of these awesome community members as possible!

Rotating Bells

Tired of hearing the same bell sound repeatedly? Let’s change it up! Once per month, change your school’s bell sound to something new and fun. You’ll be surprised at how such a simple act increases student morale!

You Crushed it!

The week after testing is an exhausting time for students and staff alike. Rather than organizing an elaborate or extensive activity, fill the week with simple compliments and encouragement! By telling students how proud we are of their effort and work, we’re creating a school where good deeds are always recognized.