How to Stay Connected: FOCUSING on What Matters MOST!
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Ideas for everyone!

- WEB
- Yearbook
- Renaissance
- ASB
- Parent Events
- Staff(ulty) Events
- Clubs and student VOICE
WEB Playlist ideas

WELCOME EVERYBODY!
Virtual Student Leader trainings before school
ALL 6th graders invited to a week of orientation sessions
New to DRA orientation sessions (Spanish too)
ALL 6th graders & new students assigned to a student leader mentor
Weekly + emails to 6th graders from our leaders
ALL 6th graders divided to teams to meet on Mondays for follow up lessons, SEL and “family outings”
Shared student leadership opportunities
Yearbook Playlist ideas

*Everyone* has a story to tell!
Yearbook Playlist ideas

- Hard copy production of yearbook
- 8th grade slide show curated content
- Digital yearbook with additional expanded coverage
- Weekly newsletter 100% produced by students -- started during a PANDEMIC!
- Shared student leadership opportunities
- Photo collection strategies and community outreach
Renaissance Playlist ideas

Respect
Recognize
Reward
Reinforce
Results
Renaissance Playlist ideas

- Shared student leadership opportunities
- Shout outs collected from staff, students & families
- Live Streamed Rallies on YouTube
- Production of rally content & input from DRA community
- Staffulty nominations for student recognition
- Glow in the Dark Rally
- SWITCH it up Video Game Rally
- Office Drive through Honor Roll events
ASB Playlist ideas

Activities, Events, Sales, Support, Equity & Voice
ASB Playlist ideas

- Shared student leadership opportunities
- Weekly activity calendar to all students and on-line
- Grade level activities every Thursday since the start of school
- School-wide activities every Friday since the start of school
- On-line sales with no contact pick-up at library extended hours
- Regular emails and shout outs to staff members
- Fright Night Haunted House, PJ Dance, Mock Election, Patriot Day Art Show, Pet Show, Halloween Poster Contest
- Guest Speakers, Virtual Field Trips, Events, Coding
- RRW, Great Kindness Challenge, PRIDE Week, College Week
Parent Playlist ideas

Connect, Educate, Inform, & COMMUNICATE
Parent Playlist ideas

- Parent orientation events
- Quarterly Parent night Q & A sessions
- DRA Parent Academy: Recurring monthly meetings for key topics
- PTO with school-wide Padlet contests
- Question form on school website
- Access to school and student newsletter
- Access to activity calendar
- Synergy messages or emails for events and student progress
- Shout out opportunities for rallies
- Email summaries from all Google Classrooms
Staff(ulty) Playlist ideas

Support, Connect, Encourage & Value
Staff(ulty) Playlist ideas

- Shout outs in daily announcements
- Google Classrooms created for MTSS focus areas and school items
- SEL trainings and materials in staff meetings, and G.C.
- PBIS incentives
- Virtual field trips and speakers arranged for College & Career Week, Holocaust survivors, athletes, charities, local attractions
- Tall Oaks appreciation activity
- Collection & care for staff members
- Contests for donated items--pick up at library or delivery
- Mail letters, cards, gift cards and chain letter
- Teacher directed spa day and dance party
Clubs & Student Playlist ideas

We are here to hear YOU!
Clubs & Student Playlist ideas

- Shout outs in daily announcements
- Weekly, student-produced video news broadcast
- Daily written and video announcements
- After school mentoring and tutoring program
- Six week rotations for enrichment/intervention during the day
- iReady mentoring program
- Student leaders connected to each 6th grader and new student
- Grade level Google Classroom for delivery of all materials
- 11 new clubs started in a PANDEMIC! (joining the 10 that have been meeting since the first day of school - student VOICE)
- Homeroom sessions 4/week for academics, behavior, and SEL
Other connections

- District-wide events for student leaders organized in collaboration by student leaders & advisors across schools
- District-wide spirit events with input from all school sites and district stakeholders
- Student initiative to include preferred pronoun in Zoom sessions
- Backgrounds, music, filters, and Snap filter use for student engagement and connection
- Expanded elective offerings based on student selection
- PBIS reward program with student voice & input
- Rally themes, song playlists, question forms for speakers
When it comes to students or staff...

- Don't make decisions ABOUT us Without US!
- Use the WHOLE CHILD lens
- Remember your **WHY**
- Use names! Connect daily & be curious
- Add SEL! Already have it? Add MORE!
- Ask staffulty, ask students, ask parents what is needed...then make a plan to execute that
Worth a 1,000 words...
Questions?
THANKS!

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