BREAKING IT DOWN
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THINK SMALL, THINK CHEAP – THINK ABOUT THE REACH OF YOUR ACTIVITY

How can I reach the greatest amount of students, engaging them in student life and building a sense of community on campus, with a lack of time and money, while keeping ASB manageable for me and innovative/fun/new for students?

A few rules to keep you sane
1. your burnout/excitement level MATTERS
2. Just because we do it one year, doesn’t mean we’re signed up to do it forever
3. Just because we’ve done it forever, doesn’t mean we have to continue a tradition
4. Process, not product (let them fail!)
5. the kids have to pull the weight—“The one doing the work is doing the learning”

Disclaimer
These are events that are approved, allowed at my school. They may not be allowed at yours! (example: cookies, slip n slide)

Questions to Ponder:
- What events/activities are you keeping around JUST because of tradition?
- What events/activities are no longer reaching the majority of your students?
- What events/activities do you dread every year?

York Peppermint Patty Day
Bubble Day
Smart Cookies
Talk like a Pirate Day
Snow Day
Ugly Holiday Sweater Day
Birthday Day
Survivor Competition
Dodgeball Tournament
Ping Pong Tournament
Lunchtime Concert Series
Lucky Charm Bar (Good luck on Finals)
Graffiti Art Expo/Display
Tailgate Party
Mavsgiving (student teacher luncheons)
Speed Dating
Transfer Luncheon
Donut Hole Day
Victory Laps
Surprise Pizza Party
Water Day
Senior Wishes
Senior Scavenger Hunt
Turkey Bowling
Heart Attack
Dating game
Mighty Mav (silly male pageant)
Chalk the Lot
White Out
Kamikaze Super Motorcycle Extreme Show

Notes:

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