

What's Up Homecoming?
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Homecoming- One of the most exciting school events of the year. It celebrates current students and alumni of your school and it should be rich in traditions and history.

HOW TO PICK THE DATE

Work with athletic director or football coach to determine the best game for homecoming. A game you should win and a game to increase gate sales.

HOW TO PICK A THEME

Get suggestions from as many kids as possible. Try not to reuse a theme. Make it a party to pick the theme and have each class vote on their portion of the theme.

INVITE THE ALUMNI BACK

Use a post card or email all the previous year seniors. If you have an alumni page on your web, use that to invite them back.

ROYALTY

If your going to have royalty- celebrate them. Get nominations from clubs and sports teams on campus or allow student to nominate themselves. Hold an election to narrow down the court. (We use online voting, voting for schools) Communicate to the court what the expectations and commitments for the court are. Best idea I've ever heard- have court members select a charity- the member who raises the most money (or collects the most food, clothes) wins the Queen or King title.

INCLUDING THE STAFF

20 most inspirational staff members- let students nominate and vote. Give them a t-shirt with a nice card, that the kids hand sign.

Pick 2 grand marshals.

PUBLICITY

Use your web page, face book page, instagram, twitter or the old fashion posters. T-shirts so your students can be walking bill boards.

HOMECOMING WEEK

Dress-up days- center them around the theme- make them simple and fun, hold a lunchtime parade the week before to show the dress-up days. Don't forget the staff.

RALLY

Do it big and follow your theme. Announce the court, most inspirational staff and grand marshals.

FLOATS

If you judge them have a criteria and get outside judges. Each class/club get to make a float that follows their portion of the theme. All weather track- move the floats with students pulling them. Each group has an 8x8 ft base to build upon.

HALFTIME

Do it big and make the announcement very clear- Spell out the name in balloons, or on large pieces of wood, light up the name, if your allowed to use fireworks- use them.

DANCE TICKETS

Make your own tickets- lost of programs out there, Ticket Bench Plus

DANCE

Go all out! Bring in extra's; make your own video's, photo booths, game trucks, portable laser tag, food trucks, ping pong, air hockey, pool table, fooze ball, pinball machine ect..

BUDGET

Sell tickets to the dance; make it the place to be for everyone, not just the dancers. 2013 homecoming dance- 1400 tickets sold at \$20.00= \$28,000- spend it on all the events for the week and the dance.

