Love Your Leaders

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Have you ever.....

- Planned a vacation only after looking on the school calendar to find out when spirit weeks were going to be?
- Said "I have spent 12 hours at school everyday this week."
- Missed out on a fun event with your friends in order to decorate a homecoming float?
- The list goes on and on of all the things we as advisors say and do correct?

Well here is some perspective....

Your student leaders say the EXACT same things.

We actually share in this misery with our kids at times



We all know these leadership terms!

- Staff Appreciation
- Faculty Appreciation
- Admin Appreciation
- Student Appreciation
- What do these look like at your school?
- How do these these people feel when you appreciate them?

However

- What can we do to add the term Student Council appreciation to the landscape?
- How often to we appreciate the kids who lead all the events that appreciate others?

Create retention

- Do you only have a few kids who return each year?
- How can you as the advisor keep them involved in activities/leadership/ASB?

At some point.....

- We have to realize keeping our good kids is a big part of our job.
- If we were in the business world and we kept losing our A players that would not be a good sign.

Quote from the corporate world

• "Most employees don't quit their jobs, they quit their boss."

• How does that apply to your life as a teacher? Put yourself in the shoes of your students.

The Psychology of Student Leaders

- Student leaders are different than the rest of our student population.
- What makes them tick?
- The color test, what are the values that they place emphasis on. How can you craft what you do in Student Council/Leadership/ASB to better support and care for their needs?

My take on the color test

• It tells you more about what kids value, than anything else. By knowing their values and what they are looking for you can better understand them and in return know how better to support them.

No two years are the same.

So let's talk about appreciating our leaders!

• I promised you ideas, so here we go!

Dude Be Nice

- Great organization
- Something they can all work on together
- They love the shirts too!

Service Projects, make them about fun and service!









Cheap and Easy

- Dinners (monthly, quarterly)
 - Just order some pizza, sandwiches, pot-luck

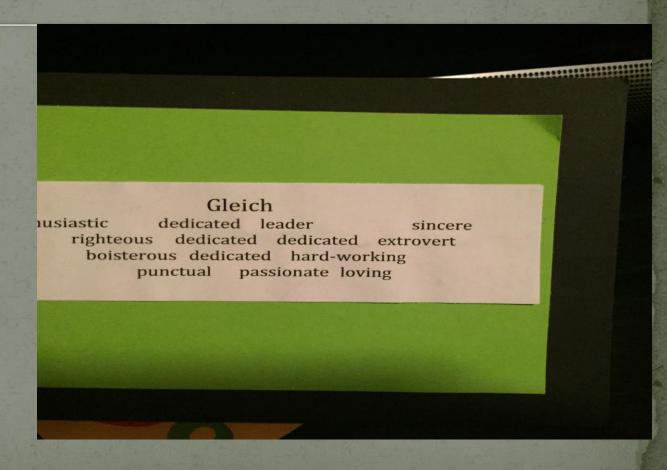


Sporting Events

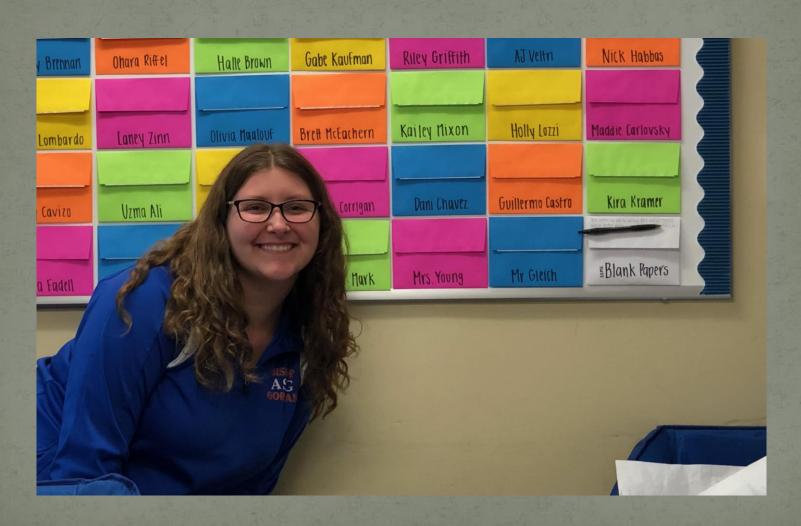


Affirmations

- Letters from each other
- Letters from advisor



Another Version of Affirmations



Trips

- Six Flags
- Knott's
- Disney
- Mini Golf
- Go-Karts



Conferences





Depending on how liberal your admin is.....

Nerf games



Fighting Senioritis???

• Of course you are, we all are!

• Can it be defeated?

Remember those seniors???

- Transitions night
- Senior night



Let them have fun



Senior Sunrise/Sunset

- If your school allows, let the seniors in your StuCo/ASB/Leadership class plan it
- Ask your admin to recognize them



Retreats

- Overnights
- Hikes
- Team-Building (escape rooms)
- Ropes Courses

- Silent Football
- Movie Nights
- Surprises (multiple)
 - T shirts, Donuts

For more info/ideas or just want to share!

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- Don't forget to do your eval on this workshop, feel free to lie!

Thank You Have a great time tonight