

Crazy Crowd Pleasers

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ICEBREAKER DANCE AROUND THE POOL



This huge back-to-school event includes dancing, swimming, foosball, air hockey, volleyball, and basketball. We set up six outdoor video games projected on large screens, and this year we rented an inflatable jousting attraction and a photo booth. We provide a check-in room for valuables, and students enjoy pizza, candy, and beverages in our snack shack.

CLUB FAIR

During the fourth week of school, clubs promote and recruit students to join their clubs. They can sell food/beverages/desserts to attract students to their booth. They are encouraged to distribute informational handouts and have students provide their name, phone number, and e-mail on a sign-up sheet. Each club gets time on the stage to inform students about their purpose and activities. They mention when and where they meet and direct them to their booth for more information. Because we have so many clubs, half of them set up on Thursday and the other half set up on Friday. Hundreds of students are recruited through Club Fair.

ACADEMIC BREAKFAST AND RALLY (272 honored)

We honor students for their academic success the previous semester—Academic Letter recipients (stringent academic requirements on course work and CST's); Chevron recipients (already earned an academic letter from a previous rally); STAR Students (students who increased 50 points or more on their CST's in English Language Arts). We intersperse awards with fun activities. This year, we featured the following activities:

Strut Your Stuff Class Competition: A freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior competed in the following categories: Best Tarzan Call; Best White Chicks Impersonation; Best Mariachi Call; and Best Touchdown Dance. The class with the most points won.

Four-Way Tug of War: One female round and one male round. Participants included teachers, athletes, students from the audience, and students receiving awards.

Grand Finale (Staff Celebrity Sing/Dance Off)

This year, various staff members performed Cruise, Ain't No Mountain High Enough, Wop, Best Song Ever, and Fresh Prince theme song.

SMILE TUNNELS

Student Council officers make decorative hand-held signs which convey uplifting, positive messages on them. During the last 10 minutes of lunch, they form tunnels around campus so that when students are walking back to class, they are greeted with positive and encouraging signs and shout-outs. You can only imagine the smiles as students and teachers pass through these "Smile Tunnels."



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS RELAY (Couple vs. Couple)

- (1) The girls jumps on the guys' backs and run to Station 1.
- (2) At Station 1, the girls make four pink ribbons and attach a safety pin to them. Her partner runs the ribbons to students in the Quad so they can wear them throughout the day.
- (3) Station 2: The girl is blindfolded and her partner helps her fill in the outline of a pink heart with pink paint. When the heart is solid pink, they run to Station 3.
- (4) Couples pop black balloons until they find a balloon with a pink ticket inside. They run the ticket to the judge at Station 4.
- (5) Station 4: Girls hold out a Hula Hoop while her partner tosses a basketball over his head until he makes the shot . . . "sinking cancer." Then they switch places and do the same thing.
- (6) At Station 6, the girl holds up a piece of cardboard with Duct tape pieces attached. He takes his jigsaw puzzle pieces and puts the puzzle together on her cardboard that she is holding in the air. The messages vary from "Cure" to "Beat Cancer." When the puzzle is complete, they run up on the stage and shout out their jigsaw puzzle message.

ON-THE-JOB-DAY (Girls vs. Guys in a tag-team relay)

- (1) Mail carriers—deliver mail to mailboxes placed around the Quad (name on envelope must match name on mailbox).
- (2) Carpenter— Hammer three nails into a 2 x 4 piece of wood (5 hits for each nail).
- (3) Licensed Vocational Nurse—clean a bed pan (filled with Mt. Dew and chunks of a Snicker candy bar). Drink Mt. Dew with a straw and eat Snicker chunks.
- (4) Taco Bell employee—wrap burritos (nine burritos are made out of stuffed paper and one is real). Put all ten burritos in a Taco Bell sack and run sack to partner on the stage.
- (5) Final partner must find the real burrito and eat it.



WHACKIN' CATFISH (Couple vs. Couple)

Guys put a nylon (upper thigh section) on their head with a raw egg tied on the top. Girls jump on partner's back and use a stinky catfish to whack the other guys' eggs while trying to protect her own partner's egg from breaking. Last couple without a broken egg wins.

HOMECOMING FLOATS AND PERFORMANCES FOR ALL-WEATHER TRACKS

Homecoming theme shown on DVD: "Toons Take Over" featuring various cartoons.

EXPOSED

This full-day event (similar to Breaking Down the Walls or Challenge Day) exposed students to the way they see and judge one another. The day consisted of ice breakers, big group activities, small group discussions, lunch, trust activities, cross the line, and a final labeling activity. Six students from the Advanced Leadership class planned and organized this event with the hopes that the 300 selected students would start treating others with more compassion, be less likely to judge others, understand they are not the only ones going through problems, and realize they have much more in common with others than differences. The clip shown was comprised of the entire senior class. Selected freshmen through juniors had the opportunity to be "exposed" on a different day.





DRESS TO YOUR GENERATION DAY (Guys vs. Girl tag team relay)

Guys take on the girls in Generation Bingo. The object is to see which team can get Bingo the fastest. Two giant Bingo cards (6' x 6') are displayed at the center of the competition. Contestants collect Bingo markers after they complete each "stage of life" challenge and run and put their marker on their Bingo card.

Stage of Life Challenges:

1. Baby—Put on a bib and eat baby food
2. Pre-School—Draw a happy face on butcher paper while blindfolded
3. College—Find your jersey in a hamper full of dirty clothes
4. Newlywed—Make your bed before heading off to work
5. Parents of a baby—Clean the baby's diaper by licking chocolate pudding off of the diaper.
6. Parents of children—Make a P & J sandwich, put it in a baggie, and put it in a lunch pail.
7. Senior Citizen—wheelchair race to get the final Bingo marker and complete your Bingo on the giant card.

CAPTURE THE FLAG

DUCT TAPE THE PRINCIPAL TO THE WALL

Students and staff purchase four strips of Duct tape for \$1 and take turns taping the principal to the wall. We used a trailer with a smooth surface since Duct tape does not stick to stucco walls very well. We donated the money to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

BLACK LIGHT HOMECOMING RALLY

Our Basketball Homecoming Black Light Rally is done once every four years for our top 1,000 students based on their current GPA. This year, we had the following performances and activities:

1. Neon Balloon Pop (balloons tied to ankles—pop the other teams' balloons)
2. Cheerleaders
3. Varsity basketball players (5 guys and 5 girls) Each team had a glow-in-the dark basketball and tossed it up and down on a neon-colored sheet. When the emcee shouted "SHOOT," both teams tossed the ball into the air using the sheet as their launcher and tried to make the ball land in the neon Hula Hoop. The team with the most points at the end of 1 ½ minutes won.
4. All Homecoming candidates gave a 1 ½-minute performance utilizing the black lights (costumes and props glowed.)
5. Band and Color Guard (white flags look awesome under black lights)
6. Best glow-in-the dark costume contest
7. Strobe volleyball: 15 freshmen and 15 juniors took on 15 sophomores and 15 seniors. They sat on the floor with chairs set in place of the net. To see the "net," soda bottles filled with highlighter water were placed on each chair. Giant (48") clear beach balls that have a strobe light in them were tossed in the air, and the teams played beach ball volleyball. You can play with one or two balls. (Purchased at beachball.com for \$15.25 each). Two other great sources: blacklight.com and happyglow.com.



High 5 signs are placed all around campus and students know to "high 5" each other when they walk through any of these hallways. This is just one of our many connecting activities that are done twice a month.