Empower your students to choose, plan, execute and evaluate their activities from with their committees.

Once you know all your activities for the upcoming school year, post them on large sheet of paper or post-it notes and encourage sign-ups. Limit the number of students who can join the committee. I like to limit our committees’ sizes to around six students. Give each committee a project proposal, project planner and project evaluation to help guide them throughout the planning process. The earlier the better when it comes to planning. Middle schoolers think three days are the same as three weeks, so get them planning early and meet with them periodically.

Give your committees an opportunity to assign positions and tasks for their classmates. Let them run the event. Remember you are there to supervise and each activity is a learning experience for your student leaders. After the activity, remind your committees to evaluate the activity and reflect on the following....

• Set up/Clean up
• Student Involvement
• Student Reaction
• Staff Reaction
• What worked
• What didn’t

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